**Resolution No. 16-500**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AS A BACKGROUND DOCUMENT TO THE CITY OF MENIFEE GENERAL PLAN**

**Whereas**, on October 1, 2008, the City of Menifee ("City") incorporated as a general law city; and

**Whereas**, on December 18, 2013, following the certification of an Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse # 2012071033), the City Council of the City of Menifee adopted a comprehensive General Plan for the City, including Goals and Policies for the safe and responsible growth and development of the community; and

**Whereas**, two of the goals of the Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan are to: (1) create "[a] comprehensive system of high quality parks and recreation programs that meets the diverse needs of the community" (OSC-1), and (2) create "[a] comprehensive network of hiking, biking, and equestrian recreation trails that do not negatively impact the natural environment" (OSC-2); and

**Whereas**, one of the implementation actions associated with the Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan is to "[p]repare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to identify potential sites for new parks; assess demand for park land based on approved development; and develop a strategy for potential park site acquisitions, expansions, and improvements" (Action OSC-1); and

**Whereas**, another implementation action associated with the Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan is to "prepare a Master Trails Plan, including recreational trail classifications, design standards, implementation mechanisms, and capital improvement programming, and update periodically to address changing needs" (Action OSC-14); and

**Whereas**, on December 17, 2014, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with RJM Design Group (the "Consultant") to work with City staff to prepare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City, which would include a Master Trails Plan; and

**Whereas**, after completing a comprehensive inventory of the City's current park, trail, open space and recreation facilities and programs, and after soliciting extensive community feedback that included three community workshops, an online survey, a phone survey, stakeholder interviews, and sports user group questionnaires, the Consultant prepared a "Parks, Trails, Open Space & Recreation Master Plan" (PTOSRMP) for the City; and

**Whereas**, at its duly noticed public meeting on December 3, 2015, the City of Menifee Parks, Recreation and Trails Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the PTOSRMP; and

**Whereas**, at its duly noticed public meeting on December 16, 2015, the City Council for the City of Menifee reviewed and provided feedback on the PTOSRMP and directed staff to return with a resolution that, if approved by the City Council, would adopt the PTOSRMP as a supplemental General Plan Background Document; and

**Whereas**, on February 24, 2016, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing, adopting Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 16-254 recommending the City Council adopt the PTOSRMP as a Background Document to the City of Menifee General Plan; and

**Whereas,** on March 3, 2016, a notice was advertised in *The Press Enterprise*, a newspaper of general circulation, for a public hearing before the City of Menifee City Council scheduled for March 16, 2016 to adopt the PTOSRMP as a Background Document to the City of Menifee General Plan; and

**Whereas**, on March 16, 2016, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing to adopt Resolution No. 16-500, adopting the PTOSRMP as a Background Document to the City of Menifee General Plan, and at that public hearing, the City Council considered all public testimony (including correspondences submitted by members of the public) as well as all materials in the staff report and accompanying documents; and

**Whereas**, based upon the materials in the staff report and accompanying documents and public testimony, the City Council considered the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq.) with regard to the possible impacts the adoption of the PTOSRMP may have upon the environment; and

**Whereas**, based upon the materials in the staff report and accompanying documents and public testimony, the City Council considered the goals and policies of the City's General Plan summarized in Section 2 of this Resolution, and found the proposed adoption of the PTOSRMP is consistent with, conforms to and fulfills those goals and policies, in that, if adopted, the PTOSRMP would facilitate the preservation and development of high quality park, trail and open space throughout the City and would require high quality park design and planning as well as high quality landscaping, consistent maintenance, and coordination between public and private property developments that are identified within and expected of the goals and policies of the City's adopted General Plan; and

**Whereas**, the City Council has considered the information and public testimony presented in the public hearing and in the proposed documents and staff report, all of which are included in the public record and incorporated herein by reference.

**Now, therefore,** the City of Menifee City Council resolves as follows:

**Section 1.** Recitals. The City Council hereby finds that that foregoing recitals are true and correct.

**Section 2.** General Plan Consistency. The City Council hereby finds, for the reasons detailed at the public hearing on February 24, 2016 and within the staff report regarding the "Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan," dated March 16, 2016 (the "Staff Report"), the proposed PTOSRMP, included as Attachment 2 to the Staff Report and incorporated herein by reference, is consistent with the goals and policies of the City's adopted General Plan. In particular, the PTOSRMP is consistent with each of the following goals and policies:

**Land Use Element**

Goal LU-1: Land uses and building types that result in a community where residents at all stages of life, employers, workers, and visitors have a diversity of options of where they can live, work, shop, and recreate within Menifee.

**Housing Element**

GOAL HE-1: A diverse housing stock that offers a full range of housing opportunities for Menifee residents and supports the local economy.

Policy HE-1.7 Community Character. Protect the character of the community by preserving the unique rivers, landscape, natural features, and community features that distinguish Menifee from other cities in the region.

Goal HE-2: Sustainable neighborhoods well served by ample parks, infrastructure, community amenities, and public services and facilities.

Policy HE-2.4 Parks and Recreation. Enhance neighborhood livability and sustainability by providing parks and open space, planting trees, greening parkways, and maintaining a continuous pattern of paths that encourage an active, healthy lifestyle.

**Circulation Element**

GOAL C-2: A bikeway and community pedestrian network that facilitates and encourages non-motorized travel throughout the City of Menifee.

Policy C-2.1: Require on- and off-street pathways to:

- Comply with federal, state, and local design and safety standards.
- Meet the needs of multiple types of users (families, commuters, recreational beginners, exercise experts) and meet ADA standards and guidelines.
- Be compatible with the streetscape and surrounding land uses.
- Be maintained in accordance with best practices.

Policy C-2.2: Provide off-street multipurpose trails and on-street bike lanes as our primary paths of citywide travel, and explore the shared use of low speed roadways for connectivity wherever it is safe to do so.

Policy C-2.3: Require walkways that promote safe and convenient travel between residential areas, businesses, schools, parks, recreation areas, transit facilities, and other key destination points.

Policy C-2.4: Explore opportunities to expand the pedestrian and bicycle networks; this includes consideration of utility easements, drainage corridors, road rights-of-way, and other potential options.

Policy C-2.5: Work with the Western Riverside Council of Governments to implement the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan for Western Riverside County.

**Open Space and Conservation Element**

GOAL OCS 1: A comprehensive system of high quality parks and recreation programs that meets the diverse needs of the community.

Policy OCS-1.8 Ensure that parks and recreational facilities are well-maintained by the responsible agency.

Policy OSC 7.4 Encourage the use of reclaimed water for the irrigation of parks, golf courses, public landscaped areas, and other feasible applications as service becomes available from the Eastern Municipal Water District.

**Community Design Element**

GOAL CD-1: A unified and attractive community identity that compliments the character of the City's distinctive communities.

Policy CD-2.1 Require open space and recreation buffers, increased setbacks/step backs, landscape screening, sensitive site planning, and/or other buffer techniques, to the extent possible, between rural/equestrian-oriented land uses and dissimilar uses.

**Section 3.** Recommendation. The City Council hereby recommends the City Council adopt the proposed PTOSRMP included as Attachment 2 to the Staff Report and incorporated herein by reference as a Background Document to the City of Menifee General Plan.

**Section 4.** CEQA. The City Council hereby recommends the City Council make a finding that the proposed PTOSRMP is exempt from the requirements of CEQA. Adoption of the proposed plan does not fall within the definition of a "project" under CEQA because it, as a narrative background document supplementing the General Plan, does not have the potential to result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment (CEQA Guidelines 15378(a)) and is an administrative activity of the City that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment (CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5)). In addition, the adoption of the proposed resolution is exempt from CEQA because there is no possibility that the proposed resolution may have a significant impact on the physical environment (CEQA Guidelines 15061) and because, per Section 15061(b)(3), it can be seen with certainty to have no possibility of a significant effect upon the environment.

**Section 5.** Notice of Adoption. The City Clerk of the City of Menifee shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

**Section 6.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**Section 7.** Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications and, to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

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March 16, 2016

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of March 2016, as follows:

Ayes: August, Denver, Liesemeyer, Mann, Sobek
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Scott A. Mann, Mayor

Attest:

Sarah A. Manwaring, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jeffery T. Melching, City Attorney