

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING AN APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES LOCAL AREA FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE FORMATION OF THE LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, In October of 2021, California Senate Bill 268, sponsored by Senator Bob Archuleta, was signed into law authorizing the formation of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Parks District (District); and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower San Gabriel River originates at the Whittier Narrows Dam and flows southward to the Pacific Ocean through many disadvantaged communities, where residents are disproportionately impacted by poor air quality from local heavy industry and congested highway corridors, and suffer from a severe lack of access to recreational opportunities and outdoor park space; and

**WHEREAS**, parks have many beneficial impacts on communities, encouraging physical activity, improving health and fitness, reducing urban heating effects and air pollution, reducing greenhouse gas emissions through trees and greenery, and providing important economic benefits, and

**WHEREAS**, many communities along the Lower San Gabriel River are among some of the most park-poor areas in LA County, lacking the resources to fund, develop, maintain, and operate the parks and recreational opportunities that their residents need; and

**WHEREAS**, the development and maintenance of a safe, attractive, and vibrant recreation zone along the Lower San Gabriel River will require coordination of activities, maintenance, public safety and planning across multiple jurisdictions and is beyond the capabilities of any one City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pico Rivera will suffer significant impacts, including the permanent loss significant acreage of existing parks, open, and recreation space due to the Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Modification Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pico Rivera, having significant interest in the continued development of recreational opportunities for all residents, including facilities and activities which utilize and enhance this important resource and which improves access to the Lower San Gabriel River for everyone, has chosen to submit this application for formation of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, this application is made, and it is requested that proceedings be taken, pursuant to the Cortese/Knox/Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, commencing with section 56000 of the California Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed formation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 20, as a change in the organization of local agencies, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera as follows:

**SECTION 1.** This resolution of Application to Initiate Proceedings is hereby adopted and approved by the City of Pico Rivera, and LAFCO is hereby requested to initiate proceedings for the creation of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Parks District as authorized and in the manner provided by the Cortese-Know-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager or his designee of the City of Pico Rivera, in is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

**SECTION 3.** The City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this resolution, and it shall thereupon be in full force and effect.

**APPROVED AND PASSED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.**

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Erik Lutz, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk

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Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**