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AGENDA REPORT

TO: John A. Flores
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Rachel Flynn

SUBJECT: Supplemental Report Regarding Priority
Conservation and Development Areas

DATE: June 10, 2015

City Administrator
Approval

Date

6-10-2015

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt:

A Resolution, as recommended by the Planning Commission, adopting appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and new Priority Conservation Area (PCA) and Priority Development Area (PDA) Designations within the City of Oakland.

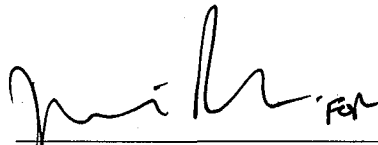
REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

This supplementary report is required because, at the June 9, 2015 Community and Economic Development Committee meeting, Councilmember McElhaney made a motion that was seconded by Councilmember Larry Reid that the City Administrator establish an advisory committee to prioritize grants from regional agencies regarding Urban Greening PCAs and that the committee will make use of the equity checklist developed by the Oakland Climate Action Coalition (see *Attachment J* of the June 9, 2015 staff report) and other factors that would make the City competitive for regional grants. The revised resolution includes language directing the City Administrator to establish the aforementioned advisory committee, without returning to the City Council.

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City Council
June 16, 2015

For questions regarding this report, please contact Neil Gray, Planner III, at (510)238-3878.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Flynn" with a stylized flourish at the end.

RACHEL FLYNN, Director
Department of Planning and Building

Reviewed by:

Ed Manasse, Strategic Planning Manager

Prepared by:

Neil Gray, Planner III
Strategic Planning Division

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City Council Meeting
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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

A RESOLUTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, ADOPTING APPROPRIATE CEQA FINDINGS AND NEW PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA AND PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA DESIGNATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, in August of 2014, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) requested nominations from local governments and special districts for Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) pursuant to the Plan Bay Area, a multi-agency regional planning initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will make federal funds available for areas with a PCA and/or a PDA designation for local jurisdictions and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, PCAs are mapped to regionally significant open spaces, recreation trails, and agricultural areas where there has been broad consensus for protection from development pressure and in urban areas to benefit community health, recreation, and climate and resilience; and

WHEREAS, ABAG defines four categories of PCAs: Urban Greening, Natural Landscapes, Regional Recreation, and Agricultural Lands; and

WHEREAS, the most appropriate locations for PCAs in these categories were determined based on criteria provided by ABAG, data sets provided from various sources, and input from multiple community workshops; and

WHEREAS, PDAs are areas where new development will support the day-to-day needs of residents and workers in a pedestrian-friendly environment served by transit; and

WHEREAS, the designation of PDAs informs regional agencies where financial incentives and assistance are needed to support local efforts in creating new development and complete communities; and

WHEREAS, the current PDA designations require updating because the City has adopted several specific and redevelopment plans since the last PDA adoption on February 9, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the specific and redevelopment plans define areas where the City desires new development; and

WHEREAS, none of the PCA or PDA designations will have regulatory authority, or affect in any way the existing regulatory or policy structure for land use contained in the City's General Plan, Specific Plans, Planning Code, or similar land use development policies or procedures; and

WHEREAS, the proposal relies on previously certified Final Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) prepared for planning-level policy documents (such as the General Plan, the West Oakland, Lake Merritt Station Area, Broadway-Valdez, and Central Estuary Specific Plans, and various redevelopment plans) and, on a separate and independent basis, is also exempt from CEQA as described in the June 9, 2015 Community and Economic Development Committee Agenda Report; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing on April 15, 2015, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend adoption of PCA and PDA designations, as revised by Planning Staff, on April 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public meeting on June 9, 2015, the Community and Economic Development Committee voted to recommend adoption of PCA and PDA designations;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2015, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public meeting on the matter, took public testimony and considered the matter; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the PCA and PDA designations, as mapped in Exhibits A through E, as listed below, and hereby incorporated by reference.

- Exhibit A: Adopted Priority Conservation Areas (PDAs)
- Exhibit B: Adopted Natural Landscapes PCAs
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- Exhibit D: Adopted Regional Recreation PCAs
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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Environmental Review Officer, or designee, is directed to cause to be filed a Notice of Determination/Exemption with the appropriate agencies; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recitals contained in this resolution are true and correct and are an integral part of the City Council's decision.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID and PRESIDENT MCELHANEY

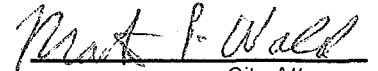
NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

DATE OF ATTESTATION: _____


City Attorney

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