Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County

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RESOLUTION 2023-13

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROJECT SPECIFIC ANALYSIS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE CAMP WINACKA-CAMP WHISPERING OAKS: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Resource Conversation District of Greater San Diego County ("District") is committed to the protection, conservation, and restoration of natural resources through education, information, and technical assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the District, as stewards of the regional environment, partners with a diverse group of landowners, public and private institutions, and concerned citizens to address the diverse conservation and environmental concerns that are unique to San Diego County. RCDGSDC's programs and priorities help to restore and protect San Diego County watersheds, prevent wildfire damage through education and fuel reduction, promote nutrition and stewardship through sustainable agriculture and soil health, and revitalize pollinator habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") for the District recognizes the critical need for forest health and fuel reduction projects to protect natural resources, people, and property within San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the District will treat hundreds of acres of vegetation located in the unincorporated areas of eastern San Diego County. The proposed project is strategically situated between the towns of Ramona on the west and Julian/Wynola areas on the northeast. The Cleveland National Forest directly borders the proposed project to the west, the San Deigo River Foundation on the northwest corner, and the Inaja and Cosmit Reservation on the southern boundary. The remaining adjacent parcels are private landowners; and

WHEREAS, the California Vegetation Treatment Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Report ("CalVTP PEIR") was certified by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in 2019 consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act to evaluate potential environmental effects of qualifying vegetation treatments to reduce the risk of wildfire in California; and

WHEREAS, the CalVTP PEIR was designed for use by state and local agencies to accelerate vegetation treatment project approvals by finding them to be within the scope of the PEIR; and

WHEREAS, the District has prepared a Project Specific Analysis and supporting documents, attached hereto as Attachment "A" and incorporated herein by this reference, for the Camp Winacka-Camp Whispering Oaks: Vegetation Management Project as supporting information to comply with the CalVTP PEIR; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conversation District of Greater San Diego County as follows:

- 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference; and
- 2. The Board of Directors for the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County hereby adopts the Project Specific Analysis for the Camp Winacka-Camp Whispering Oaks: Vegetation Management Project; and
- 3. The Board adopts the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Camp Winacka-Camp Whispering Oaks: Vegetation Management Project; and
- 4. The Board adopts the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Camp Winacka-Camp Whispering Oaks: Vegetation Management Project; and
- 5. The Board adopts the Biological Resources Report for the Camp Winacka-Camp Whispering Oaks: Vegetation Management Project; and
- 6. The Board adopts the Cultural Resources Inventory Report for the Camp Winacka-Camp Whispering Oaks: Vegetation Management Project; and
- 7. The Board approves the Camp Winacka-Camp Whispering Oaks: Vegetation Management Project.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County at a special meeting held on the 16th day of August 2023, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

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Don Butz, Board President	Ann Baldridge, Executive Director