

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALINAS APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF YOUTH SOCCER AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND CALFIRE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, state voters passed Proposition 40 that provides funds for local assistance grants, including development of neighborhood, community and regional parks, recreational areas, and land and water conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature delegated the responsibility for administration of the Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program to the State of California State Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, State Department of Parks and Recreation has awarded Salinas a grant for active play improvements to Cesar Chavez Park in the amount of \$998,264.00; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2017 a severe winter storm caused severe damage or destroyed over 400 trees within Salinas such that they had to be removed; and

WHEREAS, trees have proven to provide numerous community benefits, including raising property values, increasing retail sales, reducing human stress, calming traffic speeds, improving water quality, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (Wolf, 2016); and

WHEREAS, the Governor has signed the State of California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding that provide funds for urban forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (aka CALFIRE) has been delegated the responsibility for administration of the State's Greenhouse Gas Reduction funds to further the goals of AB32, the Global Climate Warming Solution Act; and

WHEREAS, the state's goal for all projects is to ensure California's forests continue to be significant carbon storage sinks and to reduce or avoid GHG emissions due to pest damage, wildfires, and loss of forest tree cover from development to non-forest uses; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (aka CALFIRE) has awarded Salinas a grant to plant trees and prepare a forest management plan in the amount of \$173,118; and

WHEREAS, proposed park improvements for Cesar Chavez Park, tree planting and related work are consistent with the City Council's accepted Neighborhood Vibrancy-Urban Greening Plan and are in alignment with City Council strategic goals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Salinas City Council hereby accepts the Youth Soccer Grant Cesar Chavez Park for \$998,264.00 and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant to plant trees and prepare a forest management plan for \$173,118.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15TH day of August, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk