

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, in 2015 an Urban Forest Assessment was completed that analyzed the condition of the urban forest in the City of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the City Council adopted the Urban Greening Plan with a focus of expanding green spaces; and

WHEREAS, in February 2021 the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) awarded the City a grant from Proposition 68 for the preparation of an Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) and planting of 300 trees on City properties; and

WHEREAS, in October 2021 Council awarded the development of the UFMP to Dudek; and

WHEREAS, a strong and equitable outreach effort was made which included an online survey, city department and elected officials interviews, tabling events at farmers markets, social media outreach, four working group meetings and a community event in collaboration with Amor Salinas (70 participants); and

WHEREAS, input from the community helped to inform the analysis of City management practices and the development of guiding principles, goals, and objectives of the UFMP; and

WHEREAS, the draft UFMP and Technical Assessment documents were released for public review between October 10, 2023 and November 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b)(3)). If recommended policies or actions progress to a “project” level further CEQA analysis will be required to address potential environmental impacts of the any future project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council hereby finds and determines the following:

1. The foregoing recitals and Attachments are true and correct and are included herein by reference as findings.
2. The Urban Forestry Management Plan supports the Vision and Shared Values accepted by City Council.
3. The goals, policies, and actions of the UFMP will inform future plans and planning efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council hereby adopts the Urban Forest Management Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim City Manager direct the implementation of the Plan and seek funding for the recommended improvements, policy changes and operating budgets adjustment for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and in subsequent years.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of February, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Kimbley Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk