

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND USE OF BIOLOGICAL IMPACT FEE FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 123 ACRES OF CONSERVATION HABITAT KNOWN AS THE ALPINE BUTTE CONSERVATION PROPERTY BY WILDLANDS, INC.

WHEREAS, the Lancaster City Council adopted Ordinance 848 establishing Chapter 15.66 of the Lancaster Municipal Code, Biological Impact Fee, on October 28, 2005 to address cumulative impacts and incremental loss of desert habitat, and established a biological impact fee of \$770 per acre; and

WHEREAS, the funds collected as a result of this fee can only be utilized for specific purposes as identified in the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.66.070.A of the Lancaster Municipal Code, an allowable use of the biological impact fees is the acquisition of mitigation land; and

WHEREAS, Wildlands, Inc. is a habitat development and land management company that establishes mitigation banks and conservation banks throughout the western United States; and

WHEREAS, Wildlands, Inc. has identified two parcels totaling 154.41 acres of habitat, of which the City would fund acquisition of 123 acres, east of the City of Lancaster adjacent to existing open space and near several other wildlife/habitat conservation banks and state parks, with high biological value with respect to a variety of listed and sensitive plant and animal species; and

WHEREAS, this property would be deed restrict as conservation habitat in perpetuity;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the foregoing Recitals are true, correct and a substantive part of this Resolution.
2. The City Council hereby authorizes the funding of the purchase of 123 of 154.41 acres of conservation property by Wildlands, Inc. and appropriates \$1,045,500.00 from the Biological Impact Fee fund balance to account 41221000.8010, Property Acquisitions.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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ANDREA ALEXANDER  
City Clerk  
City of Lancaster

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R. REX PARRIS  
Mayor  
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES            )       ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER                    )

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION  
CITY COUNCIL

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City of Lancaster, California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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