

RESOLUTION NO. RES-07-0072

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 917 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CAROL MIGDEN PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LOCAL WATERSHED PARTNERSHIPS FOR STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES INCLUDING WATERSHED PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, AND RESTORATION

WHEREAS, cooperative conservation partnerships engaged in watershed planning, management, and restoration are vital to implementing efficient community-based solutions to achieving statewide objectives regarding water supply reliability, improved water quality, reduced flooding and flood damage, restoring fish and wildlife habitat, and increasing open space recreation; and

WHEREAS, more than 300 local community-based conservation partnerships are undertaking erosion control, fish and wildlife enhancement, fire management, weed control, flood damage reduction, storm water management, groundwater recharge, and water quality improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, continuing these partnerships will go a long way to accomplishing statewide natural resource management projects, and

WHEREAS, public decision makers at the state level often conclude that watersheds are a geographic scale that offer manageable effective integration of state and regional priorities if mechanisms for interagency and community collaboration are available; and

WHEREAS, coordinated watershed resource management can generate significant water supply and water quality benefits from projects that slow runoff, facilitate

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1 groundwater recharge, increase natural flood plain storage, reduce sedimentation,
2 increase natural uptake of nutrients, increase filtration, improve reservoir management,
3 and ensure more reliable downstream surface water supplies; and

4 WHEREAS, State Senator Carol Migden has introduced Senate Bill 917,
5 which would enact the Watershed Conservation Protection Program to fund regional
6 cooperative conservation partnership accounts, natural resource protection and
7 restoration programs, regional watershed protection and recovery programs, and
8 watershed improvement programs in counties or water basins that are the sources of
9 water that is bottled or vended in the state;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
11 follows:

12 Section 1. That the City Council hereby supports the passage of Senator
13 Migden's State Senate Bill 917, the Watershed Conservation Protection Program, and
14 directs the City Manager to advocate for passage of this bill.

15 Sec. 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to
16 Senator Migden, the members of the California Legislature representing the Long Beach
17 area, and other officials, agencies, entities, and individuals as determined by the City
18 Manager.

19 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
20 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 5, 2007 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: S. Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell,
Andrews, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich,
Lerch, B. Lowenthal.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Schipske.



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