

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA

RESOLUTION NO. XX-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN AS A POLICY GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR THE PROTECTION, MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF RANCHO CORDOVA'S URBAN FOREST

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City was awarded an Urban and Community Forestry Proposition 68 Grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; and

WHEREAS, the grant award of \$369,500 includes funds for Sacramento Tree Foundation staff to assist with community outreach and engagement, the planting 750 trees with a focus on low income and under-canopied neighborhoods, and the preparation of the Urban Forest Master Plan ("UFMP"); and

WHEREAS, the City hired Dudek through a competitive procurement process to prepare the City's UFMP; and

WHEREAS, the development of the UFMP incorporated significant public outreach and engagement, including an on-line survey, two virtual townhall meetings, and stakeholder interviews with City Councilmembers, partner organizations and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the UFMP provides a third party analysis of the City's Urban Forest Program to establish long term goals and identify opportunities for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the study determined the current canopy cover ratio in Rancho Cordova is 6% and establishes a long-term goal of 20%; and

WHEREAS, the plan recommends the City continually update the approved tree species list to provide "climate ready trees" for changing climate conditions in the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, the plan also recommends the City pursue planting of medium and large stature trees in parks and stormwater basins and channels to assist in meeting the 20% canopy goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA does adopt the Urban Forest Master Plan as a policy guidance document for the protection, maintenance and enhancement of the City's Urban Forest and directs staff to amend Chapter 19 of the City's Municipal Code to add a reference to the plan as a policy guidance document.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova on the 21st day of March 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ITEM 12.1.

ATTACHMENT 1

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Donald Terry, Mayor

Stacy Leitner, CMC
City Clerk