

RESOLUTION NO. 19-_____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Approving and Adopting the City of Emeryville Green Infrastructure Plan; CEQA Determination: Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15307 and 15308

WHEREAS, the Municipal Regional Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (MRP 2.0) adopted by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board on November 19, 2015 (Order No. R2-2015-0049) requires the City of Emeryville to prepare a Green Infrastructure Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 17-67, which adopts a Green Infrastructure Plan Framework, pursuant to MRP requirements; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a Green Infrastructure Plan meets the requirement of MRP 2.0, Provision C.3.j.i.5.c that an approved Green Infrastructure Plan must be submitted with the City's Annual Stormwater Report in September 2019; and

WHEREAS, Stormwater runoff from highly urbanized areas, such as the City of Emeryville, delivers pollutants— including pathogens, nutrients, sediment, and heavy metals—to the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, Conventional stormwater infrastructure quickly drains stormwater to rivers and streams, increasing peak flows and flood risk; and

WHEREAS, Green Infrastructure is a sustainable system that slows runoff by dispersing it to vegetated areas, harvests and uses runoff, promotes infiltration and evapotranspiration, and uses bioretention and other low impact development practices to clean stormwater runoff; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of Green Infrastructure practices by municipalities across the U.S. has been determined by the Environmental Protection agency to improve water quality, air quality, climate resiliency and wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, Green Infrastructure can provide additional benefits, such as improving streetscapes and bikeways with increased tree canopy and lower ambient air temperatures and appreciable economic and aesthetic value as well as human and ecological health benefits; and

WHEREAS, Green Infrastructure has the potential to be less costly than or cost competitive with traditional water quality and conservation infrastructure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that adoption of the Green Infrastructure Plan is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15307 and 15308 because the Green Infrastructure Plan is designed to protect the environment by decreasing the likelihood that certain pollutants will enter the Bay; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the attached Emeryville Green Infrastructure Plan, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and adopted.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY