

APPENDIX I

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING THE GENERAL PLAN 2030 AND ASSOCIATED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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GENERAL PLAN 2030 AND ASSOCIATED
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**
January 24, 2012





CITY OF HEMET
Hemet, California

RESOLUTION NO. 4476

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF HEMET, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE
COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE CITY OF HEMET
GENERAL PLAN 2030 (GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT
NO. 11-002)

WHEREAS, the City of Hemet initiated a comprehensive update of its General Plan to guide the future of the City, and

WHEREAS, the City undertook an extensive program of public outreach that included appointment of a 15-member General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to identify potential issues and opportunities, engage the community, review potential land use scenarios, and make findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Comprehensive General Plan Update (General Plan 2030) that incorporates goals and policies regarding land use, community design, circulation, community services and infrastructure, public safety, open space and conservation, recreation and trails, historic resources, art and culture, and housing; and,

WHEREAS, General Plan 2030 includes implementation actions geared towards carrying out its goals and policies; and,

WHEREAS, General Plan 2030 is a citywide document that is an integrated, internally consistent statement of the official land use policy for the City of Hemet; and,

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2010061088) for General Plan 2030 that provides a description of potential environmental impacts of the project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to a less than significant level, where feasible; and,

WHEREAS, a Notice of Preparation for the draft EIR was circulated to the public, responsible agencies, and other interested parties for their review and comment from June 28, 2010 to July 27, 2010, as required by CEQA; and,

WHEREAS, the draft EIR was prepared in accordance with applicable law, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code of Regulations Section 21000 et seq., and the CEQA Guidelines, 14 California Code of

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1 Regulations Section 15000 et seq., and the draft EIR and General Plan Update 2030
2 were circulated to the public, responsible agencies and other interested persons for
3 their review and comment from September 30, 2011 to November 14, 2011, as required
4 by CEQA; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, written comments and oral testimony were received on the draft EIR
7 and General Plan Update 2030 during the 45-day review period including those given at
8 public meetings of the City of Hemet Parks Commission and Traffic Commission, and at
9 public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2011, November 15, 2011, and January 17, 2012
12 the Planning Commission held duly noticed public hearings on the Comprehensive
13 General Plan Update 2030, considered all written and oral reports of staff and public
14 testimony on the matter, and such other matters as are reflected in the record of this
15 matter; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2011, Planning Commission adopted Resolution
18 Bill No. 11-017 recommending adoption of General Plan 2030 with errata; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2012, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed
21 public hearing and by minute order, recommended adoption of Supplemental Errata to
22 the Draft General Plan text and figures; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2011, and January 24, 2012, the City Council held
25 duly noticed public hearings on the Comprehensive General Plan Update 2030, and
26 considered all written and oral reports of staff and public testimony on the matter, and
27 such other matters as are reflected in the record.
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of
30 Hemet does Resolve, Determine, Find and Order as follows:
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- 32 **1. The proposed General Plan is consistent with the requirements of the**
33 **California Government Code regarding General Plans and the adopted**
34 **General Plan guidelines in effect as of the date of this resolution, and**
35 **ensures and maintains internal consistency with all of the objectives,**
36 **policies, general land uses, programs and actions of all elements of the**
37 **general plan.**
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39 The Hemet General Plan Update 2030 is a comprehensive update of the 1992
40 General Plan, which includes an update of existing elements, as well as the
41 addition of new elements. The General Plan 2030 comprises the following State
42 mandated and optional elements: Land Use; Community Design; Circulation;
43 Community Services and Infrastructure; Public Safety; Open Space and
44 Conservation; Recreation and Trails; Historic Resources; Art and Culture; and
45 Housing.

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2 Development of the General Plan 2030 was a multi-year process and involved
3 extensive public participation in the form of public workshops, surveys and public
4 hearings. Based upon the public participation, ten vision statements were
5 established which guided the development of the goals and policies of the
6 General Plan 2030.
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8 The objectives of the General Plan 2030, as stated within the Draft Program
9 Environmental Impact Report, include:

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- 11 • Objective 1: Update the General Plan to accommodate population and
12 employment through 2030 in a manner reflecting changing demographic
13 shifts;
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 - 15 • Objective 2: Plan for a larger area which can accommodate new
16 economic development and job-creating industries focused in walkable,
17 mixed-use areas, as well as offering increased housing opportunities to
18 meet diverse economic needs;
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 - 20 • Objective 3: Amend policies and the Land Use Map to reflect actual land
21 use patterns, including preservation of existing single-family
22 neighborhoods outside the downtown core and mixed-use areas;
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 - 24 • Objective 4: Provide expanded recreational opportunities, especially
25 around Diamond Valley Lake;
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 - 27 • Objective 5: Provide for a balanced land use mix within the city and
28 planning area that supports industrial and professional jobs;
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 - 30 • Objective 6: Accommodate growth that ensures long-term economic
31 viability and promotes a high quality of life for residents;
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 - 33 • Objective 7: Reflect "state-of-the-art" planning practices that provide for
34 reuse of existing areas, encourage infill development, enhance pedestrian
35 activities, and conserve valuable water, air, and energy resources;
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 - 37 • Objective 8: Develop strategic measures to facilitate renovation of older
38 areas of the City, including enhancement of established neighborhoods;
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 - 40 • Objective 9: Integrate new growth into the overall city fabric that
41 complements, rather than competes with, existing land uses;
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- 1 • Objective 10: Provide a multi-modal circulation system which effectively
2 moves people throughout Hemet with minimal disruption to existing
3 businesses and neighborhoods.
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5 The above described objectives are reflective of the community's concerns,
6 issues, and priorities as expressed through the public participation process.
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8 Each element of the General Plan has been reviewed by City staff, the General
9 Plan Consultant, the Planning Commission, and the City Council for internal
10 consistency and has been determined to be internally consistent.
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12 **2. The Proposed General Plan would not be detrimental to the public**
13 **convenience, health, safety, or general welfare of the City.**
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15 The General Plan 2030 will promote the health, safety and welfare of the City
16 through the listed goals and policies included within each Element. A Program
17 Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the project and provides a
18 description of potential environmental impacts of the proposed General Plan
19 2030 and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less than
20 significant level, where feasible. After implementation of General Plan 2030
21 goals and policies and the recommended mitigation measures, most of the
22 significant or potentially significant impacts associated with implementation of the
23 proposed General Plan 2030 would be reduced to a less than significant level.
24 Impacts in areas of Traffic and Circulation, Air Quality, Noise, Greenhouse Gas
25 Emissions, Agricultural Resources, and Regional Water Supply could not be
26 completely mitigated and would result in significant unavoidable impacts
27 associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2030. However,
28 these identified unavoidable impacts would occur to a much greater extent under
29 the existing General Plan.
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31 **3. The Proposed General Plan is in compliance with the provisions of the**
32 **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**
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34 A Program Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the project that
35 provides a description of potential environmental impacts of the proposed
36 General Plan and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to less
37 than significant levels, where feasible.
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39 A Notice of Preparation for the EIR was circulated to the public, responsible
40 agencies, and other interested parties for their review and comment from June
41 28, 2010 to July 27, 2010, as required by law.
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43 The draft EIR and General Plan Update 2030 were circulated to the public,
44 responsible agencies, and other interested parties for their review and comment
45 from September 30, 2011 to November 14, 2011, in accordance with applicable

1 law, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public
2 Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and the CEQA Guidelines, 14 California
3 Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq., and other applicable laws and
4 regulations.
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6 The program EIR for the General Plan 2030 addresses all related environmental
7 concerns in compliance with CEQA, including but not limited to the following:
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- 9 • Aesthetics
- 10 • Agricultural Resources
- 11 • Air Quality
- 12 • Biological Resources
- 13 • Cultural Resources
- 14 • Geology, Soils, Mineral and Paleontological Resources
- 15 • Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- 16 • Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- 17 • Hydrology and Water Resources
- 18 • Land Use, Population, and Housing
- 19 • Noise
- 20 • Public Services and Facilities
- 21 • Traffic and Transportation
- 22 • Public Utilities and Energy Efficiency
- 23 • Theoretical Buildout

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25 Written comments and oral testimony were received on the draft EIR during the
26 45-day review period, including those given at the public hearings before the
27 Planning Commission and City Council. Written responses to comments were
28 prepared in accordance with CEQA in order to address comments submitted on
29 the draft EIR and are included in the final EIR for the project.
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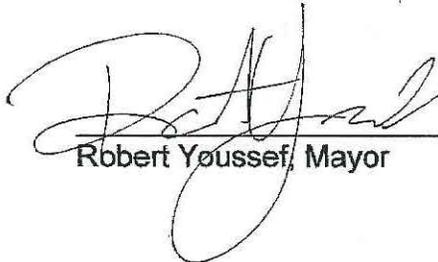
31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that based on the written information provided, the
32 public comments received and the findings stated above, the City Council hereby takes
33 the following action:
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- 35 1. The City Council hereby approves General Plan Amendment No. 11-002,
36 which adopts the comprehensive Hemet General Plan Update 2030 as
37 presented to the City Council at the hearing on January 24, 2012 and
38 referenced as Exhibit 1A, and including the incorporation of changes noted in
39 the updated Errata Pages for modifications to the General Plan 2030 Text,
40 which are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1B, and as
41 visualized in the updated supplemental Errata Pages for modifications to the
42 General Plan 2030 Figures, which are attached hereto and incorporated
43 herein as Exhibit 1C.
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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 24th day of January 2012.



Robert Youssef, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah McComas, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric S. Vail, City Attorney

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2 County of Riverside)
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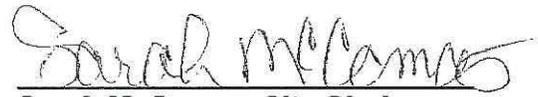
5 I, Sarah McComas, City Clerk of the City of Hemet, do hereby certify that the
6 foregoing Resolution is the actual Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City
7 of Hemet and was passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 10th day of
8 January, 2012 by the following vote:
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11 **AYES:** Council Members Franchville, Krupa and Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
12 Foreman and Mayor Youssef
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14 **NOES:**

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16 **ABSTAIN:**

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18 **ABSENT:**
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Sarah McComas, City Clerk

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CITY OF HEMET
Hemet, California
RESOLUTION NO. 4475

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF HEMET, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING THE FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT NO. 11-002 - SCH #2010061088),
ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND
REPORTING PROGRAM, ADOPTING FINDINGS OF
FACT, AND ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING
CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL
EFFECTS OF THE CITY OF HEMET COMPREHENSIVE
GENERAL PLAN 2030 UPDATE.

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WHEREAS, the City of Hemet initiated a comprehensive update of its General
Plan, and a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to assess the potential
environmental impacts of the proposed City of Hemet General Plan 2030; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan 2030 is considered a "project" as defined
by the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.
("CEQA"); and,

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WHEREAS, a Notice of Preparation for the Draft Program EIR was circulated to
the public, responsible agencies, and other interested persons for their review and
comment for a 30-day period commencing on June 28, 2010, and a noticed public
scoping meeting was held on July 14, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, the Draft Program EIR was prepared in accordance with the
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public resources code Section 21000 et
seq., and the CEQA Guidelines, 14 California Code of regulations Section 15000 et
seq.; and,

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WHEREAS, upon completion of the Draft Program EIR, the City provided a
Notice of Completion to the State Clearinghouse on September 30, 2011 as required
under CEQA Guidelines § 15085 and published a Notice of Availability on September
30, 2011 as required under CEQA Guidelines § 15087; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Draft Program EIR was circulated to the public, responsible
2 agencies and other interested parties as required by CEQA Guidelines § 15087 for a
3 period of 45 days commencing on September 30, 2011 and closing on November 14,
4 2011 in accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15105(a); and,

5 **WHEREAS**, before or shortly after the close of the public comment period the
6 City received fifteen (15) comment letters regarding the Draft Program EIR; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, the Hemet Planning Commission conducted duly noticed public
8 hearings on October 18, 2011, November 15, 2011, and January 17, 2012, at which
9 time it received public testimony concerning the Draft General Plan 2030 and the
10 Program EIR; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2012, the Hemet Planning Commission adopted
12 Resolution Bill No. 11-019 recommending that City Council certify the Final Program
13 EIR, adopt a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program, adopt Findings of Fact, and
14 adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Hemet City Council conducted duly noticed public hearings on
16 December 13, 2011 and January 24, 2012, at which time it received public testimony
17 concerning the Draft General Plan 2030 and the Program EIR; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered all public testimony and written and
19 oral reports and documents provided by staff, and all other documents comprising the
20 Final Program EIR, including the Draft EIR as amended and the Responses to
21 Comments, the related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the Findings
22 and Statement of Overriding Considerations,

23 **NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Hemet, does hereby resolve,
24 determine and order as follows:

25 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

26 The City Council, in light of the whole record before it, including but not limited to, the
27 EIR, all documents incorporated by reference therein, any comments received and
28 responses provided, the Mitigation Monitoring Program, the Findings of Fact, the
29 Statement of Overriding Considerations and other substantial evidence (within the
30 meaning of Public Resources Code § 21080(e) and § 21082.2) within the record and/or
31 provided at the public hearing, hereby finds and determines that:

- 32 1. **Preparation and Public Notice of EIR:** An Environmental Impact Report was
33 prepared and noticed for the City of Hemet General Plan 2030 Update in
34 accordance with Public Resources Code § 21080(d) and § 21082.2 and the EIR
35 was prepared and processed in accordance with the California Environmental
36 Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (14

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1 California Code of Regulations § 15000 et seq.), and the local CEQA Guidelines
2 and Thresholds of Significance adopted by the City of Hemet.

3 2. **Review Period:** The City has complied with CEQA Guidelines §§ 15087 and
4 15105 by making the Draft EIR available to the public for review for the required
5 period of time.

6 3. **Response to Comments:** The City has responded to all written comments
7 received during the public review period and included both comments and
8 responses as part of the EIR. In response to these comments, the City has
9 made minor revisions to the EIR. These revisions are identified in the responses
10 and do not constitute significant additional information and do not require
11 recirculation of the EIR.

12 4. **Avoidance / Reduction Significant Effects:** The EIR identifies potentially
13 significant effects on the environment that could result if the project were adopted
14 without changes or alterations in the project and imposition of mitigation
15 measures. Based thereon, the City Council further finds that:

16 (a) Changes, alterations, and mitigation measures have been
17 incorporated into, or imposed as mitigation on the project.

18 (b) These changes, alterations, and mitigation measures will avoid the
19 significant environment effects identified in the EIR or lessen their
20 impact below the threshold of significance.

21 (c) These changes, alterations, and mitigation measures are fully
22 enforceable because they have either resulted in an actual change
23 to the project as proposed or they have been imposed as mitigation
24 measures, policies and implementation measures within the
25 General Plan 2030.

26 (d) The City has prepared a Mitigation Monitoring Program to track
27 compliance with these changes, alterations, and mitigation
28 measures.

29 5. **Environmental Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations:**
30 Approval of the project will result in significant effects on the environment even
31 though most potentially significant effects identified in the EIR will be mitigated
32 through Goals, Policies, Implementation Measures, and mitigation measures,
33 pursuant to Section 15092 of the CEQA Guidelines. However, these significant
34 effects will be eliminated or substantially lessened where feasible, and the
35 remaining significant effects are found to be unavoidable under Section 15091
36 and acceptable due to overriding considerations under Section 15093. The City
37 has balanced the economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits of the
38 project against the unavoidable environmental risks that may result, and finds

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1 that the specific economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits
2 outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects.

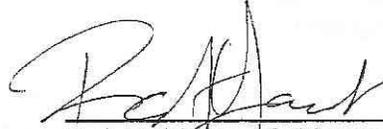
- 3 6. **Independent Judgment:** The EIR reflects the independent judgment and
4 analysis of the City as Lead Agency under CEQA.

5 **SECTION 2. CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS.**

6 Based on the foregoing findings, and on substantial evidence in the whole of the record,
7 the City Council hereby takes the following actions:

- 8 1. **Certify Final Program EIR:** The City Council certifies the Final Environmental
9 Impact Report (Environmental Assessment No. 11-002) (SCH NO. 2010061088)
10 for the City of Hemet General Plan 2030 Comprehensive Update (General Plan
11 Amendment No. 11-002), attached as Exhibit 2A.
- 12 2. **Adopt MMP:** The City Council approves and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring
13 and Reporting Program for the EIR attached as Exhibit 2B.
- 14 3. **Adopt Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations:** The
15 City Council approves and adopts the Findings of Fact and Statement of
16 Overriding Considerations for the EIR attached as Exhibit 2C.
- 17 4. **Notice of Determination:** The City Council, in compliance with Public
18 Resources Code § 21152 and CEQA Guidelines § 15094, directs the
19 Community Development Director to prepare a Notice of Determination
20 concerning certification of the Final EIR, and within five (5) days of project
21 approval, file the Notice with the Riverside County Clerk for posting.
- 22 5. **Location:** The City Council directs that the Final Environmental Impact Report
23 (Environmental Assessment No. 11-002) (SCH NO. 2010061088) and all
24 documents incorporated therein and forming the record of decision therefore, be
25 filed with the Hemet Planning Department at the Hemet City Hall, 445 E. Florida
26 Avenue, Hemet, California, 92543 and be made available for public review upon
27 request.

1 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 24th day of January 2012.
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Robert Youssef, Mayor

10 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 Sarah McComas, City Clerk
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Eric S. Vail, City Attorney

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2 County of Riverside)
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5 I, Sarah McComas, City Clerk of the City of Hemet, do hereby certify that the
6 foregoing Resolution is the actual Resolution adopted by the City Council of the
7 City of Hemet and was passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 24th
8 day of January, 2012 by the following vote:
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11 **AYES:** Council Members Franchville, Krupa and Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
12 Foreman and Mayor Youssef
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14 **NOES:**

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16 **ABSTAIN:**

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