

RESOLUTION NO. 22-9106

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA,
TO DECLARE THE VACANT LOYALTON RANCH PROPERTY
(APPROXIMATELY 10,273.95 ACRES) OWNED BY THE CITY AS
SURPLUS LAND**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of approximately 10,273.95 acres of land commonly known as Loyalton Ranch located in Sierra County and Lassen County, about 30 miles north of Truckee, California and about 20 miles northwest of Reno, Nevada (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City purchased the property with electric utility funds in 1977 for \$1,613,850 or approximately \$157/acre with the intent to use the Property for potential electric utility generation uses, and the City's Electrical Department, doing business as Silicon Valley Power, is responsible for the maintenance of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Property has not been suitable or used for its intended purpose and in August 2020, the Loyalton Fire burned approximately 90% of the Property and the City does not desire to use the Property for utility purposes in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Surplus Land Act ("SLA") requires that before a local agency takes any action to sell or lease its property, it must declare the property to be either "surplus land" or "exempt surplus land;" and

WHEREAS, "surplus land" means land owned in fee simple by any local agency for which the local agency's governing body takes formal action in a regular meeting declaring that such land is surplus and is not necessary for the agency's use; and

WHEREAS, the City owns the Property in fee simple, the City does not currently use the Property, and the City has no written or adopted plan for future use of the Property, so the Property is no longer necessary for the City's use or operations; and

WHEREAS, along with declaring the property surplus, the SLA also requires the City to give written notice of the availability of the Property to certain groups and entities prior to disposing of

the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council therefore finds that the Property is surplus land as defined by the SLA and is not necessary for the City's use.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the aforementioned recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.
2. That the City Council finds that the Loyaltan Ranch Property containing approximately 10,273.95 acres in Sierra County and Lassen County is surplus land as defined in the Surplus Land Act (Gov. Code sections 54220 et seq.) and is not necessary for City use.
3. That the City Council finds that the declaration that the Property is surplus land is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Public Resources Code § 21000, et seq.) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), 15378, and 15061(b)(3), as the declaration and activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, the declaration and activity are not a "project" as defined in CEQA, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the declaration and activity will have a significant effect on the environment because no development or construction is proposed.

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4. That the City's officers and staff are hereby authorized to do all which may be deemed necessary or proper to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution, including but not limited to issuance of a Notice of Availability to the required entities and negotiation for the sale of the Property in accordance with the SLA.

5. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF JUNE, 2022, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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| AYES: | COUNCILORS: | Becker, Chahal, Hardy, and Jain |
| NOES: | COUNCILORS: | Park, Watanabe, and Mayor Gillmor |
| ABSENT: | COUNCILORS: | None |
| ABSTAINED: | COUNCILORS: | None |

ATTEST:



NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference: None