APPENDIX I

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

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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

Regulations Section 15000 et seq., and the draft EIR and General Plan Update 2030 were circulated to the public, responsible agencies and other interested persons for their review and comment from September 30, 2011 to November 14, 2011, as required by CEQA; and,

WHEREAS, written comments and oral testimony were received on the draft EIR and General Plan Update 2030 during the 45-day review period including those given at public meetings of the City of Hemet Parks Commission and Traffic Commission, and at public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council; and,

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2011, November 15, 2011, and January 17, 2012 the Planning Commission held duly noticed public hearings on the Comprehensive General Plan Update 2030, considered all written and oral reports of staff and public testimony on the matter, and such other matters as are reflected in the record of this matter; and,

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2011, Planning Commission adopted Resolution Bill No. 11-017 recommending adoption of General Plan 2030 with errata; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2012, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing and by minute order, recommended adoption of Supplemental Errata to the Draft General Plan text and figures; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2011, and January 24, 2012, the City Council held duly noticed public hearings on the Comprehensive General Plan Update 2030, and considered all written and oral reports of staff and public testimony on the matter, and such other matters as are reflected in the record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hemet does Resolve, Determine, Find and Order as follows:

1. **The proposed General Plan is consistent with the requirements of the California Government Code regarding General Plans and the adopted General Plan guidelines in effect as of the date of this resolution, and ensures and maintains internal consistency with all of the objectives, policies, general land uses, programs and actions of all elements of the general plan.**

   The Hemet General Plan Update 2030 is a comprehensive update of the 1992 General Plan, which includes an update of existing elements, as well as the addition of new elements. The General Plan 2030 comprises the following State mandated and optional elements: 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.

Development of the General Plan 2030 was a multi-year process and involved extensive public participation in the form of public workshops, surveys and public hearings. Based upon the public participation, ten vision statements were established which guided the development of the goals and policies of the General Plan 2030.

The objectives of the General Plan 2030, as stated within the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, include:

- Objective 1: Update the General Plan to accommodate population and employment through 2030 in a manner reflecting changing demographic shifts;

- Objective 2: Plan for a larger area which can accommodate new economic development and job-creating industries focused in walkable, mixed-use areas, as well as offering increased housing opportunities to meet diverse economic needs;

- Objective 3: Amend policies and the Land Use Map to reflect actual land use patterns, including preservation of existing single-family neighborhoods outside the downtown core and mixed-use areas;

- Objective 4: Provide expanded recreational opportunities, especially around Diamond Valley Lake;

- Objective 5: Provide for a balanced land use mix within the city and planning area that supports industrial and professional jobs;

- Objective 6: Accommodate growth that ensures long-term economic viability and promotes a high quality of life for residents;

- Objective 7: Reflect "state-of-the-art" planning practices that provide for reuse of existing areas, encourage infill development, enhance pedestrian activities, and conserve valuable water, air, and energy resources;

- Objective 8: Develop strategic measures to facilitate renovation of older areas of the City, including enhancement of established neighborhoods;

- Objective 9: Integrate new growth into the overall city fabric that complements, rather than competes with, existing land uses;

- Objective 10: Provide a multi-modal circulation system which effectively moves people throughout Hemet with minimal disruption to existing businesses and neighborhoods.

The above described objectives are reflective of the community's concerns, issues, and priorities as expressed through the public participation process.

Each element of the General Plan has been reviewed by City staff, the General Plan Consultant, the Planning Commission, and the City Council for internal consistency and has been determined to be internally consistent.

2. The Proposed General Plan would not be detrimental to the public convenience, health, safety, or general welfare of the City.

The General Plan 2030 will promote the health, safety and welfare of the City through the listed goals and policies included within each Element. A Program Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the project and provides a description of potential environmental impacts of the proposed General Plan 2030 and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less than significant level, where feasible. After implementation of General Plan 2030 goals and policies and the recommended mitigation measures, most of the significant or potentially significant impacts associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2030 would be reduced to a less than significant level. Impacts in areas of Traffic and Circulation, Air Quality, Noise, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Agricultural Resources, and Regional Water Supply could not be completely mitigated and would result in significant unavoidable impacts associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2030. However, these identified unavoidable impacts would occur to a much greater extent under the existing General Plan.

3. The Proposed General Plan is in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

A Program Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the project that provides a description of potential environmental impacts of the proposed General Plan and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to less than significant levels, where feasible.

A Notice of Preparation for the 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 law.

The draft EIR and General Plan Update 2030 were circulated to the public, responsible agencies, and other interested parties for their review and comment from September 30, 2011 to November 14, 2011, in accordance with applicable

law, including 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 other applicable laws and regulations.

The program EIR for the General Plan 2030 addresses all related environmental concerns in compliance with CEQA, including but not limited to the following:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology, Soils, Mineral and Paleontological Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Resources
- Land Use, Population, and Housing
- Noise
- Public Services and Facilities
- Traffic and Transportation
- Public Utilities and Energy Efficiency
- Theoretical Buildout

Written comments and oral testimony were received on the draft EIR during the 45-day review period, including those given at the public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council. Written responses to comments were prepared in accordance with CEQA in order to address comments submitted on the draft EIR and are included in the final EIR for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the written information provided, the public comments received and the findings stated above, the City Council hereby takes the following action:

1. The City Council hereby approves General Plan Amendment No. 11-002, which adopts the comprehensive Hemet General Plan Update 2030 as presented to the City Council at the hearing on January 24, 2012 and referenced as Exhibit 1A, and including the incorporation of changes noted in the updated Errata Pages for modifications to the General Plan 2030 Text, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1B, and as visualized in the updated supplemental Errata Pages for modifications to the General Plan 2030 Figures, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1C.

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

State of California)
County of Riverside)
City of Hemet)

I, Sarah McComas, City Clerk of the City of Hemet, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is the actual Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Hemet and was passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 10th day of January, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Franchville, Krupa and Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Foreman and Mayor Youssef

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Sarah McComas, City Clerk

CITY OF HEMET
Hemet, California
RESOLUTION NO. 4475

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMET, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (ENVIRONMENTA 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.

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

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,

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

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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS.

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

1. **Certify Final Program EIR:** The City Council certifies the Final Environmental Impact Report (Environmental Assessment No. 11-002) (SCH NO. 2010061088) for the City of Hemet General Plan 2030 Comprehensive Update (General Plan Amendment No. 11-002), attached as Exhibit 2A.

2. **Adopt MMP:** The City Council approves and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the EIR attached as Exhibit 2B.

3. **Adopt Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations:** The City Council approves and adopts the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the EIR attached as Exhibit 2C.

4. **Notice of Determination:** The City Council, in compliance with Public Resources Code § 21152 and CEQA Guidelines § 15094, directs the Community Development Director to prepare a Notice of Determination concerning certification of the Final EIR, and within five (5) days of project approval, file the Notice with the Riverside County Clerk for posting.

5. **Location:** The City Council directs that the Final Environmental Impact Report (Environmental Assessment No. 11-002) (SCH NO. 2010061088) and all documents incorporated therein and forming the record of decision therefore, be filed with the Hemet Planning Department at the Hemet City Hall, 445 E. Florida Avenue, Hemet, California, 92543 and be made available for public review upon request.

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

State of California)
County of Riverside)
City of Hemet)

I, Sarah McComas, City Clerk of the City of Hemet, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is the actual Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Hemet and was passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 24th day of January, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Franchville, Krupa and Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Foreman and Mayor Youssef

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Sarah McComas, City Clerk