

1 RESOLUTION NO. 17-30

2 RESOLUTION CONCERNING FUTURE OF AUBURN STATE RECREATION AREA

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4 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

5 WHEREAS, the lands comprising the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA),
6 with their steep forested canyons, scenic beauty, and diverse recreational
7 opportunities, are a unique and irreplaceable asset to the citizens of Auburn,
8 California;

8 WHEREAS, the water rights permits for Auburn Dam were revoked by the
9 California Water Resources Control Board in 2008;

10 WHEREAS, Auburn Dam is not needed for storage of water supplied to the City
11 of Auburn and its residents by the Placer County Water Agency;

12 WHEREAS, Sacramento has addressed its flood control needs by constructing a
13 \$900 million auxiliary spillway and obtaining congressional approval for a mini-
14 raise of Folsom Dam;

15 WHEREAS, Auburn Dam would create a reservoir with widely fluctuating water
16 surface levels, thus impacting the scenic beauty of the canyon and limiting the
17 reservoir's recreational value;

17 WHEREAS, ASRA is an enormously popular recreation destination that attracts
18 approximately one million visitors annually, thereby producing substantial
19 economic benefits to the City of Auburn;

20 WHEREAS, on April 14, 2003, the Auburn City Council unanimously approved a
21 resolution proclaiming Auburn, California as the "Endurance Capital of the
22 World" to recognize and honor the origination in Auburn of two world famous
23 endurance sports events - in 1955 the 100 mile Western States Trail Ride (aka
24 "Tevis Cup Ride") and in 1974 the Western States 100-Mile Endurance Run;

24 WHEREAS, the ASRA canyonlands have a rich human history and include
25 hundreds of Gold Rush and Native American cultural sites, many of which are
26 eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places;


26 WHEREAS, a potential Auburn Dam threatens to destroy the economic,
27 recreational and scenic benefits that ASRA currently provides;

28 WHEREAS, we encourage other agencies to pass a similar resolution;

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IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Auburn proclaims its opposition to construction of an Auburn Dam, and further proclaims its support for preserving the Auburn State Recreation Area as a river canyon-based recreation area for present and future generations to enjoy.

DATED: April 10, 2017


Matthew Spokely, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Lind, City Clerk

I, Amy Lind, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn held on the 10th day of April, 2017 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Kirby, Maki, Spokely
Noes:
Absent: Berlant, Powers


Amy Lind, City Clerk