

RESOLUTION NO. 16-1761

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE EL RIO DESIGN GUIDELINES AND PLANNING STANDARDS RELATING TO THE LAND MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EL RIO WATERCOURSE MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the El Rio Watercourse Master Plan (the “WCMP”) was developed to (i) examine the benefits, opportunities and impacts of flood control management along the Gila River corridor and (ii) recommend a preferred design alternative that provides a flood protection strategy that preserves the cultural and archeological heritage of the Gila River and enhances the long-term multi-use of the Gila River corridor; and

WHEREAS, the city of Buckeye, the city of Avondale, the city of Goodyear, the Flood Control District of Maricopa County and Maricopa County (collectively, the “Parties”) adopted the WCMP and established various committees comprised of elected officials, city managers, chief engineers, parks and recreation and planning and development directors and various staff members of the Parties (collectively, the “Committees”) to (i) direct the implementation of the WCMP and (ii) develop design guidelines and planning standards for development occurring within the Gila River corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Committees developed and approved the El Rio Design Guidelines and Planning Standards (the “Guidelines”), which set forth a consistent set of goals and policies for development within the Gila River corridor and across jurisdictional boundaries and concurred to submit the Guidelines to the governing bodies of the Parties for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines are conceptual ideas established to supplement the local codes, ordinances and regulations of the Parties and are not intended to replace, supersede or modify local land-use regulations or development standards; and

WHEREAS, the Committees recommend the governing bodies of the Parties approve and adopt the Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the city of Goodyear desire to approve and adopt the Guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The El Rio Design Guidelines and Planning Standards: A Guide for Land Management and Implementation of the El Rio Watercourse Master Plan, dated December 18, 2015, a copy which is attached hereto, is hereby approved and adopted.

City Clerk