

RESOLUTION 2025-###

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO NOMINATING SIX AREAS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, INCLUDING WILDCAT CREEK-UNIVERSITY AVENUE, WANLASS PARK, DAVIS PARK, MCNEIL PARK, SAN PABLO DAM ROAD-HILLCREST HILLSIDE CITY-OWNED PARCELS, AND EL PORTAL CREEKSIDE COUNTY PROPERTY, AS PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS (PCAs) AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG)

WHEREAS, The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) has updated the Priority Conservation Area (PCA) planning framework which creates a regionally consistent approach to designate key areas for conservation and nature-based improvements;

WHEREAS, PCAs include diverse landscapes such as nature preserves, farms, ranches, trails, urban parks, and areas that benefit from urban greening or nature-based climate adaptation solutions;

WHEREAS, the PCA planning framework includes locally nominated PCAs as locations to coordinate local and regional planning for the conservation of regionally significant areas which are adopted by the ABAG;

WHEREAS, the PCA designation provides opportunities for grant funding to support conservation, restoration, and recreational projects, helping to achieve both local and regional conservation goals;

WHEREAS, the updated PCA criteria adopted by ABAG in 2024 aim to ensure alignment with regional sustainability and conservation priorities;

WHEREAS, the Wildcat Creek-University Avenue PCA contains wetlands, wildlife corridors, and urban green spaces that contribute to the ecological, recreational, and climate resilience needs of San Pablo and the greater Bay Area;

WHEREAS, the Wanlass Park PCA contains urban green spaces that contribute to the ecological, recreational, and climate resilience needs of San Pablo and the greater Bay Area;

WHEREAS, the Davis Park PCA contains urban green spaces that contribute to the ecological, recreational, and climate resilience needs of San Pablo and the greater Bay Area;

WHEREAS, the McNeil Park PCA contains urban green spaces that contribute to the ecological, recreational, and climate resilience needs of San Pablo and the greater Bay Area;

WHEREAS, the SPD-Hillcrest Hillside City-Owned Parcels contains urban green spaces that contribute to the ecological, recreational, and climate resilience needs of San Pablo and the greater Bay Area;

WHEREAS, the El Portal Creekside County Parcel PCA contains wetlands, wildlife corridors, and urban green spaces that contribute to the ecological, recreational, and climate resilience needs of San Pablo and the greater Bay Area;

WHEREAS, the designation of a Priority Conservation Area (PCA) does not alter existing land use designations, zoning, or the local jurisdiction's land use authority; and

WHEREAS, the San Pablo City Council recognizes the importance of nominating the six above mentioned PCA areas to ensure eligibility for future funding and support for projects that enhance the area.

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2025, the Economic Development, Housing and Project Management (EDHPM) Standing Committee, consisting of Mayor Cruz and Councilmember Ponce, were presented the proposed six (6) PCA properties and program overview of the MTC/ABAG requirements, and recommended its formal consideration and approval to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby:

1. **Endorses the nomination** of Wildcat Creek-University Avenue; Wanlass Park; Davis Park; McNeil Park; the SPD-Hillcrest Hillside City-Owned Parcels; and El Portal Creekside County Property, as Priority Conservation Areas to be adopted by the Association of Bay Area Governments, recognizing their regional and local significance; and
2. **Authorizes staff to complete and submit** the required PCA nomination form and any supporting materials to MTC/ABAG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct and are included herein by reference as findings.

Adopted this 2nd day of June 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Dorothy Grant, City Clerk

Arturo Cruz, Mayor