

RESOLUTION NO. 05-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS IN
SUPPORT OF THE GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS AND THE 2005-2006
IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM OF THE WATER RESOURCES
PROTECTION COLLABORATIVE FOR THE PLANNING AND PERMIT
REGULATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES WITHIN
THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), along with representatives of the County of Santa Clara, the fifteen cities in Santa Clara County, the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Board, various business and development interests, property owners and environmental, agricultural and community interests have formed and are members of the Water Resources Protection Collaborative; and,

WHEREAS, All Collaborative members share the watershed resource protection goals of flood management, drinking water quality and quantity, surface and groundwater quality and quantity, and habitat protection and enhancement; and,

WHEREAS, The SCVWD, cities and County are committed to furthering these goals through the adoption of land development guidelines and standards jointly developed with other stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, In order to accomplish these goals, the Collaborative recognizes the importance of private creek side owners' interests, monitoring and accountability, and delineation of responsibility for administering mutually agreed-upon policy, guidelines, and standards to which SCVWD, County and municipal activities, and permit review, shall conform; and,

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the SCVWD, Cities and County through Implementation of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, Best Management Practices and other means have continuously acted to protect the watersheds and water quality in Santa Clara County; and,

WHEREAS, it is recognized that Local Control is the Key Principle to the implementation of resource protection goals, and that cities and the County are the primary jurisdictions for LAND USE PLANNING and LAND USE PERMIT REGULATION, and that the broader stakeholder community has a central role in local stewardship and enhanced resource protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Altos supports the above foundational principles of the Water Resources Protection Collaborative; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council supports the following specific components of the Collaborative agreement:

1. A commitment by the City of Los Altos to make best efforts to review the Proposed Guidelines and Standards and the Proposed Implementing Tools, determine how well they fit in our current development/redevelopment review process, and determine the processes and procedures, if any, to incorporate into the appropriate land use review processes by February of 2007.
2. Commitment for appropriate levels of participation in the future assessment of the effectiveness of implementation of the Proposed Guidelines and Standards, known as the "Adaptive Management Process."
3. Commitment for participation in the early consultation of projects with SCVWD as appropriate.
4. Commitment for continued attendance by Los Altos staff members of the Collaborative at quarterly meetings through February of 2007.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 13th day of September, 2005, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COLE, MOSS, PACKARD, LEAR, CASAS
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE


David Casas, MAYOR

Attest:

Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK