

RESOLUTION NO. 07-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS
FOR LAND USE NEAR STREAMS
OF THE WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION COLLABORATIVE
FOR THE PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 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 Santa Clara Valley Water District, County, and Cities 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 Santa Clara Valley Water District, County and City activities, and permit review, shall conform; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Santa Clara Valley Water District, County, and Cities through Implementation of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System 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 the County and the Cities are the primary jurisdictions for land use planning and permitting, 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 supports the above foundational principles of the Water Resources Protection Collaborative Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams as Altos and will implement the policies, guidelines, and standards contained therein in the following manner:

1. Adopt the Water Resources Protection Collaborative Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams dated August 2005, and as revised July 2006, as a best practices water resources protection manual.


2. Apply the Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams to streamside developments in the City of Los Altos to the extent feasible and appropriate, and to the extent that the Guidelines and Standards are consistent with Los Altos' current General Plan, Specific Plans, Design Guidelines and Zoning Ordinance.
3. Continue to participate in early consultation with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, when the City is the permitting authority, for all development activity on properties located adjacent to a stream.
4. Continue to participate in the Santa Clara Valley Water Resources Protection Collaborative on matters pertaining to water resources protection.

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 February 2007 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: PACKARD, CARPENTER, CASAS, BECKER, COLE

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE



Robert C. Cole, MAYOR

Attest:



Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK