

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #2024-08  
AUGUST 7, 2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
APPROVING CHANGES AND ADOPTING ADDENDUM TO THE GARLAND RANCH  
REGIONAL PARK FUEL MANAGEMENT PROJECT-SPECIFIC ANALYSIS AND  
ADDENDUM TO THE CALIFORNIA VEGETATION TREATMENT PROGRAM  
PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board of Forestry) prepared the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) which directs implementation of vegetation treatments within the State Responsibility Area (SRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Forestry is the lead agency and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is the responsible agency for the implementing the CalVTP, in accordance with requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CAL FIRE's primary responsibility for preventing and suppressing fires within the SRA (Public Resources Code [PRC] Sections 4113 and 4125; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Forestry, as the CEQA lead agency, prepared a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the CalVTP, available at the following hyperlink: (<https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp/calvtp-programmatic-eir/>) in cooperation with CAL FIRE, in accordance with CEQA (PRC Section 2100 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Forestry Certified the PEIR and approved the CalVTP on December 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, approved by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (District) on October 5, 2023, the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Management ("Project") seeks to remove or thin 12.2 acres of Eucalyptus stands and their understories to reduce wildfire fuel loads and increase habitat quality in the Park; and

**WHEREAS**, using the Project-Specific-Analysis (PSA) for the Project, the District relied upon the PEIR to evaluate the environmental effects of activities covered by CalVTP and on October 5, 2023 found the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Management Project to be consistent with the California Vegetation Treatment Program PEIR and adopted the project-specific mitigation monitoring and reporting program, findings, and statement of overriding consideration attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the PSA determined, in accordance with the PEIR, that although proposed mitigation measures would reduce impacts to foraging special-status bumble bees and their floral resources, substantial adverse effects could still occur to Crotch's bumble bee (CBB; *Bombus crotchii*) and western bumble bee (WBB; *Bombus occidentalis*), both of which are candidate species proposed for listing under the California

Endangered Species Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the District developed an addendum to the PSA that proposed additional mitigation, in the form of a Non-Native Tree Removal Mitigation Plan (Mitigation Plan), to promote habitat to avoid or reduce impacts to CBB and WBB and their habitat and ensure that habitat is enhanced and restored. The Mitigation Plan is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, the Addendum has been provided to and has been reviewed by the Board of Directors in connection with the previously approved PSA which is available for inspection on the MPRPD's website and is incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, MPRPD is coordinating with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to obtain a Restoration Management Permit (RMP) to authorize the take of CBB and WBB for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors held a duly-noticed public hearing on August 7, 2024, to consider public testimony on the proposed project and has considered all relevant public comments; and

**WHEREAS**, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND CERTIFY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The additional mitigation measures outlined in the PSA Addendum would reduce any potentially significant impacts to CBB and WBB to a less-than-significant level.
3. Some changes or additions are necessary to the prior PSA PEIR and Garland Ranch Addendum but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines are present—i.e., there are no substantial changes in the Project or circumstances and no new information of substantial importance requiring major revisions of the PEIR. Consequently, a further addendum is appropriate pursuant to Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines..
4. The Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation Project PSA Addendum is approved.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ATTEST:

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Kevin Raskoff, President

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Monta Potter, Secretary/Treasurer

**EXHIBITS TO THIS RESOLUTION**

Exhibit A: Resolution of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Finding the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Management Project Consistent with the California Vegetation Treatment Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Adopting the Project-Specific Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Findings, and Statement of Overriding Consideration

Exhibit B: Addendum to the Project Specific Analysis/Addendum for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Management Project