

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE, CALIFORNIA,  
ADOPTING THE 2023 PARKS MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Menifee City Council adopted the Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Master Plan (POSTRMP) on March 16, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, at the March 15, 2021, Special Meeting to review the Strategic Vision priorities, it was recommended by City Council to review and update the POSTRMP to recalibrate goals and objectives based on the needs of the current Menifee residents; and

**WHEREAS**, at the May 6, 2021, Regular Meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Trails Commission (PRTC) created a Parks Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee and requested staff provide a progress update on the objectives of the POSTRMP; and

**WHEREAS**, at the September 2, 2021, PRTC Regular Meeting, staff presented an update indicating that 19 of the 21 POSTRMP objectives for park upgrades had been completed with the remaining in progress and over 11 new parks had added 81 acres of parkland over the last five years; and

**WHEREAS**, at the March 16, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting, City staff retained KTUA, a professional planning consultant with over 30 years of experience, to assist with the update of the Parks Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, KTUA completed a comprehensive inventory of the current park and park amenities of both City and Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District, City recreation programs, and current and future development projects to determine the 2.4 acre per 1,000 residents deficit from the 5 acre per 1,000 residents goal established by Menifee Municipal Code Chapter 7.75 Parkland Dedication and Fees; and

**WHEREAS**, KTUA and City staff implemented a comprehensive Community Engagement plan spanning from June 2022 through December 2022, and included three Community Workshops, 11 stakeholder meetings, 800 survey respondents, social media posts reaching 40,000 users, inclusion of the Parks Master Plan Update in the Menifee Matters mailed to 37,877 homes and businesses, and recorded meetings and workshops on the City YouTube site with over 360 views; and

**WHEREAS**, reoccurring public comments included the desire for more adult recreation opportunities, additional pickleball court amenities, splash pads and aquatics facilities, additional park and field lighting, multi-generational public facilities, and dedicated walking/hiking trails; and

**WHEREAS**, it was also noted that 42% of respondents from the survey were unaware of which agency, City or Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District, maintained their closest park; and

**WHEREAS**, KTUA provided recommendations in the areas of Facilities & Amenities, Programs & Services, Administrative, Financial, Trails, Connectivity & Open Space, Placemaking, and Technology; and

**WHEREAS**, upon conclusion of the Study, the Parks Master Plan was developed to address the creation of new parks and improvements as a framework for potential Capital Improvement Program projects, priorities, funding strategies and potential costs for at least the next 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Master Plan does not fall within the definition of project pursuant to the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

**WHEREAS**, as a narrative document, the Parks Master Plan does not have the potential to result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment per Section 15378(a) and is an administrative activity of the City per Section 15378(b)(5); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Master Plan was reviewed and recommended for City Council adoption by PRTC at the May 4, 2023, Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Master Plan was made available for public review from April 10 – May 10, 2023, with feedback incorporated into the final draft; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council reviewed and provided additional feedback for incorporation into the final draft of the Parks Master Plan at the May 31, 2023, Special Meeting; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Parks Master Plan does not fall within the definition of a project under CEQA and does not have the potential to result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment per Section 15378(a) and is an administrative activity of the City per Section 15378(b)(5).

**Section 2.** The Parks Master Plan is consistent with goals and policies of the City's adopted General Plan, specifically with the Land Use, Housing, Circulation, Open Space and Design, and Community Design Elements.

**Section 3.** The City Council of the City of Menifee approves the Parks Master Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 19th day of July, 2023

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Bill Zimmerman, Mayor

Attest:

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Stephanie Roseen, Acting City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Jeffrey T. Melching, City Attorney

**EXHIBIT A**

Please see the 2023 Parks Master Plan