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MEMORANDUM

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: May 21, 2025
TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Natural Resources Advisory Board
SUBJECT: Natural Areas Strategic Framework

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

On March 12, 2025, Julie Feder (Conservation and Stewardship Manager) presented to the Natural Resources Advisory Board on updates to the Natural Areas Strategic Framework. During the May NRAB meeting, final updates were shared regarding major themes that came during the community engagement process and how staff would address these concerns.

The Natural Resources Advisory Board would like to express its support for the proposed Natural Areas Strategic Framework. As a Board dedicated to preserving natural resources for the benefit of future generations and grounded firmly in science, we view the additional information regarding metrics and how progress in the plan will be measured/tracked, as well as more clarity on how this framework will align across other City priorities and plans, as instrumental in developing sustainable management practices for the City's natural areas. Additionally, we see this framework being in alignment with *Our Climate Future Big Move #11 - Healthy Natural Spaces* and the *City's Environmental Health Strategic Objective #3: Expand, restore and maintain the Natural Areas land portfolio to improve habitat conditions across the community and ensure equitable access to nature.*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very respectfully,

Dawson Metcalf

Chair, Natural Resources Advisory Board

cc: Kelly DiMartino, City Manager
Jacob Castillo, Chief Sustainability Officer
Honore Depew, NRAB Staff Liaison and Climate Program Manager
Kelly Ohlson, City Council Liaison to the NRAB
Julie Feder, Conservation and Stewardship Manager