CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-21-171 ENACTMENT NO. ________________________

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton, by request

1 RESOLUTION
2 CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF CANDELARIA NATURE
3 PRESERVE AND THE APPROVAL OF THE 2020 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
4 PLAN.
5 WHEREAS, Candelaria Nature Preserve (CNP), formally known as the
6 Candelaria Farm Preserve, is a 167-acre area purchased by the City of
7 Albuquerque in 1978 as part of the Bosque Open Space Land Acquisition
8 Project in 1978 using a combination of federal, state and city funds; and
9 WHEREAS, the CNP is managed by the Open Space Division of the City of
10 Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department; and
11 WHEREAS, the use of federal funds from the Land and Water Conservation
12 Fund (LWCF) requires a current management plan and full compliance at CNP
13 with applicable LWCF rules and regulations; and
14 WHEREAS, Resolution R-16-147 directed the OSD to convene a Technical
15 Advisory Group (TAG) to complete a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for
16 the Candelaria Nature Preserve to clarify and update previous plans and to
17 comply with the LWCF rules and regulations; and
18 WHEREAS, Resolution R-17-159 directed the Open Space Advisory Board
19 (OSAB) to have oversight of the RMP process; and
20 WHEREAS, the OSAB, working through the TAG and with the Open Space
21 Division, has engaged in an extensive planning process over three years with
22 significant public input and has completed a new RMP for the Candelaria
23 Nature Preserve; and
24 WHEREAS, when implemented, the RMP will result in improved ecosystem
25 health and increased biodiversity for the wildlife preserve, while supporting
26 appropriate nature study and outdoor wildlife-oriented recreation for the
public that complies with LWCF guidelines and fulfills the requirements of City Council Resolutions R-16-147 and R-17-159; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Board approved the RMP on January 28, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

SECTION 1. The City of Albuquerque hereby approves the 2020 Resource Management Plan as depicted in Exhibit 1 to this resolution for the Candelaria Nature Preserve and directs the Open Space Division of the Parks and Recreation Department to implement the plan.

SECTION 2. The Open Space Division shall provide an annual report to the Open Space Advisory Board, available to the public, regarding the status of RMP implementation. In addition, the Open Space Division shall, with the involvement of the OSAB, complete an in-depth review of the RMP every four years, for 20 years, to evaluate progress and consider potential updates in accordance with the RMP goals of wildlife habitat protection/restoration, nature study and outdoor recreation.

SECTION 3. The TAG shall be disbanded. The Open Space Division shall work with the existing Middle Rio Grande Habitat Council to support the implementation of the RMP. The Council is comprised of professionals with expertise in biology, wildlife, habitat restoration, and land management and advises the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge, the Whitfield Conservation Area, and Candelaria Nature Preserve. The Open Space Division shall meet quarterly with the Council. The Open Space Division shall also continue to keep neighbors, other stakeholders, and the general public regularly updated on the management of CNP and the implementation of the RMP.

SECTION 4. NO INTERFERENCE. Nothing in this resolution is intended to limit or interfere with projects intended for the repair, maintenance or upkeep of the CNP.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council
hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase irrespective of any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Cynthia Borrego, President, City Council
FROM: Tim Keller, Mayor


March 30, 2021

The attached recommended legislation is for the adoption of a Rank 3 Plan, the City of Albuquerque Candelaria Nature Preserve (CNP) Resource Management Plan (RMP). The proposed RMP is designed to bring the City into compliance with the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) guidelines and address public concerns. This RMP provides a framework for implementation and helps to ensure compliance with the federal LWCF regulations and guidelines and the Major Public Open Space Facility Plan.

EPC PROCESS
The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) reviewed the proposed Resource Management Plan during two properly noticed public hearings. At its January 21, 2021 hearing, the EPC discussed the proposed changes, heard public testimony, and voted to continue the review of the request, following inclusion of several requested changes, to its February 18, 2021 hearing. At the February hearing, the EPC voted to forward a recommendation of Approval of Candelaria Nature Preserve (CNP) Resource Management Plan (RMP) to the City Council.

CONCLUSION
Regarding Project# 2020-004639—RZ-2020-00036—adoption of a Rank 3 Plan, the City of Albuquerque Candelaria Nature Preserve (CNP) Resource Management Plan (RMP), the EPC is forwarding a recommendation of Approval for the Council's consideration.

Approved:

Sarita Nair
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

Esteban Aguilar, Jr.
City Attorney

Recommended:

Brennon Williams
Director

4/23/21

4/9/2021

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Cover Analysis


2. **What will this piece of legislation do?** Provides a management plan for the Candelaria Nature Preserve, laying out processes for community interaction and expansion of services.

3. **Why is this project needed?** The Resource Management Plan (RMP) fulfills a federal requirement that was part of the funds received for the purchase of the Nature Preserve.

4. **How much will it cost and what is the funding source?** There is no actual cost for the RMP. It does layout procedures for future expenditures but has no need of funding as a plan.

5. **Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so, what level of income is projected?** No

6. **What will happen if the project is not approved?** This is not a project but rather a resource management plan. Without it, the city will be non-compliant with federal requirements for funds received.

7. **Is this service already provided by another entity?** No
# FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

**TITLE:** Candelaria Nature Preserve Resource Management Plan 2021  
**FUND:**  
**DEPT:**

[ ] No measurable fiscal impact is anticipated, i.e., no impact on fund balance over and above existing appropriations.

[ ] (If Applicable) The estimated fiscal impact (defined as impact over and above existing appropriations) of this legislation is as follows:

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These estimates do not include any adjustment for inflation.

* Range if not easily quantifiable.

Number of Positions created: 0

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**COMMENTS ON NON-MONETARY IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY/CITY GOVERNMENT:**

This legislation would amend the IDO text with citywide and small area changes vetted during the 2020 annual update. These amendments will make land development and redevelopment more understandable and transparent and ensure projects go through the appropriate review body.

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