



1 WHEREAS, based on a review of the comment received and in consultation with its environmental  
2 consultant EnPlanners, City/Authority staff determined that no substantial revisions to the IS/MND were  
3 required, no new significant environmental impacts were identified, and the mitigation measures  
4 proposed continue to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level; and

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6 WHEREAS, the City, as Lead Agency under CEQA and CEQA-Plus, finds that the IS/MND  
7 reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and has been completed in compliance with  
8 CEQA and CEQA-Plus requirements; and

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10 WHEREAS, prior to the release of federal grant funds and commencement of federally funded  
11 construction activities, the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be approved by the City Council and  
12 Rialto Utility Authority Board and submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for  
13 Final Environmental Determination under CEQA-Plus.

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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RIALTO UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD  
16 OF THE CITY OF RIALTO AS FOLLOWS:

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18 Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

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20 Section 2. Based on the whole record before it, including the Initial Study, Mitigated Negative  
21 Declaration, and any comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a  
22 significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the  
23 City/Authority's independent judgment and analysis

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25 Section 3. The Rialto Utility Authority Board hereby Adopts the Mitigated Negative  
26 Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 2024020570) prepared for the Dr. June Hayes and Deborah  
27 Robertson Habitat Nature Center Project, formally known as the Rialto Habitat Nature Center Project  
28 pursuant to CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and CEQA-Plus requirements.

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2       Section 4.     The officers of the Authority are hereby authorized and directed, jointly and  
3 severally, to do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents that they deem  
4 necessary or advisable in order to carry out, give effect to and comply with the terms and intent of this  
5 resolution, including but not limited to filing a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the San Bernardino  
6 County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse, and to submit the approved IS/MND to the U.S.  
7 Environmental Protection Agency for Final Environmental Determination.

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9       Section 5.     This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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11 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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15 JOE BACA, President

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17 **ATTEST:**

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21 BARBARA A. McGEE, Secretary

22 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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26 ERIC S. VAIL, General Counsel

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA** )  
**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO** ) ss  
**CITY OF RIALTO** )

I, Barbara McGee, Secretary of the City of Rialto, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rialto held on the 13th day of May, 2025.

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed and adopted.

Vote on the motion:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of the City of Rialto this 13th day of May, 2025.

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BARBARA A. McGEE, Secretary