

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-088

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO VISTA CREATING THE RIO VISTA ARMY BASE STEERING COMMITTEE AND DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REUSE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE RIO VISTA U.S. ARMY RESERVE CENTER

WHEREAS, the United States transferred certain real property constituting the former Rio Vista U.S. Army Reserve Center ("Army Base") to the City of Rio Vista in 2003; and

WHEREAS, prior to the transfer of the property, the Local Reuse Authority (previously referred to as the Local Redevelopment Authority or "LRA") was originally convened by the City in 1995, and designated by the City and the U.S. Army as the single entity charged with planning for the environmental restoration and reuse of the former Army Base; and

WHEREAS, the LRA worked diligently for nine years to develop a conceptual land use plan, and to effectuate environmental clean up and conveyance of the Base to the City in accordance with the terms of the National Defense Authorizations Act of 1995, Section 2384 ("Act"), which was accomplished in 2003; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with development of the conceptual land use plan for the Base, the LRA assessed the economic and public benefit of various uses that were consistent with the allowable uses under the Act; and

WHEREAS, in the course of its consideration of potential uses economically beneficial to the City, the LRA met regularly with state and federal agencies interested in leasing a portion of the Base for a Bay-Delta Field Facility for conducting water and Delta-related research and determined that the proposed facility could produce up to 200 well-paying jobs, generating significant economic benefit to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City in 2008 entered into Memoranda of Understanding ("MOUs") with the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services for initial planning for the proposed research facilities, which will expire in the near term; and

WHEREAS, some of the original members of the LRA remain willing and able to contribute their unique knowledge and experience to assist the City in advancing redevelopment of the Base for the benefit of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is interested in using the expertise and specialized knowledge of the members who previously served on the LRA, as the Council prepares to develop a vision and plan for the redevelopment of the Army Base.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO VISTA as follows:

1. That the City Council hereby creates the Rio Vista Army Base Steering Committee, which shall be a citizens advisory committee comprised of seven members, whose primary purpose shall be to advise and assist the City Council, and if necessary the Planning Commission, in achieving timely redevelopment of the Army Base.
2. The expectations and responsibilities of the Steering Committee are as follows:
 - a. The Steering Committee's primary responsibility shall be to analyze options for, and to make recommendations to the City Council regarding, the reuse and redevelopment of the Army Base property. It is anticipated that the Steering Committee will, in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, meet with parties interested in developing the Army Base.
 - b. Prior to participation at a Steering Committee meeting, each member must submit a statement of economic interests form (Form 700) disclosing their interests in real property and business entities. Such form shall be filed with the City Clerk and available for public inspection.
 - c. The Steering Committee shall hold six regular meetings per year and shall determine its schedule of meetings, including special meetings. It is also expected that each member attend at least 75% of the meetings.
 - d. All Steering Committee meetings are subject to the Brown Act and are, therefore, open to the public.
 - e. At its first meeting, the Steering Committee shall elect a chair person and a vice chair person.
 - f. The Steering Committee may choose to adopt other applicable procedures and policies for governing itself, including setting a meeting schedule and/or drafting more specific rules of order. Further, the Steering Committee may create ad hoc committees, consisting of less than a quorum of the members of the Steering Committee, for purposes of working on special studies or projects.
3. City staff may help facilitate meetings (such as assisting with agenda preparation when requested and posting meeting agendas) and provide requested documents. However, while City staff may choose to attend the Steering Committee meetings, it is not anticipated that City staff will provide significant staff support to the Steering Committee.
4. The City Council hereby appoints the following six people as members of the Army Base Steering Committee: Jerry Rubier, Fred Harris, Marci Coglianesi, Eddie Woodruff, Norman Repanich, and Bob Marchbanks. The City shall advertise for the open position,

and the City Council shall appoint the Committee member. Members shall each serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The City Council shall appoint members of the Steering Committee in the event of a vacancy.

5. The City Council anticipates that the Steering Committee shall remain in existence until it presents final reuse recommendations for the redevelopment of the Army Base to the City Council or until the City Council decides to terminate it.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this sixth day of August, 2009 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Jones, Krebs, Norman, Richards, and Mayor Vick

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ATTEST:

Carolyn Parkinson, MMC
Interim City Clerk