

**RESOLUTION NO. 40-14**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN DIRECTING STAFF TO REMOVE FROM CONSIDERATION IN THE SOUTH RICHMOND AREA PLAN ANY VEHICLE TRAFFIC ROUTE THROUGH THE COASTAL PRAIRIE AT THE RICHMOND FIELD STATION AND TO PREPARE ALTERNATIVES THAT ONLY ROUTE VEHICLE TRAFFIC AROUND THE COASTAL PRAIRIE**

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WHEREAS, the coastal prairie at the University of California, Berkeley, Richmond Field Station is one of the last remaining large coastal prairie sites in the Bay Area and is considered a fragile and endangered habitat and ecosystem; and,

WHEREAS, the California Native Plant Society, Golden Gate Audubon Society, Sierra Club, and Citizens for East Shore Parks, and SPRAWLDEF and Richmond environmental activists have urged that this prairie be protected, restored, and clean up where necessary, and enhanced where feasible as one contiguous and integral prairie (see attached map); and,

WHEREAS, the South Richmond Area Plan has proposed routing the major East-West vehicular traffic route on what is now Lark Drive at the Field Station and extending Lark Drive to the West which would divide the prairie in two and have negative impacts on the prairie's future protection and restoration (see attached map); and,

WHEREAS, there are reasonable alternatives for connecting the East and West sections of the South Richmond Area plan including routing vehicle traffic around the prairie and onto the major existing roadway, Regatta Boulevard; and,

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council seeks to do everything possible to protect this prairie site and to ensure that it is not only protected, but restored where necessary and enhanced where feasible.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Richmond directs its staff to remove from consideration in the South Richmond Area Plan any alternative that would route any vehicle traffic through the coastal prairie site and to direct staff to create alternatives showing alternative routes around the prairie site.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting thereof held on **May 13, 2014**, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: Councilmembers Bates and Boozé.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTION: None.

DIANE HOLMES  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN  
Mayor

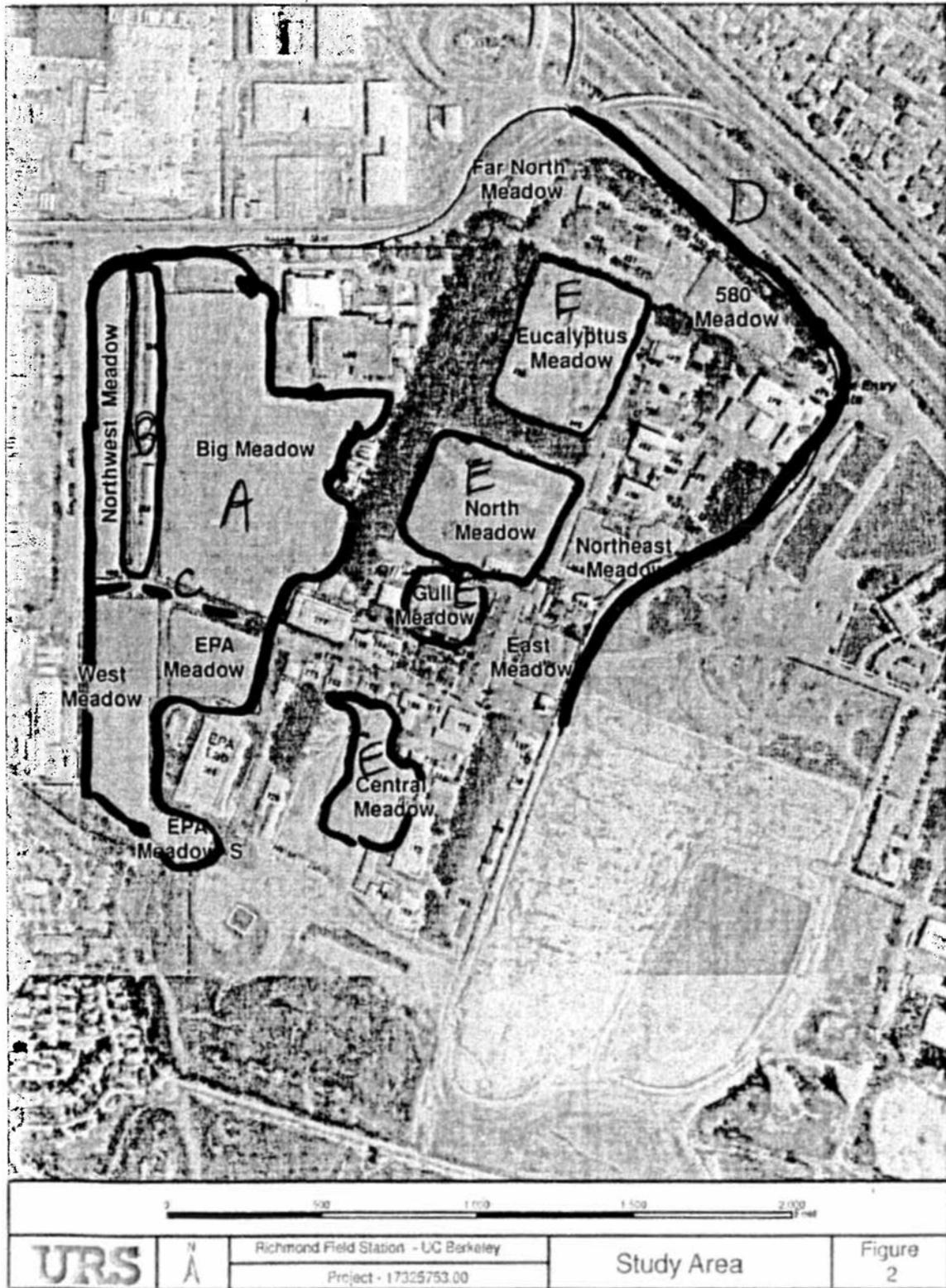
Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER  
City Attorney

State of California     }  
County of Contra Costa     : ss.  
City of Richmond     }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 40-14**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on May 13, 2014.

Sierra Club/California Native Plant Society, SPRAWLDEF, CESP Plan for Preserving and Enhancing the Prairie at the Richmond Field Station



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**Legend:**

- A: Large Prairie Site to be consolidated for Protection and Restoration  
(The Big Meadow, EPA: Meadows, West: Meadows and Northwest Meadows are to be consolidated as one prairie site.)
- B: Abandoned buildings and roadway to be removed and restored as Prairie.
- C: Lark Drive to be limited to a Pedestrian and Bikeway.
- D: Alternative Re-routing of the proposed Lark Drive Thruway around the Prairie
- E: Eucalyptus, North, Gull, and Central Prairies to be Protected and Restored.

The UC can do this plan without reducing the amount of development. It would require some relocation of buildings and facilities that could be easily done without reducing or changing the amount of development. It just takes some easy and simple redesign of the UC plan to accommodate the prairie sites as open space areas within the site for everyone's enjoyment and benefit.