

City of Sebastopol

Resolution No. 6176

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted and governor signed SB 5, a \$4 Billion General Obligation Bond to be placed on the June 2018 ballot entitled the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 represents the first legislatively authorized debt instrument for parks, resources and environmental improvements since 2002; and

WHEREAS, investments in California's urban, suburban and rural park and resources-related landscapes promote the notion of community and provide health, environmental and aesthetic benefits; and

WHEREAS, California Outdoor economy is a \$92 Billion economic driver, partly responsible for the continued health and growth of many of California's local economies; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 contains \$215 Million in Per Capita funding to assist all of California's communities in underwriting priority park-related improvements; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$40 Million shall be available in block grant awards for communities that self-tax for park related improvements; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 invests no less than \$1 Billion in California's most economically challenged communities, eradicating blight and promoting greater access to the outdoors and health-related pursuits; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 expends \$200 Million on California's State Park system, addressing a greater than \$1 Billion backlog in deferred maintenance which will translate into greater tourism and visitorship opportunities in adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 invests \$30 Million in trail network improvements promoting non-motorized recreational and commuter opportunities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 recognizing the importance of California's rural spaces and invests \$25 Million through a competitive grant program to prop-up and enhance rural park infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 expends hundreds of millions on other important investments in resource-related infrastructure including California's rivers, coast, and other waterways, the state's mountainous settings such as the Sierra and wildlife and fish-dependent habitats; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 invests heavily in combatting global warming through investments in urban greening projects, promoting healthy forests and carbon farming applications; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 underwrites investments in improving local water systems, promoting access to safe drinking water in some of California's most economically challenged communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 commits to a robust investment in groundwater improvements and sustainability to diversify water sources and recharge groundwater tables; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 underwrites improvements in the state flood management systems, armoring against calamities that beset the state including Oroville and elsewhere.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol hereby supports Proposition 68, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol supports and can be listed as a member of the Californians for Clean Water and Safe Park coalition and we direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at cityletters@cacities.org.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 6th day of March, 2018.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carnacchi, Glass, Gurney, Vice Mayor Hinton and Mayor Slayter

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

APPROVED: PHSLTE
Mayor Patrick Slayter

ATTEST: Mary C. Gourley
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: [Signature]
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney