RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE PLACERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 1042 TO ENSURE MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1572 (WATER CODE SECTION 10608.14) REGARDING NONFUNCTIONAL TURF PROHIBITIONS UNDER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ZOA 26-10

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2023, the Governor of the State of California approved Assembly Bill No. 1572, adding Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 10608.14) to Part 2.55 of Division 6 of the Water Code, which prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf on commercial, industrial, institutional, and homeowners' association common area properties; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has declared that the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf is wasteful and incompatible with state policies relating to climate change, water conservation, and long-term water supply reliability; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10608.14(d) mandates that public water systems and local governments revise their regulations, ordinances, or policies governing water service to incorporate these state restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) adopted Board Policy and Administrative Regulation (AR) 1042 on September 17, 2026, establishing a comprehensive and compliant framework for nonfunctional turf definitions, phased prohibition timelines, and local enforcement mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, the City of Placerville desires to maintain consistency with regional water conservation frameworks, eliminate regulatory duplication, and fulfill its state-mandated obligations by formally adopting the standards of EID AR 1042 into the City Municipal Code via Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) 26-10; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider ZOA 26-10, accepted public testimony, and reviewed the staff report and environmental determinations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed code amendment is administrative in nature and has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) under the 'Common Sense Exemption' because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Placerville hereby recommends that the City Council:

1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

2. CEQA Findings. The Planning Commission finds that the proposed ordinance is exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and directs staff to file a

Notice of Exemption.

3. Recommendation. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council of the City of Placerville adopt an Ordinance amending the Placerville Municipal Code to incorporate the nonfunctional turf prohibitions, definitions, and timelines set forth in El Dorado Irrigation District Administrative Regulation 1042.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Placerville on November 17, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Kris Kiehne, Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

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Arianna Blandon, Associate Planner