RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65302(e) requires that each city adopt a comprehensive, long-term General Plan that includes an Open Space Element for the preservation of open-space land; and

WHEREAS, the City of Placerville adopted its General Plan in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Placerville held a duly noticed public hearing on October 6, 2026, as required by Government Code Section 65353, to consider General Plan Amendment GPA 26-05; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1425 (2022) amended Government Code Section 65565.5 to require each city and county to review and update General Plan policies that address open space by January 1, 2026, to address equitable access to open space, climate resilience, and rewilding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1889 (2024) amended Government Code Section 65302(d) to require cities and counties to address wildlife movement, habitat connectivity, and conservation policies in the General Plan upon the adoption or revision of one or more General Plan elements on or after January 1, 2028; and

WHEREAS, policies addressing the Open Space and Conservation Element requirements of State law currently exist throughout multiple elements of the City of Placerville General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Amendment was developed through a comprehensive planning process that included a review of existing conditions, analysis of natural resources, trails, habitat conservation, wildlife connectivity, and access to recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Amendment is internally consistent with all other elements of the City of Placerville General Plan and aligns with applicable State law, including Senate Bill 1425 (2022) and Assembly Bill 1889 (2024); and

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) under Categorical Exemption Section 15061(b)(3), Common Sense Exemption. The adoption of this General Plan Amendment constitutes policy directives that do not authorize direct physical changes to the environment. Future projects implemented under its framework will undergo their own project-level CEQA review. Based on the policy-level nature of the update, significant environmental impacts are not anticipated, and any potential concerns can be addressed through policy refinements prior to adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City of Placerville conducted the required tribal consultation in accordance with applicable provisions of State law; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the proposed General Plan Amendment is consistent with the goals, policies, and objectives of the City of Placerville General Plan and complies with applicable provisions of State law.

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

1. **CEQA:** Find the project exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
2. **General Plan Amendment GPA 26-05:** Approve General Plan Amendment GPA 26-05.
3. **PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Placerville held on October 6, 2026.**

AYES: **(placeholder)**

NOES: (placeholder)

ABSENT: (placeholder)

ABSTAIN: (placeholder)

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Kris Kiehne, Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

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Deana Watkins-Howey, Development Technician