

## **RESOLUTION 22-14**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RELATED TO AN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE EXCHANGE**

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**WHEREAS**, Terre et Cité is a non-profit conservation organization based in Igny, France, just south of Paris, whose mission is to preserve the Plateau de Saclay, and with whom the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) has partnered since prior to 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, similarities between conservation efforts and the advancement of climate resilience at the Plateau de Saclay in France and Coyote Valley in Santa Clara County, California provide an opportunity to share innovative solutions that build biodiversity and climate resilience for communities adjacent to natural and working landscapes, by comparing ideas, initiatives, and actions related to the two landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, Terre et Cité and the Authority entered into Cooperation Agreement as approved by the Open Space Authority Board of Directors on May 27, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Terre et Cité and the Authority executed a series of three international climate webinars in 2021 that allowed the exchange of ideas and practices on a number of climate and land use related topics; and

**WHEREAS**, Terre et Cité and the Authority wish to follow up on the execution of the webinars by organizing a France-California Conservation and Climate Exchange that would take place in France, primarily at the Plateau de Saclay, to allow for much deeper exploration of the opportunities and barriers associated with the implementation of the differing approaches to addressing climate change on its two respective landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, most of the total project cost for the Exchange, estimated at \$172,000 has been secured by Terre et Cité, a gap in funding of between \$28,000 and \$45,000 remains; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that the Board approve for this Exchange, expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board authorizes and approves expenditures for the Exchange in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board further directs that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Authority and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

## Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

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Kalvin Gill, Chairperson  
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

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William P. Parkin, Legal Counsel

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Kellie Guerra, Clerk of the Board