

1 **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE 1**
2 **OF THE PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE**
3 **SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING**
4 **THE UPPER LAS VEGAS WASH CONSERVATION TRANSFER AREA**

5 WHEREAS, the Clark County Conservation of Public Lands and Natural Resources
6 Act of 2002, commonly known as the Clark County Lands Act of 2002, expanded the boundaries
7 of the public lands disposal area of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998 to
8 include an additional 23,000 acres of land for nomination for disposal by the local office of the
9 Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in cooperation with the local units of government, to provide
10 for the continued growth and development of local communities in Southern Nevada; and

11 WHEREAS, the local field office of the BLM conducted an Environmental Impact
12 Statement (EIS) to assess the environmental impacts of the expansion of the disposal area to include
13 these additional lands for growth and development; and

14 WHEREAS, the local field office of the BLM, in a record of decision for the final
15 EIS for the additional disposal lands, recommended a 5,000-acre Conservation Transfer Area (CTA)
16 for portions of these lands within the Cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas; and

17 WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas (City) has annexed approximately 7,680 acres,
18 or 12 sections, of these lands in response to the Clark County Lands Act of 2002 to provide for the
19 continued growth of the City north of the present day alignment of Moccasin Road; and

20 WHEREAS, the local BLM field office, in cooperation with various "stakeholders,"
21 has identified 6 alternative boundaries for the proposed CTA that allow for the development of the
22 lands annexed by the City north of Moccasin Road (7,680 acres), with the alternatives ranging from
23 approximately 85% (6,480 acres) to less than 1.5% (110 acres); and

24 WHEREAS, the BLM has hired the Utah State University Cooperation Ecosystem
25 Research Center to conduct a study to model the impacts of growth upon the important plant and
26 paleontological resources of the Upper Las Vegas Wash to be used to assess the 6 alternatives for
27 the boundaries of the proposed CTA; and

28 WHEREAS, the BLM has determined that a supplemental environmental impact
statement (SEIS) is needed to determine the boundaries, implementation and management measures

1 for the proposed CTA; and

2 WHEREAS, the BLM has initiated the SEIS process by conducting 3 scoping
3 meetings in August of 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, the City has requested and been granted Cooperating Agency Status for
5 the SEIS process; and

6 WHEREAS, since 2004, the City has invested an estimated \$6.3 million to date in
7 preparation for the future development of the lands north of Moccasin Road: and

8 WHEREAS, the anticipated costs of extending infrastructure through any areas
9 designated as part of the CTA would be, at a minimum, \$15.8 million per mile, with no return on
10 the dollars invested; and

11 WHEREAS, the adoption of preliminary Alternatives 2 through 5 would be
12 detrimental to the future growth and development of the City; and

13 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City desires to indicate its strong support for an
14 alternative to provide an equitable balance between the City's future growth and development and
15 the preservation of the important paleontological and plant resources of the Upper Las Vegas Wash.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las
17 Vegas to:

18 1. Express its support for City staff to participate in the SEIS process on behalf of the Council and
19 on behalf of the City in its role as Cooperating Agency.

20 2. Express its support of the preservation and adequate protection of the Upper Las Vegas Wash,
21 as indicated by the City's previous adoption of its own Northwest Open Space Plan on January 5,
22 2005.

23 3. Express its support of a balance between the preservation and protection of the Upper Las Vegas
24 Wash and the future growth and development of the City north of the alignment of Moccasin Road.

25 4. Express its full support for preliminary Alternative 1 of the current SEIS process.


26 5. Urge the local field office of the BLM to strongly consider Alternative 1 as the preferred
27 alternative of the SEIS.

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1 Paragraph 4 as the preferred alternatives of the SEIS.
2 6. Urge the City of North Las Vegas and Clark County to work with the City to address issues
3 related to the proposed CTA and to join with the City in providing input to the BLM with a common
4 voice.

5 PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 7th day of NOVEMBER, 2007.

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7 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

8
9 BY 
10 OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

11 ATTEST:

12 
13 BEVERLY BRIDGES, CMC
14 City Clerk

15 APPROVED AS TO FORM

16 Val Heed 11-7-07
17 Date