

## RESOLUTION NO. 7198

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND AUTHORIZING TO DESIGNATE WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA AS A BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE

**WHEREAS**, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of nearly 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to the more than 3600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

**WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season;
- Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators
- Provides water for drinking, nest-building, and butterfly puddling;
- Is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat;
- Is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted;
- Provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodland should be certified a Bee City USA community because:

- Its commitment to stewardship of the natural environment
- Its recognition of the importance of sustainable environments for pollinators and the importance of pollinators for our local agricultural production
- It desires to continue to play a role in helping to educate the public about the importance of pollinators through a variety of informative and engaging activities such as the garden tours, lecture series, and the California Honey Festival

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the city of Woodland chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, resolving as follows:

1. The City of Woodland is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA sponsor.
2. The City Manager, or designee, of Woodland, California is designated as the BEE CITY USA liaison.

3. Facilitation of the City of Woodland BEE CITY USA program is assigned to the Woodland Bee City Committee.
4. The Woodland Bee City Committee is authorized to, and shall:
  - a. **Celebration:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase Woodland's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
  - b. **Publicity & Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the city of Woodland website which includes, at minimum:
    - a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website;
    - contact information for your BEE CITY USA Liaison and Committee;
    - reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and
    - recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan (explained below).
  - c. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:
    - Identify and inventory Woodland's real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
    - Create a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species.
    - Track (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
  - d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
  - e. **Policy:** Establish, through the City of Woodland, a policy in the city's General Plan or Climate Action Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA designation
  - f. **Plan Review:** Review the city's pest management practices and adopt an integrated pest management plan and other relevant documents to support pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
  - g. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of the City of Woodland's BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee based on the City of Woodland's population.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Barajas, Fernandez, Lansburgh, Rodriguez and Stallard  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

  
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 Xóchitl Rodríguez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
  
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 Ana B. Gonzalez, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
  
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 Kara K. Ueda, City Attorney