

CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION

RESOLUTION No. 2018-30

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH NATIONAL CONSERVATION AND RECREATION AREA ACT

WHEREAS, the Central Wasatch Commission (the “CWC”) is an interlocal entity formed in 2017 whose principal purpose is to better assure the wise stewardship of the Wasatch Mountains in Salt Lake, Summit and Wasatch counties—including their watershed, recreational areas, transportation, and natural beauty—so that future generations can continue to benefit from that wonderful and integral part of Utah’s natural environment; and

WHEREAS, to that end, one of the key objectives of the CWC is to advance and implement the concepts promulgated by the Mountain Accord, which is the 13 July 2015 written accord that was the culmination of a years-long, consensus-based planning dialogue among a host of public and private entities and individuals interested in the future of the Central Wasatch Mountains; and

WHEREAS, one of the concepts adopted in the Mountain Accord was to support and pursue a new federal designation for the land identified in Attachment 5 of the accord in order to provide special protections against development and environmental degradation for the approximately 80,000 acres of federal lands shown on such Attachment 5 (the “*Federal Land*”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act (the “*Act*”) was promulgated, in part, to implement elements of the Mountain Accord; and

WHEREAS, given its participation in the formulation of the current version of the proposed Act, the CWC’s governing board (the “*Board*”) took public comment between June 20 and July 5, 2018 (the “*Public Comment Period*”) concerning the Act, during which time the Board received numerous suggestions concerning the Act; and

WHEREAS, on 9 July 2018 the Board enacted its Resolution 2018-18 (“*Resolution 2018-18*”) to (a) voice its continued support for the Act; (b) encourage passage of the Act by the United States Congress as soon as possible, following any appropriate modifications to the Act’s current provisions and associated maps based on, *inter alia*, the public comment received during the Public Comment Period; and (c) authorize and direct the CWC’s Executive Director, in consultation with the CWC’s Executive Committee, to formulate and propose changes to the Act’s provisions and maps in order to respond to the concerns and suggestions received from the public; and

WHEREAS, following expiration of the Public Comment Period, public comments and suggestions continued to be received in the CWC’s monthly Board meetings and, as directed in Resolution 2018-18, numerous meetings were held with stakeholders to receive input on, discuss options for, and draft modified provisions for the Act; and

WHEREAS, the CWC’s Executive Director and staff, in consultation with the CWC’s Executive Committee, therefore formulated proposed changes to the Act’s provisions and maps as authorized by Resolution 2018-18; and

WHEREAS, the current redraft of the Act, dated 26 October 2018, was prepared under supervision of the CWC's Executive Director and staff and incorporates various amendments designed to respond to the concerns and suggestions of interested parties regarding the prior versions of the proposed Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board received public comment up to and during its 5 November 2018 meeting, and discussed options for moving forward with the revised draft Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board met in regular meeting on 19 November 2018 to consider, among other things, expressing its continued support for the Act, approving the 26 October 2018 version of the Act with amendments, authorizing additional technical changes approved by the Chair, and encouraging passage of such amended version of the Act by the United States Congress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Wasatch Commission that the Board hereby (a) voices its continued support for the Act; and (b) encourages introduction of the Act by the Utah Congressional Delegation and passage of the Act by the United States Congress; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Wasatch Commission that the Chair and staff are directed to pursue passage of the Act and to make necessary adjustments as the Act is considered by Congress.

This Resolution, assigned no. 2018-30, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of November 2018.

ATTEST:

CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION

By: _____
Ben McAdams, Secretary

By: _____
Chris McCandless, Chair of the Board

VOTING OF THE BOARD:

Andy Beerman	Yea ___ Nay ___
Jackie Biskupski	Yea ___ Nay ___
Carlos Bracer	Yea ___ Nay ___
Jim Bradley	Yea ___ Nay ___
Ben McAdams	Yea ___ Nay ___
Chris McCandless	Yea ___ Nay ___
Michael J. Peterson	Yea ___ Nay ___
Christopher Robinson	Yea ___ Nay ___
Jeff Silvestrini	Yea ___ Nay ___
Harris Sondak	Yea ___ Nay ___

DEPOSITED in the office of the Secretary this 19th day of November 2018.

FILED AND RECORDED this ___ day of November 2018.