

RESOLUTION 2007-020

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
ADOPTING THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION
COLLABORATIVE GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR LAND USE NEAR
STREAMS, DIRECTING THAT SUCH STANDARDS BE INTEGRATED INTO THE
TOWN OF LOS GATOS' PLANNING APPROVAL PROCESS, AND FURTHER
EXMPTING SINGLE-FAMILY PROJECTS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES THAT DO NOT
REQUIRE DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos participates in the Santa Clara Valley Water Resources Protection Collaborative along with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the County of Santa Clara, and the cities of Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos joins the Santa Clara Valley Water Resources Protection Collaborative and others in endorsing the water and watershed resource protection goals of flood management, drinking water quality and quantity, surface and groundwater quality and quantity, and habitat protection and enhancement; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the local control is the key principle for the implementation of resource protection goals, and that cities and the County are the primary jurisdictions for land use planning and land use permit regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to the development of a consistent, County-wide approach to streamside preservation through the implementation of existing policy and the Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos understands that once it adopts and implements the Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams, the Santa Clara Valley Water District will relinquish its development review of streamside properties other than those lands held in fee or easement by the Santa Clara Valley Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos understands that in adopting and implementing the Guide and Standards for Land Use Near Streams, the Santa Clara Valley Water District will continue to provide technical assistance to the Town; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos:

1. Adopts the “Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams” of the Santa Clara Valley Water Resources Protection Collaborative, incorporating future amendments that may occur from time to time; and
2. Directs that the “Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams” be applied to future streamside development in the Town of Los Gatos to the extent feasible provided that single- family homes in residential zones that do not require discretionary approval are exempt from the provisions in the guidelines; and
3. In order protect riparian corridors, implementation of the G&S may require applicants to provide an assessment of onsite biotic and riparian conditions by a qualified professional, which may result in larger setbacks and additional protection measures than those stated in the G&S.
4. Supports continuing participation in the Santa Clara Valley Water Resources Collaborative on matters pertaining to watershed resource protection.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 20th day of February, 2007 by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES: Steve Glickman, Mike Wasserman, and Mayor Joe Pirzynski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Diane McNutt, and Barbara Spector (Recused due to living within 500 feet of a stream)

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED: /s/ Mayor Joe Pirzynski

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST: /s/ Jackie D. Rose

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS

LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA