

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-112**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF A COLLABORATIVE NETWORK FOR ROUTE DESIGNATIONS IN THE EL PASO MOUNTAINS AND AREA SURROUNDING THE CITY OF RIDGECREST FOR WEMO.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Ridgecrest has been a participant and supports the development and creation of the West Mojave Plan as currently being formulated by the West Mojave Planning Team and the cooperative agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Ridgecrest has concerns of the proposed route designations as defined within the scoping meetings as conducted in June of 2002.; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Ridgecrest would respectfully request and support the formation of a Technical Review Team in the form of a Collaborative Network including the Public Sector and Public Users in the review of routes and utilization of the proposed area. Route designation as authorized by the August 21, 1985 Federal Register listing of the Rademacher Hills and El Paso Mountains would be recognized and utilized during the collaborative process. A recommendation would be development by the Collaborative for inclusion by June 2004 within the West Mojave Plan for formal adoption.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST**, on behalf of the residents, citizens and visitors of the Indian Wells Valley does hereby resolve and recommend the following:

1. The California Desert District of the BLM and its interim Manager Linda Hansen consider and accept an alternative approach to route designations and closures as presented by the West Mojave Planning Team in the scoping meetings of early June for the West Mojave Plan. The City of Ridgecrest and the public interest of the Indian Wells Valley would be best served by the support of a new and innovative approach to include additional review and insight into route designations of the El Paso Mountains, Rademacher Hills and the surrounding area.
2. Encourage and recommend the creation of a newly visioned Technical Review Team in the form of a Collaborative Network including the Public Sector and Public Users in the review of routes and utilization of the proposed area. Route designation as authorized by the August 21, 1985 Federal Register listing of the Rademacher Hills and El Paso Mountains would be recognized and utilized during the extended review period until June of 2003. A recommendation would be development by the Collaborative for inclusion by June 2004 within the West Mojave Plan for formal adoption.

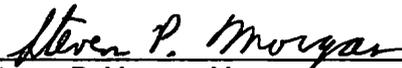
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of September, 2002, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Mayor Morgan, Council Members Carter, Holloway, Martin, and Rollins

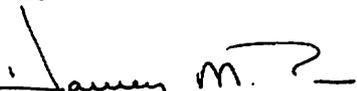
**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

  
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Steven P. Morgan, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Harvey M. Rose  
City Clerk