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**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AGENDA ITEM NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Prohibiting Drilling or Mining in Medina River Park

**DATE:** March 31, 2005

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This resolution affirms the City of San Antonio's control over drilling or mining in Medina River Park and prohibits such activities.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On August 9, 2001, City Council approved donations of properties from the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and the San Antonio Parks Foundation (SAPF) to establish the 362-acre Medina River Park along the Medina River, located at 15890 State Highway 16 South in City Council District 4. At the same time, City Council approved acceptance of a Region Park Grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in the amount of \$750,000.00 for the development of the park. This regionally significant project will provide opportunities to experience the natural resources of a virtually pristine segment of the Medina River.

TPWD requires that the City of San Antonio document that the City has control over drilling and mining in Medina River Park, as a condition for the final distribution of grant funds. This resolution will provide such record. It will affirm the City's control over mining and drilling, and, further, will prohibit these activities.

Grand opening of Medina River Park is scheduled on April 9, 2005.

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

This action is consistent with the long-standing City policy of participating with State or Federal agencies in the development and improvement of public facilities and infrastructure. The resolution will meet TPWD requirements for the Regional Park Grant accepted by City Council through Ordinance 94320 on August 9, 2001.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**


This action has no fiscal impact.

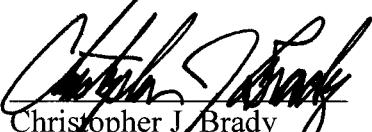
### **COORDINATION**

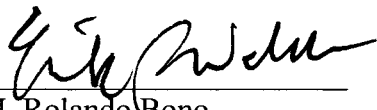
This item has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Environmental Services Department.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

A Discretionary Contract Disclosure statement is not required.

  
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Malcolm Matthews  
Director of Parks and Recreation

  
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Christopher J. Brady  
Assistant City Manager

  
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for J. Rolando Bono  
Interim City Manager

## A RESOLUTION

### AFFIRMING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S CONTROL OVER DRILLING OR MINING IN MEDINA RIVER PARK AND PROHIBITING SUCH ACTIVITIES

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas is committed to preserving our natural resources and open spaces for our citizens and for those tourists who visit San Antonio each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2001, City Council approved donations of properties from the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and the San Antonio Parks Foundation (SAPF) to establish the 362-acre Medina River Park along the Medina River, located at 15890 State Highway 16 South in City Council District 4; and

**WHEREAS**, on the same date, City Council approved acceptance of a Region Park Grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in the amount of \$750,000.00 for development of the park; and

**WHEREAS**, this regionally significant project will provide opportunities to experience the natural resources of a virtually pristine segment of the Medina River; and

**WHEREAS**, TPWD requires that the City of San Antonio document that the City has control over drilling and mining in Medina River Park, as a condition for the final distribution of grant funds and this resolution will provide such record; **NOW THEREFORE**

#### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby affirms the City's control over mining and drilling in Medina River Park and, further, prohibits these activities, thereby ensuring that this natural park shall endure for future generations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2005.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney