CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Community Development Director of the City of El Paso de Robles will consider adoption of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and approval of the following project:

Project Title:	Salinas River Vegetation Management Program
Applicant:	City of Paso Robles Fire Department
Project Location:	Various locations within the Salinas River Corridor, east of State Highway 101, between the City of Paso Robles' northern and southern incorporated boundaries, Paso Robles, CA
Project Description:	The City of Paso Robles (Public Works Department and Fire Department) plans to conduct hazardous fuel reduction within the Salinas River corridor through a

to conduct hazardous fuel reduction within the Salinas River corridor through a program of riparian and emergent vegetation management in order to increase fire safety, in accordance with the City's adopted Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The proposed Project is a vegetation management program for the purposes of fire fuel reduction. Fuels will be reduced using a variety of methods, including the following:

- Grazing by domestic goats or sheep
- Hand tools and mechanized tools
- Low-intensity prescribed burns.

The Public Review Period for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on Friday, March 12, 2021 and conclude on Monday, April 12, 2021.

FINDING

The City of Paso Robles has reviewed the above project in accordance with the City of Paso Robles' Rules and Procedures for the Implementation of the California Environmental quality Act and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report need not be prepared because:

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The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because mitigation measures included in the associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and hereby made a part of the Mitigated Negative Declaration have been added to the project.

The Initial Study which provides the basis for this determination is available on the City's website at <u>https://www.prcity.com/357/CEQA-Documents</u>.

NOTICE

The public is invited to provide written comment on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The appropriateness of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered in light of the comments received.

Questions about and comments on the proposed project and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be mailed to the Community Development Department, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446 or e-

mailed to <u>dnash@prcity.com</u> provided that any comments are received prior to the time of the review period ends. Should you have any questions about this project, please call Darren Nash at (805) 237-3970 or send email to <u>dnash@prcity.com</u>.

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3/9/2021 Date