TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER

FROM: RON WHISENAND, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PURPLE BELT PROGRAM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

Needs: For the City Council to adopt the Purple Belt Program and associated Negative Declaration.

Facts:

- 1. The General Plan includes numerous policies directing the City to develop an agricultural preservation program known as a "Paso Robles Purple Belt". The Economic Strategy also references the importance of the agricultural economy and rural sense of place agriculture provides to the community.
- 2. The City also supports maintaining the rural agrarian landscape and distinct separations between Paso Robles and neighboring communities, and respects the desire of farmers interested in continuing their way of life and livelihood.
- 3. Preparation of the Purple Belt Program was initiated a few years ago, with the assistance of the consultant firm Economic Planning Systems. It was deferred for completion while the City moved forward on several other planning and development projects.
- 4. The City Council Ad Hoc Committee and the Purple Belt Stakeholders Committee recently reviewed the plan and provided feedback. Both entities support the Program.
- 5. The Planning Commission considered the Purple Belt Program and the draft Negative Declaration on July 28, 2009. The Commission recommended approval of the Negative Declaration and the Purple Belt Program to the City Council.
- 6. Per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental review was prepared for this project. No significant environmental impacts were identified as a result of the Purple Belt Program. A Draft Negative Declaration has been prepared for consideration. (Attachment 2)

Analysis and

Conclusions:

The Purple Belt Program is intended to accomplish several objectives. These include: support of the region's agricultural economy; provide incentives to assist property owners to continue agricultural operations on their property; maintain the rural, agrarian landscape; and create an ultimate urban growth boundary.

The Program is based on specific principles, in particular that participation by landowners in any land conservation program would be on a strictly voluntary basis. The City intends to collaborate with the County and other stakeholders to develop an outreach and education program on potential funding sources and opportunities to help property owners continue use of their property in agricultural production.

The Purple Belt is similar to a "green belt" program by offering financial incentives to property owners to preserve land, however, the Purple Belt is uniquely distinct from typical green belt systems in that green belts usually pursue property acquisition for open space preservation and public access. While there may be properties suitable in the

Purple Belt for acquisition for open space purposes, that is not the primary focus of the Purple Belt Program. The Purple Belt is aimed at agricultural conservation, with no or limited public access, and only if that would be acceptable to an individual property owner.

The Purple Belt includes identification of priority areas based on a set of criteria. The intent is that properties that meet more of the criteria listed would more likely be suitable to pursue for conservation. Priority areas are identified as: pink = high priority; green = moderate priority; and blue = low priority. These areas are illustrative in nature and do not represent firm boundary lines. The intent of identifying these areas is to provide guidance on where to focus conservation efforts. The priority criteria for properties include: active agricultural operations; size; contiguous to other agriculturally productive property; susceptibility to development; visibility from major roads and highways; and aesthetic value.

The program provides numerous implementation tools to pursue such as grants, tax credit programs (e.g. Farm Bill), development based programs (ag clusters, TDCs, ag mitigation), and tax-based funding through special districts and tax revenue programs.

The City and program partners such as the County recognize that the Purple Belt program will be implemented over time as resources to pursue programs becomes available. There are specific tasks required to be performed to ensure success of the program, including outreach and education to assist agriculturalists about programs available to them, as well as fundraising to seek financial opportunities, and administration of the overall program. City staff anticipates starting out slowly with a phased program and pursuing the easiest resources and activities first.

As mentioned above, the Purple Belt Program implements several policies in the General Plan that specifically direct the City to pursue this program. The program is also consistent with several aspects of the City's Economic Strategy, and the Gateway Design Standards. Additionally, the program is consistent with the County's draft Conservation & Open Space Element, Agricultural Element, and the County's adopted Strategic Growth Principles. Finally, the program supports and is consistent with the regional Community 2050 Blueprint Plan, and recent State legislation.

The Planning Commission reviewed the draft program on July 28, 2009, and recommended a few specific items for Council consideration. First, the Commission believes Purple Belt preservation should apply to agricultural properties inside as well as outside of the City limits. Second, the Commission recommends that the City pursue a MOU with the County to ensure that both agencies incorporate "Purple Belt" policies in their respective planning documents and agree on the importance of working collaboratively to implement the Purple Belt Program. Finally, the Commission suggested the agricultural buffer policies remain flexible so that they can address site specific, unique circumstances for properties in proximity to agricultural operations on a case-by-case basis.

An environmental analysis was prepared for the Purple Belt Program. No environmental impacts were identified, and therefore a Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with CEQA.

Options:

After opening the public hearing and taking public testimony, the City Council is requested to take one of the actions listed below:

- a. By separate motions: 1) adopt the Negative Declaration; and 2) adopt the Purple Belt Program.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above-listed action.
- c. Request additional information and analysis.

Staff Report Prepared By: Susan DeCarli, AICP

Attachments:

- 1. Draft Purple Belt Plan
- 2. Initial Study and Negative Declaration
- 3. Resolution to adopt the Negative Declaration
- 4. Resolution to adopt the Purple Belt Program
- 5. Newspaper Notice

Attachment 1 Paso Robles Purple Belt Program

Previously distributed to City Council

Available for public review on the City's website at: www.prcity.com and on reserve in the City Library and Community Development Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST FORM CITY OF PASO ROBLES

1. PROJECT TITLE:

Purple Belt Program

Concurrent Entitlements:

2. LEAD AGENCY:

City of Paso Robles 1000 Spring Street Paso Robles, CA 93446

Contact: Phone: Email:

Susan DeCarli, AICP (805) 237-3970 sdecarli@prcity.com

3. PROJECT LOCATION:

See attached Study Area, Exhibit B

4. PROJECT PROPONENT:

City of Paso Robles

Contact Person:

Susan DeCarli, AICP, Project Manager (805) 237-3970

Phone: Email:

sdecarli@prcity.com

5. GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION:

Not applicable

6. ZONING:

Not applicable

7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Purple Belt Program is comprehensive agricultural conservation study. It identifies a generalized geographic area where the City and the County of San Luis Obispo may pursue agricultural conservation and preservation programs. It includes potential tools to pursue and funding sources. The program also provides a strategy for administering the program and a phased action plan.

The objectives of the plan are to: support of the region's agricultural economy; provide tools to assist property owners to continue agricultural operations on their property; maintain the rural, agrarian landscape; and create an ultimate urban growth boundary.

The program is consistent with local plans and policies including the City's General Plan and Economic Strategy, as well as the County's Conservation and Open Space Element, Agriculture Element and Strategic Growth Principles, and the regional Community 2050 Blueprint Plan.

- **8. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:** The general project boundaries are from Templeton to the south, San Miguel in the north, Creston/Shandon to the east and areas west of Paso Robles.
- 9. OTHER AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED (AND PERMITS NEEDED): None.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.						
	Aesthetics		Agriculture Resources		Air Quality	
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Geology/Soils	
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards & Hazardous Materials		Hydrology / Water Quality	
	Land Use / Planning		Mineral Resources		Noise	
	Population / Housing		Public Services		Recreation	
	Transportation/Traffic		Utilities / Service Systems		Mandatory Findings of Significance	
	RMINATION: (To be comp		by the Lead Agency)			
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	there will not be a signific	ant effe ne proje	project could have a significated in this case because revision ect proponent. A MITIGATE and.	ons in t	the project have been	
	I find that the proposed pr ENVIRONMENTAL IME		IAY have a significant effect REPORT is required.	on the	environment, and an	
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.					
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.					
Signa	Su Del	lu	l.		July 13, 2009 Date	

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved. Answers should address off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3. "Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4. "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from ""Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- 5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a. the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b. the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. A	ESTHETICS: Would the project:				
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				X
	Discussion: Implementation of the Purple Belt may be preserved through this program.	will likely hav	e a beneficial impac	et on scenic vist	as since they
b.	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				х
	Discussion: Implementation of the Purple Belt they may be preserved through this program.	will likely hav	e a beneficial impa	ct on scenic reso	ources since
c.	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				X
	Discussion: The program would apply to more will likely have a beneficial impact on visual quality program.	than one indiviality of the stu	ridual site. Implemental and area since they	entation of the F may be preserve	Purple Belt ed through
d.	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? (Sources: 1, 2, 10)				х
	Discussion: Implementation of the Purple Belt light and glare since the program will reduce de	will likely have velopment rel	ve a beneficial impa ated impacts in rura	ct on potential s l areas.	ources of
env Ass	AGRICULTURE RESOURCES: In determinity ironmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the sessment Model (1997) prepared by the Californial essing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Wou	e California A ia Dept. of Cor	gricultural Land Ev nservation as an opt	aluation and Sit	e
a.	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				X
	Discussion: Since the project is an agricultural agricultural resources.	conservation	program, it will hav	e a beneficial in	npact on
b.	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				X
	Discussion: See IIa above.				
c.	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or				X

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No Impact

nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?

Discussion: See IIa above.

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III	III. AIR QUALITY: Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:							
a.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? (Source: 11)				X			
	Discussion: Sections IIIa-e – The Purple Belt communities to focus new development in urba reduce vehicle mile trips and help control nega	anized areas inst	ead of rural areas					
b.	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? (Source: 11)				X			
	Discussion:							
c.	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? (Source: 11)				X			
	Discussion:							
d.	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? (Source: 11)				X			
	Discussion:							
e.	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? (Source: 11)				X			
	Discussion:							
		Contractor.		THE TAX STREET				
	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the pro	oject:						
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X			
	Discussion: IV a-f, As a conservation program resources.	, it will likely h	ave a beneficial in	npact on biologi	cal			

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b.	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?			,	X
	Discussion:				
c.	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				X
	Discussion:				
d.	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				X
	Discussion:				
e.	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				X
	Discussion:				
f.	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				X
	Discussion:				
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v. a.	CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project Cause a substantial adverse change in the				
	significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	Ц	Ш	Ц	Х
	Discussion: V a-d, not applicable.				

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b.	sig	use a substantial adverse change in the nificance of an archaeological resource suant to §15064.5?				X
	Dis	cussion:				
c.	pal	ectly or indirectly destroy a unique eontological resource or site or unique blogic feature?				X
	Dis	cussion:				
d.		turb any human remains, including those erred outside of formal cemeteries?				X
	Dis	cussion:				
VI.	GE	OLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:	and the Saint	William Control of the Control of th		
a.	sub	oose people or structures to potential stantial adverse effects, including the risk oss, injury, or death involving:				
	i.	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. (Sources: 1, 2, & 3)				X
		Discussion: VI a-e, not applicable.				
	ii.	Strong seismic ground shaking? (Sources: 1, 2, & 3)				X
		Discussion:				
	iii.	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? (Sources: 1, 2 & 3)				
		Discussion:				
	iv.	Landslides?				X
		Discussion:				
	b.	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? (Sources: 1, 2, & 3)				X
		Discussion:				

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c.	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				Х
	Discussion:				
d.	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				X
	Discussion:				
e.	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				X
	Discussion:				
VI	I. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Wou	ld the project:			Was zell wall was
a.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				X
	Discussion: VII $a - b$, As a land conservation gas emissions, since it is intended to conserve greenhouse gas emissions.	program it may land from deve	have a beneficial i lopment which wou	mpact related to ald otherwise re	greenhouse sult in
b.	Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gasses?				X
	Discussion:				
VI	II. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATER	IALS: Would	the project:		
a.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				X
	Discussion: VIII a – h, not applicable.				
b.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials				X

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	into the environment?		,		
	Discussion:				
C.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X
	Discussion:				
d.	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				Х
	Discussion:				
e.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				х
	Discussion:				
f.	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
	Discussion:				
g.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
	Discussion:				
h.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				х
	Discussion:				
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a.	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: We Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	would the proje	ct:		X
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	Discussion: Not applicable.				
b.	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., Would the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? Would decreased rainfall infiltration or groundwater recharge reduce stream baseflow? (Source: 7)				X
	Discussion: As a land conservation program it most agricultural crops (e.g. vineyards and row The program will encourage continued agricultural any applicable water conservation requirements substantially deplete groundwater supplies.	crops) use grou ural activities.	undwater (well) res Property owners w	ources for their ould need to co	operations. mply with
c.	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or offsite? (Source: 10)				X
	Discussion: IX c – l, not applicable.				
d.	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? (Source: 10)				X
	Discussion:				
e.	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? (Source: 10)				х
	Discussion:				
f.	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				X
	Discussion:	_	_	_	
g.	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard				X

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	Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				
	Discussion:				
h.	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				X
	Discussion:				
i.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				X
	Discussion:				
j.	Inundation by mudflow? Discussion:				X
k.	Conflict with any Best Management Practices found within the City's Storm Water Management Plan?				X
	Discussion:				
l.	Substantially decrease or degrade watershed storage of runoff, wetlands, riparian areas, aquatic habitat, or associated buffer zones?				X
	Discussion:				
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a.	LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the proj Physically divide an established community?				X
	Discussion: As a land conservation program, it	would not phys	sically divide an est	ablished comm	unity.
b.	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				x
	Discussion: The Purple Belt Program is consisted plans.	ent with the Cit	ry and County Gene	eral Plan and oth	er adopted
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c.	Conflict with any applicable habitat				X

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conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

Discussion: As a land conservation plan, it will likely benefit habitat plans.

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XI.	MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project:				
a.	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? (Source: 1)				x
	Discussion: XI a & b, not applicable.				
b.	Result in the loss of availability of a locally- important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? (Source: 1)				X
	Discussion:				
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XI	I. NOISE: Would the project result in:				
a.	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? (Source: 1)				X
	Discussion: XII $a - e$, not applicable.				
b.	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				X
	Discussion:				
c.	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				X
	Discussion:				
d.	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				X
	Discussion:				
e.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X

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	(Sources: 1, 4)				
	Discussion:				
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XI	II. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would t	he project:			
a.	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? (Source: 1)				X
	Discussion: XIII a – c, the Purple Belt Program	n will not impa	ct housing or popul	ation.	
b.	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
	Discussion:				
c.	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
	Discussion:				
pro fac	V. PUBLIC SERVICES: Would the project responsion of new or physically altered governmenta cilities, the construction of which could cause significant ratios, response times or other performance of Fire protection? (Sources: 1,10)	l facilities, need nificant environ	d for new or physica mental impacts, in	ally altered gove order to maintai	ernmental
a.	Discussion: XIV a - e, not applicable.			_	
b.	Police protection? (Sources: 1,10) Discussion:				X
c.	Schools?				X
	Discussion:				
d.	Parks? Discussion:				X
e.	Other public facilities? (Sources: 1,10) Discussion:				X

XV. RECREATION

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				X
	Discussion: XV a & b, not applicable.				
b.	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				X
	Discussion:				
XV	I. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC: Would to	he project:			
a.	Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?				X
	Discussion: XVI $a - g$, the project would likely encourages urban development in existing urba communities. This may result in less urban sprimpacts.	n areas through	n conservation of ru	ral lands surrou	nding
b.	Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				X
	Discussion:				
c.	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?		<u>п</u>		X
	Discussion:				
d.	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible				X

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	uses (e.g., farm equipment)?		incorporated		
	Discussion:				
e.	Result in inadequate emergency access? Discussion:				X
f.	Result in inadequate parking capacity?				X
	Discussion:				
g.	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				X
	Discussion:				
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XV	II. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS:	Would the proje	ect:		
a.	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				X
	Discussion: XVII a – g, not applicable.				
b.	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
	Discussion:				
c.	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
	Discussion:				
d.	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				Х
	Discussion:				
e.	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project=s projected demand in				X
	to serve the project=s projected demand in	16			

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	addition to the provider=s existing commitments?				
	Discussion:				
f.	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				X
	Discussion:				
g.	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				X
	Discussion:				
N.V.	III. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFI	CANCE			AND SECTION
	Does the project have the potential to	CANCE			
a.	degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				X
	Discussion: The Purple Belt Program would lil not substantially reduce the habitat of fish or w since it is a land conservation program.	kely have a be ildlife species,	neficial impact to th cause a decline in f	e environment, īsh or wildlife p	and would opulation
b.	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				Х
	Discussion: The Purple Belt Program would libresult in cumulative impacts.	kely have a be	neficial impact the o	environment and	d would not
c.	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				X
Discussion: The Purple Belt Program would likely have a beneficial impact the environment and human beings.					
Exl	aibits:				

A – Purple Belt Program B – Purple Belt Study Area

EARLIER ANALYSIS AND BACKGROUND MATERIALS.

Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, one or more effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D).

Earlier Documents Prepared and Utilized in this Analysis and Background / Explanatory Materials

Reference #	Document Title	Available for Review at:
1	City of Paso Robles General Plan	City of Paso Robles Community Development Department 1000 Spring Street Paso Robles, CA 93446
2	City of Paso Robles Zoning Code	Same as above
3	City of Paso Robles Environmental Impact Report for General Plan Update	Same as above
4	2005 Airport Land Use Plan	Same as above
5	City of Paso Robles Municipal Code	Same as above
6	City of Paso Robles Water Master Plan	Same as above
7	City of Paso Robles Urban Water Management Plan 2005	Same as above
8	City of Paso Robles Sewer Master Plan	Same as above
9	City of Paso Robles Housing Element	Same as above
10	City of Paso Robles Standard Conditions of Approval for New Development	Same as above
11	San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District Guidelines for Impact Thresholds	APCD 3433 Roberto Court San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
12	San Luis Obispó County – Land Use Element	San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning County Government Center San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
13	USDA, Soils Conservation Service, Soil Survey of San Luis Obispo County, Paso Robles Area, 1983	Soil Conservation Offices Paso Robles, Ca 93446

RESOLUTION NO:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PURPLE BELT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles adopted the 2003 General Plan which includes several policies directing the City to prepare a Purple Belt Program to conserve agricultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robes has prepared the Purple Belt Program to fulfill General Plan policies; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Belt Program is consistent with the 2006 Economic Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Belt Program identifies prioritized "Study Areas" in the surrounding vicinity to focus land conservation efforts where properties meet specific criteria identified in the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Belt Program includes implementation tools to pursue, and identifies potential funding sources and partners for land conservation; and

WHEREAS, should the City (or the County) proceed with specific implementation tools identified in the Purple Belt Program that require modifications to City (or County) regulations, such as development codes or other planning documents, those actions may require project-specific environmental analyses if those actions are a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the (CEQA) to evaluate whether this project would result in environmental impacts, and the City has determined that this Purple Belt Program will not result in significant environmental impacts, and may also result in beneficial impacts as a result of preserving agricultural resources and open space; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the City's Procedures for Implementing CEQA, an Initial Study and a Draft Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, no public comments or responses were received in regard to the Draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study prepared for this project; and

WHEREAS, Public Notice of the proposed Draft Negative Declaration was posted as required by Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission on July 28, 2009 and City Council on September 1, 2009 to consider the Initial Study and the proposed Negative Declaration prepared for the proposed project, and to accept public testimony on the Purple Belt Program and environmental determination; and

Attachment 3 Resolution for Negative Declaration

WHEREAS, based on the information and analysis contained in the Initial Study prepared for this project and testimony received as a result of the public notice, the City Council finds that there is no substantial evidence that there would be a significant impact on the environment as a result of implementation of the Purple Belt Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, based on its independent judgment, that it does hereby adopt a Negative Declaration for the Purple Belt Program in accordance with the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City's Procedures for Implementing CEQA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st day of September, 2009, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	
ATTEST:	DUANE PICANCO, MAYOR
CATHY M. DAVID, DEPUTY CITY CLERK	

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby adopt the Purple Belt Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st day of September, 2009 by the following Roll Call Vote:

AYES: NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	
	DUANE PICANCO, MAYOR
ATTEST:	
CATHY M. DAVID, DEPUTY CITY CLERK	

Attachment 5 Newspaper Notice

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

LEGAL NEWSPAPER NOTICES

PLANNING COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL PROJECT NOTICING

Newspaper:	Tribune
Date of Publication:	July 17, 2009
Hearing Date:	August 18, 2009 (City Council)
Project:	Purple Belt Program
I, <u>Lonnie Do</u>	olan, employee of the Community
Development l	Department, Planning Division, of the Cit
of El Paso de F	Robles, do hereby certify that this notice is
a true copy of	a published legal newspaper notice for the
above named p	oroject.

CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of El Paso de Robles, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California, in the City Council Chambers, to consider the City of Paso Robles "Purple Bett" Program, and to consider adoption of a Negative Declaration (statement that there will be no significant environmental effects) in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following project:

City of Paso Robles Purple Belt Program. This program provides a set of implementation strategies and tools for use by landowners interested in pursuing agricultural conservation on their property.

The proposed Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the Community Development Department, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California. Copies may be purchased for the cost of reproduction. The 30-day public comment period for the Negative Declaration is July 20, 2009 to August 18, 2009.

Written comments on the proposed City of Paso Robles Purple Belt Program and corresponding Negative Declaration may be mailed to the Community Development Department, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446, provided that the comments are received prior to the time of the public hearing. Oral comments may be made at the hearing. Should you have any questions regarding this application, please call Susan DeCarli at (805) 237-3970.

If you challenge this project or Negative Declaration application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the public hearing.

Susan DeCarli, AICP City Planner July 17, 2009

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Signed:

Lonnie Dolan