

RESOLUTION NO. 04-010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
DIRECTING STAFF TO PETITION TO SWRCB FOR A LICENSE
TO DIVERT WATER FROM THE SALINAS RIVER

WHEREAS, the City currently holds a permit from the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") to divert water from the Salinas River at a diversion rate of 8 CFS and an annual diversion cap of 4,600 acre-feet

WHEREAS, IN 1981 the City applied for and received a time extension granting ten years for the City to construct water production facilities to produce 4,600 acre-feet. A second 10-year extension was granted in 1992.

WHEREAS, during the most recent ten-year period, the City conducted exploration well drilling in areas under the Salinas River. Three wells were drilled and due to unsatisfactory production or water quality problems, the wells were abandoned.

WHEREAS, In 2002, the City's time extension expired and the SWRCB Staff informed the City that a new time extension would be difficult to obtain.

WHEREAS, in October 2003, City staff met with SWRCB staff to discuss converting the City's Salinas River wells permit to a license. The SWRCB staff informed the City that it would grant a license based on the highest historical production quantities between years 1992 and 2002. During this time period the maximum production quantities were 3,934 acre-feet at a diversion rate of 8.0 CFS; and

WHEREAS, the City has been able to divert 3,934 acre-feet annually, and because of environmental and permit uncertainties, it would be prudent for the City to petition the SWRCB to convert the City's Salinas River wells permit to a license, to divert an annual amount of 3,934 acre-feet at a diversion rate of 8.0 CFS.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby direct staff to petition the SWRCB for a license to divert water from the Salinas River at an annual quantity of 3,934 acre-feet at a diversion rate of 8.0 CFS.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 6th day of January 2004 by the following vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk