

RESOLUTION NO: 12-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
ADOPTING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 12-003 REGARDING POST-CONSTRUCTION STORM
WATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) established a program that requires local agencies participating in the Central Coast Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regional “Joint Effort” for hydromodification control needs to adopt enforceable local post-construction storm water management regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robles is a participant in the regional “Joint Effort”; and

WHEREAS, the City’s General Plan was adopted in 2003 prior to development of post-construction hydromodification storm water management criteria; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 General Plan does not include policy guidance to carry out the directive from the RWQCB to adopt local post-construction storm water management regulations, and in some areas the existing General Plan has language that is contrary to new storm water management criteria; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared amendments to the General Plan Land Use, Circulation and Conservation Elements, as provided in Exhibit A, to include policy language that supports development of storm water management programs and regulations consistent with the requirements of the RWQCB; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the City’s Procedures for Implementing CEQA, an environmental analysis was conducted for General Plan Amendment 12-003 and a draft Negative Declaration was prepared for this project, which is included under a separate resolution; and

WHEREAS, based upon the facts and analysis presented in the staff report and the attachments thereto, the public testimony received, the City Council makes the following findings:

1. The amendments to the Land Use, Circulation and Conservation Elements of the 2003 General Plan adds policy language to support implementation of post-construction storm water management criteria consistent with the directive of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.
2. The amendments to the Land Use, Circulation and Conservation Elements of the 2003 General Plan includes language to correct policy inconsistencies with the directive of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 13, 2012, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed General Plan Amendment and took the following actions:

- a. Considered the facts and analysis, as presented in the staff report for the proposed amendment;
- b. Conducted a public hearing to obtain public testimony on the proposed amendment;
- c. In accordance with CEQA, recommended the City Council adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed amendment;
- d. Recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on December 18, 2012 the City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed General Plan Amendment and took the following actions:

- a. Considered the facts and analysis, as presented in the staff report prepared for the proposed amendment;
- b. Considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the amendment and concurred with the Planning Commission's recommendation.
- c. Conducted a public hearing to obtain public testimony on the proposed amendment;
- d. Based on its independent judgment and in accordance with CEQA, the City Council adopted a Negative Declaration for this amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of El Paso de Robles does hereby adopt General Plan Amendment 12-003.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th day of December, 2012 by the following Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Hamon, Steinbeck, Martin, Strong, Picanco

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:



Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk

Exhibit A
GPA 12-003

The Policies and Action Items in the Land Use, Circulation, and Conservations Elements are hereby amended as set forth below. New policies and action items are indicated in **bold text**; deletions are indicated in ~~strike-through text~~.

Land Use Element

1. Action Item 2 (Quality of Life) implementing Policy LU-2D, Neighborhoods, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Preserve health and safety, and strengthen the integrity of distinct and identifiable neighborhoods and districts, by protecting local streets from cut through traffic, speeding, parking intrusion, and traffic congestion and by implementing traffic calming measures.

- a. Maintain/enhance traffic flow of arterial streets bordering residential neighborhoods, and develop neighborhood traffic management plans where deemed appropriate.
 - b. Provide well designed streets that provide for multiple benefits including public safety, mobility and storm water management. Integrate storm water management design features in an aesthetically pleasing manner to; intercept pollutants in storm water, recharge ground water, reduce storm water volume and velocity on streets that drain to the Salinas River, Huer Huero Creek, and other smaller tributaries for purposes of protecting and preserving riparian habitats and enhancing water resources.**
2. Policy LU-2K implementing Goal LU-2 and Action Item 1 implementing the new policy are hereby established to read as follows.

LU-2K: Support environmental responsibility. Manage the natural landscape to preserve the natural beauty and rural identity of the community, which enhances ecological functions and maintains environmental and public health.

Action Item 1. Require new development, either on public or private property, to mitigate its share of impacts from storm water on the natural environment through implementation of Low-Impact Development (LID) storm water management features.

Circulation Element

1. Policy CE-1A, Circulation Master Plan, is hereby amended to add item “g” as shown below.

POLICY CE-1A. Circulation Master Plan. Revise/update the City’s Circulation Master Plan to address the mobility needs of all users of the streets, roads and highways including

bicyclists, children, and persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors as follows:

- a. Improve the circulation network on a prioritized basis;
 - b. Provide adequate access for emergency vehicles and evacuation;
 - c. Improve mobility through and access to Downtown Paso Robles by implementing City Council adopted Town Center and Uptown Plans;
 - d. Establish safe pedestrian and bicycle paths, for children and their parents to schools and other major destinations such as downtown, retail and job centers;
 - e. Maintain mobility for all modes by encouraging flexible and off-set working hours; transit improvements; pedestrian and bikeway improvements; and public outreach as to the availability and benefit of alternative modes of travel;
 - f. Require new development to mitigate its impact on the transportation network;
 - g. Utilize roadways to achieve multiple environmental benefits through integration of Low-Impact Development storm water management features in City streets.**
2. Action Item 5 implementing Policy CE-1A, Circulation Master Plan, is hereby amended to read as follows.

Action Item 5. Update the Zoning, Subdivision, Streets and Sidewalk chapters of the Municipal Code, as well as the Standard Conditions of Approval and Standard Specifications and Details. These updates shall reflect a “complete streets” approach where all modes of travel are routinely accommodated, **and environmental benefits would result from integration of LID storm water management facilities in streets and sidewalks.**

Conservation Element

1. Action Item 2 implementing Policy C-1A, Water Source, Supply, and Distribution, is hereby amended to read as follows.

Action 2. Investigate and implement, if feasible, basin recharge programs through non-traditional methods. Such programs may include the following: storm drainage system design **integrating Low-Impact Development (LID) features to reduce hydromodification from development and other improvements to recharge the ground water aquifer** to discharge to aquifer recharge areas; developing/improving water recharge along historic drainage patterns along/adjacent to creeks and/or rivers; and/or developing recycled wastewater programs including basin recharge.
2. Action Item 5 implementing Policy C-1A, Water Source, Supply, and Distribution, is hereby amended to read as follows.

Action Item 5. Maintain potable water quality via the following measures:

- a. Continue to monitor City water supplies wells for water quality requirements of the Department of Health Services and other regulatory agencies.
- b. Encourage minimization of applications of agricultural chemical fertilizers and pesticides and enforce conservative application of agricultural waters.
- c. Provide treatment and distribution systems needed to assure conveyance of potable water that meets all water regulations.
- d. Incorporate LID features with all development in compliance with the “Joint Effort” permit requirements to filter and clean storm water through natural systems before it enters surface and groundwater resource supplies.**

3. Policy C-1C, Storm Drainage is hereby amended to read as follows.

Policy C-1C. Storm Drainage. Provide storm drain systems that efficiently and safely mitigate flood risk, **while effectively managing storm water through implementation of LID features, so that downstream runoff is limited to pre-development volumes and velocity before it is conveyed** ~~conveying run-off~~ to the Salinas River, and Huerhuero Creek, **and their tributaries.**

4. Action Item 2 implementing Policy C-1C, Storm Drainage is hereby amended to read as follows.

Action Item 2. Establish revised development standards as may be appropriate that include but are not limited to the following:

- a. For large developments that feature substantial amounts of impervious surfaces, detain water flows to prevent overflow of waterways and inundation of developed areas.
- b. Direct surface water runoff from developed areas to **LID storm water features on the development site** ~~to storm-water detention facilities~~. The facilities should be designed to both mitigate flow flows while providing safe and efficient low-flow conveyance.
- c. Maintain natural streams to provide, at minimum, flow capacity for 100-year storm conditions.
- d. Conduct flood plain acquisition and promote groundwater recharge to preserve the floodway, protect riparian habitats and to enhance water resource,** flood control projects, and recharge programs to accommodate increased runoff from new development. These programs should be funded by developers, at rates proportional to the projected increase in runoff associated with their developments.