

RESOLUTION NO. 14-064

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
TO ALLOCATE SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO RESTORATION OF CENTENNIAL CREEK
AND PROTECTION OF A SEWER LINE

WHEREAS, Centennial Creek is a natural waterway that flows along a greenbelt trail through Centennial Park. This same corridor has a major trunk sewer that serves the surrounding developed areas.

WHEREAS, the creek section between Lana Street and Centennial Park is sparsely vegetated, eroded, and functions as a straightened drainage channel rather than a natural waterway. Downward cutting creek erosion has exposed a private sewer lateral and threatens to expose and undermine a City sewer line and manholes.

WHEREAS, the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (RCD) has developed a project to restore Centennial Creek. The restoration project will:

- Restore and stabilize 400 feet of creek bank;
- Decrease the velocity of flow that is entering the creek from the conventional storm drain system;
- Improve groundwater recharge by slowing and spreading the flow of stormwater runoff;
- Improve vegetative health and density
- Cover and protect sewer lines from erosion; and
- Partially fulfill the requirements of the City's Municipal Stormwater Permit by educating residents through restoration demonstrations and signage.

WHEREAS, the RCD will coordinate all phases of the project, including design, permitting, public outreach, installation, and monitoring. The RCD applied for and has been tentatively awarded a \$41,950 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to implement the Centennial Creek Restoration Project.

WHEREAS, award of the grant is contingent on pledges of matching funds from various organizations, including \$28,000 in cash from the City of Paso Robles.

WHEREAS, continued erosion of Centennial Creek is an ongoing threat to a major City sewer and could lead to a public health problem if not addressed.

WHEREAS, an expenditure of \$28,000 would not adversely impact the Sewer Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby allocates \$28,000 of Sewer Enterprise Funds to the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District, for the City's contribution to the Centennial Creek Restoration Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles this 6th day of May 2014, by the following votes:

AYES: Strong, Martin, Steinbeck, Hamon, Picanco

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk

Duane Picanco, Mayor