RESOLUTION NO: 00-049

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES GRANTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION STATUS FOR A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SPHERE AMENDMENT 2000-001; SOUTHEAST AREA)

WHEREAS, North Coast Engineering, representing property owners within the approximately 212 acre area bounded by Meadowlark Road on the north, Beechwood Drive on the west, Creston Road on the south, and the PG&E power lines on the east, as illustrated in the attached Exhibit "A", is filing an application with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to amend the City's Sphere of Influence to include the subject properties; and

WHEREAS, the existing General Plan and Zoning designation within the County of San Luis Obispo is Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Plan designation for the subject properties is Residential Single Family, 3 units per acre (RSF-3), as established in the 1991 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is bounded by the City of Paso Robles on the north and east sides; and

WHEREAS, the City's Planning Commission has recommended to the City Council that if the City's Sphere of Influence is amended that this geographic area would be the most logical extension of future City jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2000 and August 15, 2000, the Paso Robles City Council authorized the filing of an application to amend the City's Sphere of Influence to include this geographic area; and

WHEREAS, the Sphere of Influence is defined by LAFCO as "A plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency. The area around a local agency within which territory is eligible for annexation and the extension of urban services within a twenty year period."; and

WHEREAS, the subject properties included within the "Planning Impact Area" in the City's General Plan are designated as to anticipated land use intensity if and when the properties are considered for annexation, and are addressed in City Master Plans for utility extensions; and

WHEREAS, the City's intent in supporting the proposed Sphere of Influence amendment is to provide a basis for more detailed land use and infrastructure planning, including but not limited to fiscal impact analysis, prior to consideration for possible annexation; and

WHEREAS, prior to annexation and prior to development, any specific project to use the property would be subject to environmental review and consideration of mitigation measures that would be in proportion to the particular development plan; and

WHEREAS, a noticed public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission on August 22, 2000, to consider the initial study prepared for this application, and to accept public testimony regarding this proposed Negative Declaration for the Southeast Area Sphere Amendment: and

WHEREAS, until the subject properties are part of an approved application for annexation, the land uses in the area cannot be changed by the City of Paso Robles and there will, therefore, be no change in or effect on the physical environment, and the proposed Sphere Amendment will not have a significant environmental impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the City's independent judgment, the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve a Negative Declaration for Sphere Amendment 2000-001.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd day of August, 2000 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	FINIGAN, JOHNSON, McCARTHY, NEMETH, TASCONA, WARNKE
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	STEINBECK
	CHAIRMAN GARY NEMETH
ATTEST:	
ROBERT A	LATA SECRETARY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

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