

RESOLUTION NO: 06-0007

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
THE SALINAS RIVER TRAIL PLAN DESIGN
MISC. 05-008**

WHEREAS, an application to construct a pedestrian trail within the Salinas River Corridor has been proposed (Misc. 05-008), filed by Upper Salinas River – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pedestrian trail is proposed to be located between Larry Moore Park and the Albertsons Shopping center; and

WHEREAS, the proposed trail plan is consistent with and implements General Plan goals, policies, and actions to enhance recreational pedestrian amenities within the Salinas River Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the environmental assessment has identified several beneficial impacts that will likely result from construction of this trail including, but not limited to: potentially reducing air pollution by reducing the need to drive to retail areas from neighboring areas; restoring and enhancing the riparian corridor by removing non-native plantings; reducing erosion and providing slope stabilization by planting native plants within the corridor; and enhancing the biological diversity and stability by planting native plants; 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, no public comments or responses were received in regard to the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study; and

WHEREAS, Public Notice of the proposed Mitigated 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 January 10, 2006 and February 14, 2006 to consider the Initial Study and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the proposed trail project, and to accept public testimony on the trail plan and environmental determination; and

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 Planning Commission finds that there is no substantial evidence that there would be a significant impact on the environment as a result of the development and operation of the proposed project. This finding is based on the Mitigation Monitoring Program included in the General Plan Environmental Impact Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles, based on its independent judgment, that it does hereby adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Misc. 05-008 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 14th day of February, 2006 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioners – Flynn, Menath, Holstine, Withers, Steinbeck and Chair Hamon
NOES:	Commissioners – None
ABSENT:	Commissioner - Mattke
ABSTAIN:	Commissioners - None

CHAIRMAN JOHN HAMON

ATTEST:

JOHN FALKENSTIEN, PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY