

RESOLUTION NO.: 06-0051

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
TO GRANT TENTATIVE MAP APPROVAL FOR
PARCEL MAP PR 05-0381
(MONDO GRAPE CRUSH)

APN: 025-431-0031

WHEREAS, Parcel Map PR 05-0381, an application filed by John McCarthy, on behalf of Airport Road Business Park LP/ Doug Mondo to subdivide a 25-acre site into two parcels where lot 1 would be 7.1 acres and Lot 2 would be 17.72 acres; and

WHEREAS, the site is located at 2550 Dry Creek Road, west end of Dry Creek Road, west of Airport Road; and

WHEREAS, the subject site is located in the Business Park (BP) land use category and the AP-PD zoning district; and

WHEREAS, wineries / grape crush facilities are permitted in the AP-PD zoning district and;

WHEREAS, the property is within and surrounded by existing vineyards, the subdivision and the construction of the grape crush facility would be compatible with the existing land use; 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 was prepared and circulated for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, based on the information and analysis contained in the Initial Study, a determination has been made that the proposed Project qualifies for adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission on June 27, 2006, to consider facts as presented in the staff report prepared for the tentative parcel map, and to accept public testimony regarding the application; and

WHEREAS, based upon the facts and analysis presented in the staff report, public testimony received and subject to the conditions listed below, the Planning Commission makes the following findings as required by Government Code Sections 66474 and 65457:

1. The proposed tentative parcel map is consistent with the adopted General Plan for the City of El Paso de Robles in that it provides for clean and attractive businesses and industries in which as activities are conducted indoors;
2. As conditioned the design of lots, streets, open space, drainage, sewers, water and other improvements is consistent with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance;
3. The site is physically suitable for the type of development proposed as demonstrated with the proposed development concept plan provided;
4. The site is physically suitable for the proposed density of development;
5. The design of the land division is not likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and unavoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat;
6. The design of the land division and types of improvements proposed are not likely to cause serious public health problems;
7. The design of the land division and the type of improvements proposed will not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of, property within the proposed subdivision;
8. The fulfillment of the requirements listed in the conditions below are a necessary prerequisite to the orderly development of the site and surrounding area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles, does hereby grant tentative map approval for Parcel Map PR 05-0381 subject to the following conditions of approval:

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

1. The applicant/developer shall comply with those standard conditions which are indicated as applicable in "Exhibit A" to this resolution.

SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

NOTE: In the event of conflict or duplication between standard and site specific conditions, the site specific condition shall supersede the standard condition.

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2. The project shall be constructed so as to substantially conform with the following listed exhibit and conditions established by this resolution:

<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	Tentative Parcel Map

3. PR 05-0381 would allow the subdivision of the existing 25-acre site into two lots where Parcel 1 would be 7.1 acres and Parcel 2 would be 17.72 acres.
4. Pursuant to submittal requirements and Standard Condition B-1 of Attachment A, prior to occupancy the applicant shall provide on a 3.5 inch disk or IBM-compatible CD a copy of all signed and stamped approved plans, exhibits, resolutions, and all submittal materials and other documentation pertaining to approval of this application for electronic archiving. The applicant may elect to have the City send out the documents for scanning at the applicant's expense.
5. Prior to the recordation of the final map, the two RV trailers on site will need to be removed or brought into compliance with Section 21.20.231 of the Zoning Code, which could allow the use of an RV as a temporary residence with a valid building permit.
6. The following Kit Fox mitigation measures shall be completed as indicated by Dan Meade in his letter received on March 22, 2006:

BR-1 Prior to issuance of grading and/or construction permits, the applicant shall submit evidence to the City of Paso Robles (see contact information below) that states that one or a combination of the following four San Joaquin kit fox mitigation measures has been implemented:

- a. Provide for the protection in perpetuity, through acquisition of fee or a conservation easement of **.34** acres of suitable habitat in the kit fox corridor area (e.g. within the San Luis Obispo County kit fox habitat area, northwest of Highway 58), either on-site or off-site, and provide for a non-wasting endowment to provide for management and monitoring of the property in perpetuity. Lands to be conserved shall be subject to the review and approval of the California Department of Fish and Game (Department) and the City.

This mitigation alternative (a.), requires that all aspects of this program must be in place before City permit issuance or initiation of any ground disturbing activities.

- b. Purchase **.34** credits in a Department-approved conservation bank, which would provide for the protection in perpetuity of suitable habitat within the kit fox corridor

area and provide for a non-wasting endowment for management and monitoring of the property in perpetuity.

At this time, there is no approved conservation bank that is operational in San Luis Obispo County. A conservation bank is expected to be operational in the near future. Purchase of credits must be completed prior to City permit issuance and initiation of any ground disturbing activities.

- c. The mitigation obligation for impacts to kit fox habitat from Tentative Parcel Map PR 05-0381, can be met by the applicant entering into an Agreement and Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate Conservations Lands with Robert A. Grant, Sr., Successor Trustee of The Grant Family Trust dated October 19, 1993, and Robert Grant, Jr. (the "Grants") and the Department of Fish and Game ("Department"), under which applicant will pay the Grants to commit to protect .34 acres of kit fox habitat, on certain real property owned by the Grants in San Luis Obispo County, by obligating credits from the anticipated Palo Prieto Conservation Bank, if such bank is approved by the Department on or before June 30, 2006, or by providing a conservation easement to the Department over such 70 acres of habitat lands, if the Conservation Bank has not been approved by June 30, 2006.
- d. If none of the above measures (a, b, or c) are available, the applicant may enter into a Mitigation Agreement with the Department, including depositing of funds into an escrow account (or other means of securing funds acceptable to the Department) which would ensure the protection in perpetuity of .34 acres of suitable habitat within the kit fox corridor area and provide for a non-wasting endowment for management and monitoring in perpetuity. The Department can provide a draft agreement to review; a signed Mitigation Agreement shall be submitted to the City prior to City permit issuance and initiation of any ground disturbing activities.

BR-2 Prior to issuance of grading and/or construction permits, the applicant shall provide evidence that they have retained a qualified biologist acceptable to the City Planning Division. The retained biologist shall perform the following monitoring activities:

- a. **Prior to issuance of grading and/or construction permits and within 30 days prior to initiation of site disturbance and/or construction**, the biologist shall conduct a pre-activity (i.e. pre-construction) survey for known or potential kit fox dens and submit a letter to the City reporting the date the survey was conducted, the survey protocol, survey results, and what measures were necessary (and completed), as applicable, to address any kit fox activity within the project limits.
- b. The qualified biologist shall conduct weekly site visits during site-disturbance activities (i.e. grading, diking, excavation, stock piling of dirt or gravel, etc.) that proceed longer than 14 days, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with required

Mitigation Measures BR-3 through BR11. Site- disturbance activities lasting up to 14 days do not require weekly monitoring by the biologist unless observations of kit fox or their dens are made on-site or the qualified biologist recommends monitoring for some other reason (see BR-2-c3). When weekly monitoring is required, the biologist shall submit weekly monitoring reports to the City.

- c. **Prior to or during project activities**, if any observations are made of San Joaquin Kit fox, or any known or potential San Joaquin kit fox dens are discovered within the project limits, the qualified biologist shall re-assess the probability of incidental take (e.g. harm or death) to kit fox. At the time a den is discovered, the qualified biologist shall contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department for guidance on possible additional kit fox protection measures to implement and whether or not a Federal and/or State incidental take permit is needed. If a potential den is encountered during construction, work shall stop until such time the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Department determine it is appropriate to resume work.

If incidental take of kit fox during project activities is possible, **before project activities commence**, the applicant must consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department (see contact information below). The results of this consultation may require the applicant to obtain a Federal and/or State permit for incidental take during project activities. The applicant should be aware that the presence of kit foxes or known or potential kit fox dens at the project site could result in further delays of project activities.

In addition, the qualified biologist shall implement the following measures:

1. **Within 30 days prior to initiation of site disturbance and/or construction**, fenced exclusion zones shall be established around all known and potential kit fox dens. Exclusion zone fencing shall consist of either large flagged stakes connected by rope or cord, or survey laths or wooden stakes prominently flagged with survey ribbon. Each exclusion zone shall be roughly circular in configuration with a radius of the following distance measured outward from the den or burrow entrances:

- a) Potential kit fox den: 50 feet
- b) Known or active kit fox den: 100 feet
- c) Kit fox pupping den: 150 feet

2. All foot and vehicle traffic, as well as all construction activities, including storage of supplies and equipment, shall remain outside of exclusion zones. Exclusion zones shall be maintained until all project-related disturbances have been terminated, and then shall be removed.

3. If kit foxes or known or potential kit fox dens are found on site, daily monitoring during ground disturbing activities shall be required by a qualified biologist.

BR-3 Prior to issuance of grading and/or construction permits, the applicant shall clearly delineate as a note on the project plans, that: *“Speed signs of 25 mph (or lower) shall be posted for all construction traffic to minimize the probability of road mortality of the San Joaquin kit fox”*. Speed limit signs shall be installed on the project site **within 30 days prior to initiation of site disturbance and/or construction,**

In addition, **prior to permit issuance and initiation of any ground disturbing activities,** conditions BR-3 through BR-11 of the Developer's Statement/Conditions of Approval shall be clearly delineated on project plans.

BR-4 During the site disturbance and/or construction phase, grading and construction activities after dusk shall be prohibited unless coordinated through the City, during which additional kit fox mitigation measures may be required.

BR-5 Prior to issuance of grading and/or construction permit and within 30 days prior to initiation of site disturbance and/or construction, all personnel associated with the project shall attend a worker education training program, conducted by a qualified biologist, to avoid or reduce impacts on sensitive biological resources (i.e. San Joaquin kit fox). At a minimum, as the program relates to the kit fox, the training shall include the kit fox's life history, all mitigation measures specified by the City, as well as any related biological report(s) prepared for the project. The applicant shall notify the City shortly prior to this meeting. A kit fox fact sheet shall also be developed prior to the training program, and distributed at the training program to all contractors, employers and other personnel involved with the construction of the project.

BR-6 During the site-disturbance and/or construction phase, to prevent entrapment of the San Joaquin kit fox, all excavation, steep-walled holes or trenches in excess of two feet in depth shall be covered at the close of each working day by plywood or similar materials, or provided with one or more escape ramps constructed of earth fill or wooden planks. Trenches shall also be inspected for entrapped kit fox each morning prior to onset

of field activities and immediately prior to covering with plywood at the end of each working day. Before such holes or trenches are filled, they shall be thoroughly inspected for entrapped kit fox. Any kit fox so discovered shall be allowed to escape before field activities resume, or removed from the trench or hole by a qualified biologist and allowed to escape unimpeded.

BR-7 During the site-disturbance and/or construction phase, any pipes, culverts, or similar structures with a diameter of four inches or greater, stored overnight at the project site shall be thoroughly inspected for trapped San Joaquin kit foxes before the subject pipe is subsequently buried, capped, or otherwise used or moved in any way. If during the construction phase a kit fox is discovered inside a pipe, that section of pipe will not be moved, or if necessary, be moved only once to remove it from the path of activity, until the kit fox has escaped.

BR-8 During the site-disturbance and/or construction phase, all food-related trash items such as wrappers, cans, bottles, and food scraps generated shall be disposed of in closed containers only and regularly removed from the site. Food items may attract San Joaquin kit foxes onto the project site, consequently exposing such animals to increased risk of injury or mortality. No deliberate feeding of wildlife shall be allowed.

BR-9 Prior to, during and after the site-disturbance and/or construction phase, use of pesticides or herbicides shall be in compliance with all local, state and federal regulations. This is necessary to minimize the probability of primary or secondary poisoning of endangered species utilizing adjacent habitats, and the depletion of prey upon which San Joaquin kit foxes depend.

BR-10 During the site-disturbance and/or construction phase, any contractor or employee that inadvertently kills or injures a San Joaquin kit fox or who finds any such animal either dead, injured, or entrapped shall be required to report the incident immediately to the applicant and City. In the event that any observations are made of injured or dead kit fox, the applicant shall immediately notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department by telephone (see contact information below). In addition, formal notification shall be provided in writing within three working days of the finding of any such animal(s). Notification shall include the date, time, location and circumstances of the incident. Any threatened or endangered species found dead or injured shall be turned over immediately to the Department for care, analysis, or disposition.

BR-11 Prior to final inspection, or occupancy, whichever comes first, should any long internal or perimeter fencing be proposed or installed, the applicant shall do the following to provide for kit fox passage:

- a. If a wire strand/pole design is used, the lowest strand shall be no closer to the ground than 12".
- b. If a more solid wire mesh fence is used, 8" x 12" openings near the ground shall be provided every 100 yards.

Upon fence installation, the applicant shall notify the City to verify proper installation. Any fencing constructed after issuance of a final permit shall follow the above guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th day of June, 2006 by the following Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flynn, Menath, Holstine, Steinbeck, Johnson, Whithers, Hamon

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CHAIRMAN, JOHN HAMON

ATTEST:

RON WHISENAND, SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

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