

RESOLUTION NO: 09-019

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION
OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
PURPLE BELT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles adopted the 2003 General Plan which includes several policies directing the City to prepare a Purple Belt Program to conserve agricultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robles has prepared the Purple Belt Program to fulfill General Plan policies; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Belt Program is consistent with the 2006 Economic Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Belt Program identifies prioritized “Study Areas” in the surrounding vicinity to focus land conservation efforts where properties meet specific criteria identified in the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Belt Program includes implementation tools to pursue, and identifies potential funding sources and partners for land conservation; and

WHEREAS, should the City (or the County) proceed with specific implementation tools identified in the Purple Belt Program that require modifications to City (or County) regulations, such as development codes or other planning documents, those actions may require project-specific environmental analyses if those actions are a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the (CEQA) to evaluate whether this project would result in environmental impacts, and the City has determined that this Purple Belt Program will not result in significant environmental impacts, and may also result in beneficial impacts as a result of preserving agricultural resources and open space; 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 Draft Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, no public comments or responses were received in regard to the Draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study prepared for this project; and

WHEREAS, Public Notice of the proposed Draft Negative Declaration was posted as required by Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code; and

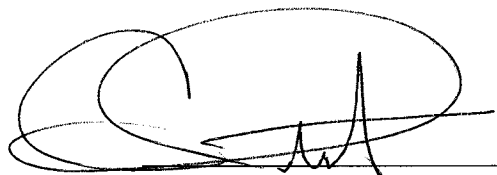
WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission on July 28, 2009 to consider the Initial Study and the proposed Negative Declaration prepared for the proposed project, and to accept public testimony on the Purple Belt Program and environmental determination; and

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 implementation of the Purple Belt Program.

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 recommend the City Council adopt a Negative Declaration for the Purple Belt Program 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 28th day of July, 2009, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Nemeth, Garcia, Gregory, Peterson and Treach
NOES: None
ABSENT: Holstine and Johnson
ABSTAIN: None


CHAIRMAN CHARLES TREATCH

ATTEST:


RON WHISENAND, PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY

**ENVIRONMENTAL INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST FORM
CITY OF PASO ROBLES**

1. PROJECT TITLE: Purple Belt Program

Concurrent Entitlements:

2. LEAD AGENCY: City of Paso Robles
1000 Spring Street
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Contact: Susan DeCarli, AICP
Phone: (805) 237-3970
Email: sdecarli@prcity.com

3. PROJECT LOCATION: See attached Study Area, Exhibit B

4. PROJECT PROPONENT: City of Paso Robles

Contact Person: Susan DeCarli, AICP, Project Manager
Phone: (805) 237-3970
Email: sdecarli@prcity.com

5. GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Not applicable

6. ZONING: Not applicable

7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Purple Belt Program is comprehensive agricultural conservation study. It identifies a generalized geographic area where the City and the County of San Luis Obispo may pursue agricultural conservation and preservation programs. It includes potential tools to pursue and funding sources. The program also provides a strategy for administering the program and a phased action plan.

The objectives of the plan are to: support of the region's agricultural economy; provide tools to assist property owners to continue agricultural operations on their property; maintain the rural, agrarian landscape; and create an ultimate urban growth boundary.

The program is consistent with local plans and policies including the City's General Plan and Economic Strategy, as well as the County's Conservation and Open Space Element, Agriculture Element and Strategic Growth Principles, and the regional Community 2050 Blueprint Plan.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: The general project boundaries are from Templeton to the south, San Miguel in the north, Creston/Shandon to the east and areas west of Paso Robles.

9. OTHER AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED (AND PERMITS NEEDED):

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature: _____

July 13, 2009
Date

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved. Answers should address off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. “Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
4. “Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from “Earlier Analyses,” as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
7. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
8. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a. the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b. the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

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I. AESTHETICS: Would the project:

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| a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: Implementation of the Purple Belt will likely have a beneficial impact on scenic vistas since they may be preserved through this program.

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| b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: Implementation of the Purple Belt will likely have a beneficial impact on scenic resources since they may be preserved through this program.

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| c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: The program would apply to more than one individual site. Implementation of the Purple Belt will likely have a beneficial impact on visual quality of the study area since they may be preserved through this program.

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| d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? (Sources: 1, 2, 10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: Implementation of the Purple Belt will likely have a beneficial impact on potential sources of light and glare since the program will reduce development related impacts in rural areas.

II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:

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| a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: Since the project is an agricultural conservation program, it will have a beneficial impact on agricultural resources.

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| b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: See IIa above.

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| c. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				
Discussion: See IIa above.				

III. AIR QUALITY: Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

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| a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? (Source: 11) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: Sections IIIa-e – The Purple Belt should have a beneficial impact on air quality by assisting communities to focus new development in urbanized areas instead of rural areas. This in turn will potentially reduce vehicle mile trips and help control negative impacts to air quality.

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| b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? (Source: 11) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? (Source: 11) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? (Source: 11) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? (Source: 11) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

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| a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: IV a-f, As a conservation program, it will likely have a beneficial impact on biological resources.

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b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion:				
c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion:				
d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion:				
e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion:				
f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion:				

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion: V a-d, not applicable.				

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b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:

a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. (Sources: 1, 2, & 3) Discussion: VI a-e, not applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
ii. Strong seismic ground shaking? (Sources: 1, 2, & 3) Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? (Sources: 1, 2 & 3) Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
iv. Landslides? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? (Sources: 1, 2, & 3) Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

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c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project:

a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? Discussion: VII a – b, As a land conservation program it may have a beneficial impact related to greenhouse gas emissions, since it is intended to conserve land from development which would otherwise result in greenhouse gas emissions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b. Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gasses? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the project:

a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? Discussion: VIII a – h, not applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

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into the environment? Discussion:				
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project:

a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
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Discussion: Not applicable.

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| b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., Would the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? Would decreased rainfall infiltration or groundwater recharge reduce stream baseflow? (Source: 7) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: As a land conservation program it will not directly impact groundwater resources. However, most agricultural crops (e.g. vineyards and row crops) use groundwater (well) resources for their operations. The program will encourage continued agricultural activities. Property owners would need to comply with any applicable water conservation requirements established by the state or the county, and ensure they do not substantially deplete groundwater supplies.

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| c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? (Source: 10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: IX c – l, not applicable.

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| d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? (Source: 10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? (Source: 10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? Discussion:				
h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
j. Inundation by mudflow? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
k. Conflict with any Best Management Practices found within the City's Storm Water Management Plan? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
l. Substantially decrease or degrade watershed storage of runoff, wetlands, riparian areas, aquatic habitat, or associated buffer zones? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

X. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project:

a. Physically divide an established community? Discussion: As a land conservation program, it would not physically divide an established community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? Discussion: The Purple Belt Program is consistent with the City and County General Plan and other adopted plans.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
c. Conflict with any applicable habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

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conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				
Discussion: As a land conservation plan, it will likely benefit habitat plans.				

XI. MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

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| a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? (Source: 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: XI a & b, not applicable.

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| b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? (Source: 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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XII. NOISE: Would the project result in:

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| a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? (Source: 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: XII a – e, not applicable.

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| b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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(Sources: 1, 4)

Discussion:

XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:

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| a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? (Source: 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: XIII a – c, the Purple Belt Program will not impact housing or population.

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| b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion:

XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES: Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

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| a. Fire protection? (Sources: 1,10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: XIV a - e, not applicable.

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| b. Police protection? (Sources: 1,10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| c. Schools? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| d. Parks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| e. Other public facilities? (Sources: 1,10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion:

XV. RECREATION

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion: XV a & b, not applicable.				
b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion:				

XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC: Would the project:

a. Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion: XVI a – g, the project would likely have a beneficial impact to traffic (in the long run) since it encourages urban development in existing urban areas through conservation of rural lands surrounding communities. This may result in less urban sprawl type of development which would reduce traffic related impacts.				
b. Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion:				
c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Discussion:				
d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

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uses (e.g., farm equipment)? Discussion:				
e. Result in inadequate emergency access? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
f. Result in inadequate parking capacity? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
g. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project:

a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? Discussion: XVII a – g, not applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? Discussion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

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addition to the provider=s existing commitments?

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| f. | Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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| g. | Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion:

XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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| a. | Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: The Purple Belt Program would likely have a beneficial impact to the environment, and would not substantially reduce the habitat of fish or wildlife species, cause a decline in fish or wildlife population since it is a land conservation program.

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| b. | Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: The Purple Belt Program would likely have a beneficial impact the environment and would not result in cumulative impacts.

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| c. | Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | X |
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Discussion: The Purple Belt Program would likely have a beneficial impact the environment and human beings.

Exhibits:

- A – Purple Belt Program**
- B – Purple Belt Study Area**

EARLIER ANALYSIS AND BACKGROUND MATERIALS.

Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, one or more effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D).

Earlier Documents Prepared and Utilized in this Analysis and Background / Explanatory Materials

<u>Reference #</u>	<u>Document Title</u>	<u>Available for Review at:</u>
1	City of Paso Robles General Plan	City of Paso Robles Community Development Department 1000 Spring Street Paso Robles, CA 93446
2	City of Paso Robles Zoning Code	Same as above
3	City of Paso Robles Environmental Impact Report for General Plan Update	Same as above
4	2005 Airport Land Use Plan	Same as above
5	City of Paso Robles Municipal Code	Same as above
6	City of Paso Robles Water Master Plan	Same as above
7	City of Paso Robles Urban Water Management Plan 2005	Same as above
8	City of Paso Robles Sewer Master Plan	Same as above
9	City of Paso Robles Housing Element	Same as above
10	City of Paso Robles Standard Conditions of Approval for New Development	Same as above
11	San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District Guidelines for Impact Thresholds	APCD 3433 Roberto Court San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
12	San Luis Obispo County – Land Use Element	San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning County Government Center San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
13	USDA, Soils Conservation Service, Soil Survey of San Luis Obispo County, Paso Robles Area, 1983	Soil Conservation Offices Paso Robles, Ca 93446