

RESOLUTION NO. 09-020

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE
PURPLE BELT PROGRAM TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby recommend approval of the Purple Belt Program to the City Council, with further recommendations that the City Council pursue a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Paso Robles and the County of San Luis Obispo to provide that both agencies will incorporate "Purple Belt" policies in their respective planning documents and will work collaboratively to implement the Purple Belt Program. Additional recommendations by the Planning Commission to the City Council include ensuring that the Purple Belt Program applies to agriculturally designated property within the City limits and in the County of San Luis Obispo, and that agricultural buffer policies remain flexible as they apply on a case-by-case basis to properties within proximity to agricultural operations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th day of July, 2009 by the following Roll Call Vote:

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



CHAIRMAN CHARLES TREACH

ATTEST:



RON WHISENAND, PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY