RESOLUTION NO. 16-044

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL CERTIFY A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE RESIDENTIAL GRADING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT / ZONE CHANGE 15-005

APPLICANT – CITY OF PASO ROBLES 2016 GRADING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles has initiated an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance consisting of a comprehensive amendment to the City's Residential Grading Ordinance (Zoning Ordinance sections 21.14A and 21.16E) (Project); and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed a Grading Ordinance Advisory Committee to review the existing Grading Ordinance and recommend changes to improve the City's review and permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the City's Grading Ordinance Advisory Committee has recommended the following amendments to the City Council;

- 1. Alternative digital slope mapping methodology.
- 2. Definitions of terminology.
- 3. New Hillside Development District mapping with separate standards for:
 - a. Infill Hillside Overlay District
 - b. Other Zoning District (Theater Drive area / Airport area)
 - c. Specific Plans
- 4. New pad grading allowance for existing lots.
- 5. Ridgeline protection requirements for specific plan areas.
- 6. 3D computer modeling of slopes on "challenging" sites.
- 7. Removal of mass grading prohibition and replacement with a flexible performance standard.
- 8. Creation of single grading performance standards table.
- 9. Consolidation and simplification of the landscape requirements.
- 10. Removal of redundant and antiquated sections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq., and the City's Procedures for Implementing CEQA, an Initial Study and a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) was prepared and circulated for a 20day public review period beginning on August 2, 2016 through August 22, 2016. The Draft ND/Initial Study dated August 2, 2016 is on file at the Paso Robles Community Development Department and available on line at: <u>http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/commdev/</u>; and WHEREAS, the Negative Declaration found the Project would not have any impact on the environment and therefore no mitigation measures are proposed; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the proposed Draft ND was posted as required by Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, No public comments have been received on the proposed Draft ND, that was publically noticed, circulated and posted as required by Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission on August 9, 2016, to consider the Initial Study and the draft ND prepared for the proposed Project, and to accept public testimony on the proposed Project and environmental determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Planning Commission of the City of Paso Robles, as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> All of the recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein.

<u>Section 2.</u> Based on the information and analysis contained in the Initial Study / Negative Declaration prepared for this project and testimony received at the public hearing, the Planning Commission finds that there is no substantial evidence supporting a fair argument that there would be a significant impact on the environment. These findings are based on an independent review of the Initial Study, the Negative Declaration, and all comments received regarding the Negative Declaration, and based on the whole record. The Planning Commission finds that the Negative Declaration was prepared in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment, and the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Planning Commission.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Planning Commission, based on its independent judgment and analysis, does hereby recommend adoption of the Negative Declaration for the Project, attached hereto as Exhibit A and B, in accordance with the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City's Procedures for Implementing CEQA. Exhibits A and B are hereby incorporated into this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th day of July, 2016, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:Commissioners Donaldson, Burgett, Rollins, Davis, Agredano, Burgett and Brennan.NOES:ABSENT:ABSTAIN:Commissioners Donaldson, Burgett, Rollins, Davis, Agredano, Burgett and Brennan.

Bob Rollins, Chairman

ATTEST:

Warren Frace, Secretary of the Planning Commission

Exhibit A - Negative Declaration Notice of Intent Exhibit B – Initial Study

Exhibit A

CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT CERTIFIED NEGATIVE DECLARATION TRIBAL NOTIFICATION CONSISTENT WITH AB 52

Notice is hereby given that the City of Paso Robles will consider adoption of a Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the project described below:

Project Title:	Residential Grading Ordinance Amendment
File Number:	Zone Change 15-005
Applicant:	City of Paso Robles
Project Location:	City Wide Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Project Description: Residential Grading Ordinance Amendment / Zone Change 15-005:

The project consists of a comprehensive amendment to the City's Residential Grading Ordinance (Zoning Ordinance sections 21.14A and 21.6E) based on the recommendation from the City's Grading Ordinance Advisory Committee which include.

1. Alternative digital slope mapping methodology. 2. Definitions of terminology. 3. New Hillside Development District mapping with separate standards for infill Hillside Overlay District, b. Other Zoning District (Theater Drive area / Airport area), c. Specific Plans, 4. New pad grading allowance for existing lots., 5. Ridgeline protection requirements for specific plan areas. 6. 3D computer modeling of slopes on "challenging" sites. 7. Removal of mass grading prohibition and replacement with a more flexible standard allowing case by case design and appearance review of grading. 8. Creation of single grading performance standards table. 9. Consolidation and simplification of the landscape requirements. 10. Removal of redundant and antiquated sections.

The Public Review Period for the proposed Negative Declaration will commence on August 2, 2016, and end at the City Council. The Planning Commission and City Council will conduct public hearings and consider adopting a Negative Declaration for this project on the following dates:

Planning Commission: Tuesday, August 9, 2016

The hearing will take place in the Conference Room at the Paso Robles Library/City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California, at the hour of 7:30 pm.

FINDING

The City of Paso Robles has reviewed the above project in accordance with the City of Paso Robles' Rules and Procedures for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report need not be prepared because:

- The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because mitigation measures described on the attached sheet and hereby made a part of Negative Declaration have been added to the project.

The Initial Study which provides the basis for this determination is available at the City of Paso Robles, Community Development Department, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The ND is also available on the City website at: http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/commdev/index.asp.

NOTICE

The public is invited to provide written comment on the Draft Negative Declaration and to provide oral comment at the public hearings noted above. The appropriateness of the Draft Negative Declaration will be reconsidered in light of the comments received.

Questions about and comments on the proposed project and Negative Declaration may be mailed to the Community Development Department, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446 or e prailed to <u>wfrace@prcity.com</u> provided that any comments are received prior to the time of the City Council hearing.

Warren Frace Community Development Director

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.

Aesthetics	Agriculture and Forestry Resources	Air Quality
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources	Geology /Soils
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Hydrology / Water Quality
Land Use / Planning	Mineral Resources	Noise
Population / Housing	Public Services	Recreation
Transportation/Traffic	Utilities / Service Systems	Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

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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.

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Signature:

Date

Exhibit B – Initial Study Refer to Attachment 6 of staff report

Exhibit B Initial Study - Negative Declaration

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST FORM CITY OF PASO ROBLES

1.	PROJECT TITLE:	Residential Grading Ordinance Amendment / Zone Change 15-005
2.	LEAD AGENCY:	City of Paso Robles 1000 Spring Street Paso Robles, CA 93446
	Contact: Phone: Email:	Warren Frace (805) 237-3970 wfrace@prcity.com
3.	PROJECT LOCATION:	City Wide Zoning Ordinance Amendment
4.	PROJECT PROPONENT:	City of Paso Robles
	Contact Person:	Warren Frace Community Development Director
	Contact Person: Phone: Email:	Warren Frace
5.	Phone:	Warren Frace Community Development Director (805) 239-3970

7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Residential Grading Ordinance Amendment / Zone Change 15-005:

The project consists of a comprehensive amendment to the City's Residential Grading Ordinance (Zoning Ordinance sections 21.14A and 21.6E) based on the recommendation from the City's Grading Ordinance Advisory Committee which include.

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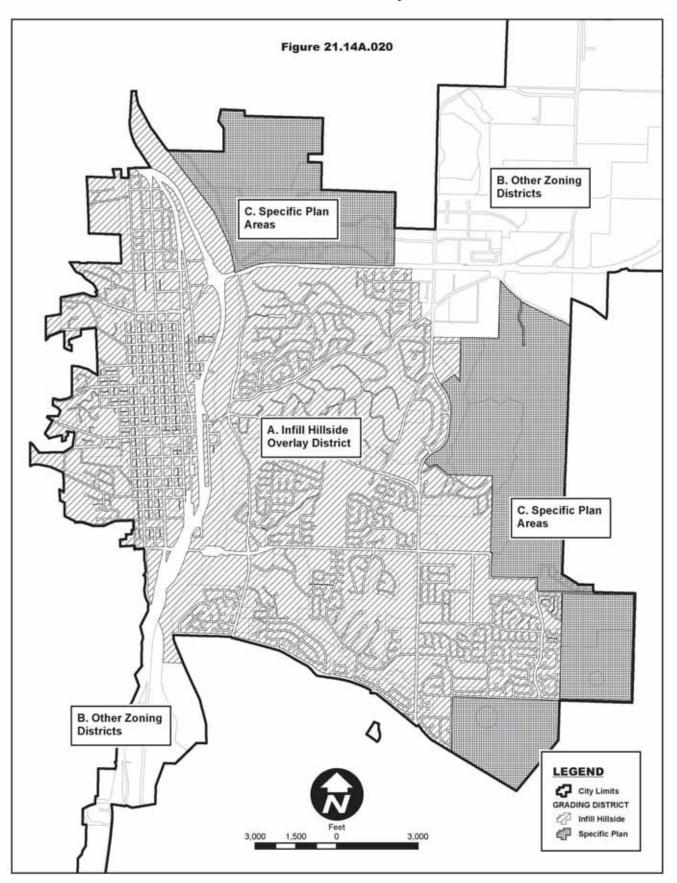
- 8. Creation of single grading performance standards table.
- 9. Consolidation and simplification of the landscape requirements.
- 10. Removal of redundant and antiquated sections.

The project will affect all areas with single-family residential zoning designations.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: The project will primarily affected vacant and under-utilized singlefamily residential land within the City limits. These site are typically characterized with gentle to moderate slopes and with typical vegetation consisting of non-native grasslands and oak savannahs. The Grading Ordinance will be applied to tentative tract map and specific plan approval processes that require CEQA review and Planning Commission public hearings.

9. OTHER AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED (AND PERMITS NEEDED): None.

Location Map



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Transportation/Traffic	Utilities / Service Systems	Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

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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.

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7/29/16

Signature:

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 onsite, 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

Potentially Significant	Less Than Significant with	Less Than Significant	No Impact
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I. AESTHETICS: Would the project:

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			\boxtimes	
	Discussion: The project will allow additional grequiring to protection of prominent "Ridgeline"		ide areas, but includ	es section 21.4A	A.045
b.	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?			\boxtimes	
	Discussion: The project will allow additional g review process for proposed residential grading or unique geologic features.				
c.	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			\boxtimes	
	Discussion: The project will allow additional review process for proposed residential gradin grading and landscaping of cut and fills to min	g to minimize i	mpacts to scenic re	sources and req	
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)				
	Discussion: The project would not create or alt	ter light sources	or standards.		
are Site	AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURC significant environmental effects, lead agencies e Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the Cal essing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Wo	may refer to the ifornia Dept. of	e California Agricu	ltural Land Eva	luation and
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?				
	Discussion: The project is not located on agric taking place on the site.	ulturally zoned	land and there are r	no agricultural a	ctivities
b.	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				
	Discussion: Refer to Section II.a.				
c.	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest, land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources				

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	Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 5114(g))?				
	Discussion: The project is not located on agricul taking place on the site.	turally zoned	land and there are no	o agricultural a	ctivities
d.	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?			\boxtimes	
	Discussion: Areas with native oak woodlands at The amended grading ordinance would require g minimized.				
e.	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				
	Discussion: This project would not result in the	conversion of	farmland or forest la	and.	
ш	AIR QUALITY: Where available, the significa	unce criteria es	tablished by the apr	licable air qual	ity manage-
	nt or air pollution control district may be relied up				
a.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? (Source: 11)				\boxtimes
b.	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? (Source: 11)			\boxtimes	
	Discussion: Grading operations have the potential to create PM-10 emission (dust) that could result in violations of air quality standards. The City's current review and approval process for all grading permits require standard performance measures to ensure compliance with Air Pollution Control District (APCD) dust mitigation requirements. All future grading projects approved under an amended Grading Ordinance would be subject to these standards.				
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)				
	Discussion: Refer to section III.b.				
d.	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? (Source: 11) Discussion: Refer to section III.b.			\boxtimes	

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e.	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? (Source: 11)				\boxtimes

Discussion: The Grading Ordinance amendment will not create or affect odor issues.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project: a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, \square \square \square \square 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? h Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional \square \square \square \square plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? Have a substantial adverse effect on c. federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act \square \square \square \square (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native \square \square \square \square resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

Discussion (a-d): The project will primarily affected vacant and under-utilized single-family residential land within the City limits. These site are typically characterized with gentle to moderate slopes and with typical vegetation consisting of non-native grasslands and oak savannahs. There is the possibility that some of these site contain sensitive habitat areas. The Grading Ordinance will be applied to tentative tract map and specific plan approval processes that require CEQA review for potential biological impacts which will be either avoided or mitigated on a project specific basis.

e.	Conflict with any local policies or			
	ordinances protecting biological resources,		\boxtimes	
	such as a tree preservation policy or			
	ordinance?			

Discussion (e) Areas with native oak woodlands are currently designated with single-family residential zoning. The amended grading ordinance would require grading and development impacts to oak trees and woodlands to be minimized. The City's Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance provides a process for property owners to apply for removing oak trees. The review and approval of oak tree removals associated with new development requires approval by the City Council. The two oak trees on this site will either be allowed to be removed by the City Council, or required to be protected, therefore conflicts related to the City's Oak Tree

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	Preservation Ordinance is less than significant.				
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?				
	Discussion Refer to Section IV.d.				
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V.	CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project	t:			
a.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?				\boxtimes
b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?			\boxtimes	
c.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			\boxtimes	
d.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?			\boxtimes	

Discussion (a-d):

Any grading operation within the City of Paso Robles has the potential to disturb Native American cultural resources. The amendments to the Grading Ordinance do not increase the significance of this risk. The Grading Ordinance will be applied to tentative tract map and specific plan approval processes that require CEQA review for potential cultural resource impacts which will be either avoided or mitigated on a project specific basis

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:

a.	sub	pose people or structures to potential ostantial adverse effects, including the risk 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)		\boxtimes	

Discussion: The Grading Ordinance amendment does not change the potential for impacts that may result from fault rupture in the City of Paso Robles as identified and addressed in the General Plan EIR, pg. 4.5-8. There are two known fault zones on either side of the Salinas Rivers valley. The Rinconada Fault system runs on the west side of the valley, and grazes the City on its western boundary. The San Andreas Fault is on the east side of the valley and is situated about 30 miles east of Paso Robles. The

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Code to all new development within the City. Review of available information and examinations indicate that neither of these faults is active with respect to ground rupture in Paso Robles. Soils and geotechnical reports and structural engineering in accordance with local seismic influences would be applied in conjunction with any new development proposal. Based on standard conditions of approval, the potential for fault rupture and exposure of persons or property to seismic hazards is not considered significant. There are no Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones within City limits.

ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?

Discussion: The Grading Ordinance amendment does not change the potential for exposure to ground shaking. The General Plan EIR identified impacts resulting from ground shaking as less than significant and provided mitigation measures that will be incorporated into the design of this project including adequate structural design and not constructing over active or potentially active faults.

iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? (Sources: 1, 2 &
3)

Discussion: The Grading Ordinance amendment does not change the potential for exposure to liquefaction or other type of ground failure due to seismic events and soil conditions. To implement the EIR's mitigation measures to reduce this potential impact, the City has a standard condition to require submittal of soils and geotechnical reports, which include site-specific analysis of liquefaction potential for all building permits for new construction, and incorporation of the recommendations of said reports into the design of the project

iv. Landslides?

Discussion: The Grading Ordinance amendment does not change the potential for exposure to landslides. Soil engineering reports are required for all grading permits which would identify and mitigate any landslide risks.

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b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? (Sources: 1, 2, & 3)

Discussion: The Grading Ordinance amendment does not change the potential for soil erosion. A geotechnical/ soils analysis will be required prior to issuance of building permits that will evaluate the site specific soil stability and suitability of grading and retaining walls proposed. This study will determine the necessary grading techniques that will ensure that potential impacts due to soil stability will not occur. An erosion control plan shall be required to be approved by the City Engineer prior to commencement of any site grading operations.

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: The Grading Ordinance amendment does not change the potential for exposure to geologic unit or soil that is unstable. Soil engineering reports are required for all grading permits which would identify and mitigate any risks

d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				
	Discussion: The Grading Ordinance amendmen soils. Soil engineering reports are required for risks.				
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: New homes in single-family resid sewer system, therefore there is no impact.	ential zones are	e required to be serv	red by the City's	s sanitary
VI	I. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Wou	ld the project:			
a.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				\boxtimes
b.	Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gasses?				
	Discussion (a-b): The Grading Ordinance ame emissions.	ndment would	not have a significa	nt impact on gro	eenhouse gas
VI	II. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERI	ALS: Would t	he project:	_	
a.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
b.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				
c.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				

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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 (a-d): The Grading Ordinance amer materials.	ndment would 1	not create a hazard,	or use/produce l	nazardous
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 (e): The Grading Ordinance amend now or in the future within the Airport area.	ment would no	t change the safety	hazard for peopl	e residing
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 (f): There are no know private air s	Trips in the vicin	nity, therefore there	is no impact.	
g.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
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 (g,h):				
	The Grading Ordinance amendment would not plans.	change the exp	oosure risk for wildl	and fires or alte	r evacuation
IX	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY:	Would the proj	ect:	_	_
a.	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				
b.	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net				\boxtimes

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	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)		Incorporated		
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)				
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)				
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)				
f.	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			\boxtimes	
	Discussion (a-f): Any grading operation within patterns and affect stormwater runoff quality. significance of this risk. The Grading Ordinan approval processes that require CEQA review a stormwater quality standards which will either	The amendmen ce will be appli and grading per	ts to the Grading O ed to tentative tract mits that will be sul	rdinance do not map and specif oject to drainage	increase the ic plan e review and
g.	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				
h.	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				

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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?								
j.	Inundation by mudflow?				\boxtimes				
	Discussion (g-j): Hillside grading areas are typi	ically outside o	of the 100-year floo	d hazard zones.					
k.	Conflict with any Best Management Practices found within the City's Storm Water Management Plan?			\boxtimes					
1.	Substantially decrease or degrade watershed storage of runoff, wetlands, riparian areas, aquatic habitat, or associated buffer zones?			\boxtimes					
	Discussion (k-l): Any grading operation within the City of Paso Robles has the potential to alter drainage patterns and affect stormwater runoff quality. The amendments to the Grading Ordinance do not increase the significance of this risk. The Grading Ordinance will be applied to tentative tract map and specific plan approval processes that require CEQA review and grading permits that will be subject to drainage review and stormwater quality standards which will either avoid or mitigate impacts on a project specific basis								
X.	LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the pro	ject:							
					\boxtimes				

a.	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
	Discussion: The Grading Ordinance amendment	will not crea	te an impact.		
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 proposed Grading Ordinance amendments an	re consistent	with the goals and	policies of the G	eneral Plan.
c.	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?			\boxtimes	

Discussion: The project will primarily affect vacant and under-utilized single-family residential land within the City limits. These site are typically characterized with gentle to moderate slopes and with typical vegetation consisting of non-native grasslands and oak savannahs. There is the possibility that some of these site contain sensitive habitat areas. The Grading Ordinance will be applied to tentative tract map and specific plan approval processes that require CEQA review for potential biological impacts which will be either

	avoided or mitigated on a project specific basis	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
AI.	MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project: 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)				
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)				\boxtimes
	Discussion (a-b): The Grading Ordinance amen	dment will not	affect the availabil	ity of mineral r	esources
XI	I. NOISE: Would the project result in:				
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)				
	Discussion: The Grading Ordinance amendm Individual grading permits and grading operation City's noise ordinance.				
b.	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			\boxtimes	
	Discussion: Refer to section XII.a.				
c.	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				\boxtimes
	Discussion: See section XII.a.				
d.	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			\boxtimes	
	Discussion: See section XII.a.				
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				\boxtimes

	project area to excessive noise levels? (Sources: 1, 4) Discussion: See section XII.a.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact				
XI	XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:								
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)								
b.	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?								
c.	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes				

Discussion (a-c):

The Grading Ordinance is consistent with City's General Plan and would not increase or decrease the housing or population assumptions of the General Plan.

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:

Fire protection? (Sources: 1,10)				\bowtie
Police protection? (Sources: 1,10)				\boxtimes
Schools?				\boxtimes
Parks?				\boxtimes
Other public facilities? (Sources: 1,10)				
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The Grading Ordinance is consistent with City's General Plan and would not increase or decrease the public service demand assumptions of the General Plan...

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XV	7. RECREATION				
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?				
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?				

Discussion (a-b):

The Grading Ordinance is consistent with City's General Plan and would not increase or decrease the recreation service demand assumptions of the General Plan.

XV	I. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC: Would the p	project:		
a.	Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures or effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?			
b.	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?			
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?			\boxtimes
d.	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			
e.	Result in inadequate emergency access?			\boxtimes

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f.	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? Discussion (a-f):				

The Grading Ordinance is consistent with City's General Plan and would not increase or decrease the transportation / traffic assumptions of the General Plan

XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project:						
a.	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?					
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?					
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?					
d.	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?					
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 addition to the provider's existing commitments?					
f.	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?					

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g.	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				\boxtimes

Discussion (a-g):

The Grading Ordinance is consistent with City's General Plan and would not increase or decrease the utility services assumptions of the General Plan.

XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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		\boxtimes
	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?		

Discussion: The Grading Ordinance is consistent with City's General Plan and would not increase or decrease the development impact assumptions of the General Plan.

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)?

Discussion: The Grading Ordinance is consistent with City's General Plan and would not increase or decrease the development impact assumptions of the General Plan.

c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Discussion: The Grading Ordinance is consistent with City's General Plan and would not increase or decrease the development impact assumptions of the General Plan.

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

Reference #	Document Title	Available for Review at:	
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	