

# Attachment 2

## RESOLUTION 26-XXX (B)

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EI PASO DE ROBLES DENYING OTR 26-05 REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF OAK TREE NO. 903 IN THE HANSON ROAD RIGHT OF WAY IN THE OLSEN SOUTH CHANDLER SPECIFIC PLAN**

WHEREAS, Alhouse and Meade, Inc. on behalf of Olsen 212 (“Applicant”) have applied for an oak tree removal (“P26-0028/OTR 26-05”), requesting to remove Tree No. 903, a forty-one (41)-inch diameter Valley Oak tree (*Quercus lobata*); and

WHEREAS, Tree No. 903 is located within the Hanson Road right of way, along the eastern edge of the Specific Plan boundary, along the eastern edge of Planning Area (PA) 17 within the Olsen South Chandler Specific Plan (OSCSP); and

WHEREAS, Olsen 212 is required to improve Hanson Road with curb, gutter, sidewalk and new paving. The excavation and construction to build the road will impact Tree No. 903; and

WHEREAS, Certified Arborist, Sophie Kroesche of Alhouse and Meade on behalf of Olsen 212, evaluated Tree No. 903 and provided an Arborist Report (See Exhibit B). The report concludes that the tree is in moderate to poor health, with significant rot at the base of trunk and roots, and has signs of stress in the canopy. The Arborist rates the tree a 3 on a scale of 1 to 10; and

WHEREAS, the Arborist indicates that impacts to the tree as a result of the construction of Hanson Road, would severely impact the tree, and these impacts and considering the existing health of the tree, recommends removal of the tree No. 903 and providing the required mitigation tree plantings as outlined in the EIR for the Olsen South Chandler Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, Paso Robles Municipal Code 10.01.050.D.2 requires the Director consider “[t]he necessity of the requested action to allow construction of improvements or otherwise allow reasonable use of the property for the purpose for which it has been zoned. In this context, it shall be the burden of the person seeking the permit to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the director that there are no reasonable alternatives to the proposed design and use of the property. Every reasonable effort shall be made to avoid impacting oak trees, including but not limited to use of custom building design and incurring extraordinary costs to save oak trees”; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends denial of Oak Tree removal Permit 26-05 because Olsen 212 has not taken steps to consider reasonable alternatives to the proposed road design that could preserve the Tree No. 903 and allow for the road improvements to be built; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Impact Report (SCH 2019011065) was adopted for the Olsen South Chandler Specific Plan (Res. 20-024) including Exhibit B to the EIR, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Mitigation measure BIO-4(b) outlines required mitigation for oak trees removed to construct the OSCSP; and

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WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 7, 2026, the El Paso de Robles (“City”) City Council discussed the request for removal of Tree No. 903, considered the facts as presented in the staff report prepared for this project, and accepted public testimony.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Pursuant to Paso Robles Municipal Code section 10.01.050.D., based on the information contained in the staff report, testimony presented during the public hearing, and responses thereto, the City Council hereby finds and determines that:

1. Olsen 212 has not taken steps to consider reasonable alternatives to the proposed road design that could preserve the tree and allow for the road improvements to be built while preserving Tree No. 903, therefore removal of Oak Tree No. 903, a forty-one (41)-inch diameter Valley Oak tree, is premature at this time.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby deny the request to remove Tree No. 903, a 41-inch diameter valley oak tree as shown in Exhibit A and B.

APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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John R Hamon, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Exhibit A - Site Plan

Exhibit B - A&M Arborist Report