

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION 23-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY DESALINATION STUDY AND FINDING THE ACTION IS NOT A PROJECT SUBJECT TO CEQA

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles utilizes a diverse water supply portfolio to serve the City's water customers and participates in regional water resources monitoring, management, and planning with the County of San Luis Obispo and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City has continued to manage use of its existing water supplies and improve the City's water supply portfolio by developing projects that benefit the City, Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and the Atascadero Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, portions of San Luis County remain vulnerable to water shortage and drought and the County has identified desalination as a water resource management strategy that can benefit coastal communities by providing a reliable supplemental water supply for the benefit the people, economy and environment of San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors has authorized development of a desalination study, or "DESAL Plan," in collaboration with participating agencies that will include evaluation of the feasibility and possible benefits of a desalination project to water purveyors in the county; and

WHEREAS, future use of desalination by other water suppliers in San Luis Obispo County could provide indirect benefits to the City's water supply availability and reliability; and

WHEREAS, the County is requesting that agencies that wish to be included in the evaluation adopt resolutions approving participation in the study; and

WHEREAS, the current phase of the study does not require funding from agencies that wish to be included in the study and participation would not bind the City to participate in later phases or funding for the project. The County is responsible for funding the study.

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. The City Council of the City of Paso Robles hereby approves City participation in San Luis Obispo County's desalination study, or "DESAL Plan."

Section 3. The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

APPROVED this 31st day of January, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Steven W. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Boyer, City Clerk