

RESOLUTION NO. 02-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS' STREET DIVISION BUDGET TO
USE GOATS TO CLEAR VEGETATIVE GROWTH WITHIN THE SALINAS RIVER

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2002, City Council discussed preliminary information provided regarding utilizing browsing herds (goats) to clear vegetation growth in a 50 acre reach of the Salinas River providing for improved flood flows and directed staff to develop options; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2000, the City Council allocated funding \$40,000 to be used to research the cost of obtaining a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE); and

WHEREAS, City staff hired North Coast Engineering (NCE) to prepare documents to obtain the permit for a fee of \$36,234 and conduct environmental surveys on plant materials potentially disturbed during the proposed clearing project; and

WHEREAS, NCE concluded that in order to undertake the proposed clearing, the City could pursue a "Floodplain Maintenance Plan" for the Salinas River from the ACOE, and a similar study proposed within this County was proposed by ACOE for \$361,000, and two years to complete; and

WHEREAS, pursuing a "Floodplain Maintenance Plan" would likely require habitat restoration, estimated to cost in addition to \$400,000 (based upon Veteran's Memorial Bridge costing \$200,000 for 5 acres).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Paso Robles does hereby appropriate \$160,000 in FY02/03 to the Public Works' Street Division Budget Account No. 100-310-5212-162 to use goats to clear vegetative growth within the Salinas River reach extending from 13th Street north to the City Wastewater Treatment Facility, and directs staff to seek competitive bids for the project work, and authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract to complete the work within the appropriated amount.

SECTION 2. That the City Council amend, modify or reject the above option.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 16th day of April 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty and Nemeth
NOES: Picanco and Mecham
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk

