

RESOLUTION NO. 06-088

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD FOR ACQUISITION AND RESTORATION OF 260-ACRES OF
LAND ALONG THE SALINAS RIVER CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, the General Plan established a need to “Create and adopt a Salinas River Corridor Plan to address such issues as recreation, conservation, use, public access, and educational outreach” and

WHEREAS, efforts continue on the preparation and completion of the Salinas River Corridor Plan with a draft concept plan anticipated in the fall 2006; and

WHEREAS, of the approximate 4 miles of river corridor that runs through the City, over half is in private ownership; and

WHEREAS, recently an opportunity to consider a substantial conservation and restoration project has presented itself as a result of exploratory talks between a Private Property owner and the Trust for Public Land (TPL); and

WHEREAS, the subject property consists of 260 acres of property that lies mainly within the channel and floodway of the river corridor, stretching for approximately 1.5 miles in the southern portion of the City as shown in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the potential transfer of this 260-acre parcel from private to public ownership would present community opportunities consistent with General Plan policies on recreation/conservation, the preliminary River Corridor Plan vision, Storm Water Management Plan and the City’s Integrated Water Resources Plan (under development); and

WHEREAS, the TPL does not own or manage land over the long term, and therefore partners with a public agency willing and able to assume ownership of the land; and

WHEREAS, the TPL has requested that the City partner with them to file an application with the State Water Resources Control Board for the acquisition and restoration of the subject 260-acre property; and

WHEREAS, the filing deadline for an application with the State Water Resources Control Board is June 9, 2006.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, to authorize the filing of a Grant Application with the State Water Resources Control

Board for \$4 million in funding to acquire 260-acres of land and implement associated restoration enhancements aimed at water quality improvements along the Salinas River Corridor.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to authorize city staff resources to work on project development related to the application over the coming weeks and months.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 6th day of June 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

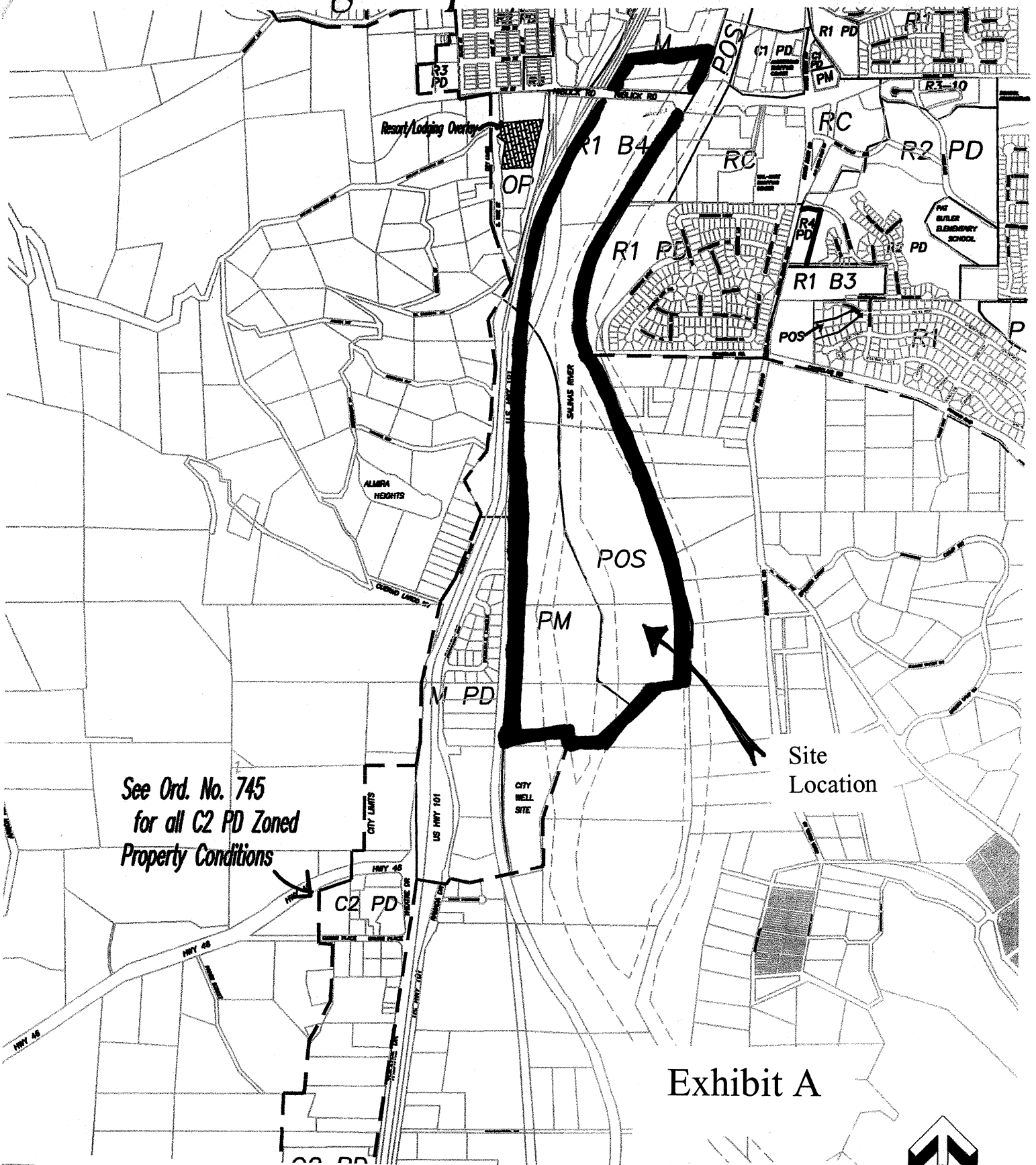
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Robinson, Deputy City Clerk

Zoning Map for Subarea 10



Site Location

See Ord. No. 745
for all C2 PD Zoned
Property Conditions

Exhibit A



Location Map – Subject of Grant Application

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