

RESOLUTION NO. 10-085

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE A LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SALINAS RIVER
PARKWAY PRESERVE ACQUIRED UNDER THE STATE WATER RESOURCES
BOARD SALINAS RIVER PARKWAY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the community has embraced a redefined vision for the Salinas River Corridor that has become the catalyst for recent civic, conservation and recreational accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas River Vision includes preservation of river habitat and key vistas, enhanced recreational trail systems and public access, improved educational and public art opportunities connected to the River's habitat and history, and a redeveloped urban edge along Paso Robles Street with long term future connections to the Downtown core; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board has designated the Salinas River and its tributaries as one of the most critical watersheds in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the City recently completed the purchase of 153.9 acres of land within the river corridor using funds from a multi-million dollar State Water Resources Board Grant (Salinas River Parkway Grant); and

WHEREAS, a requirement of the Grant Contract is to provide a Land Management Plan describing how the City will steward the property (herein described as the Salinas River Parkway Preserve or SRPP); and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County was contracted to prepare the Land Management Plan due to their conservation planning expertise and familiarity with the Grant project; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the Salinas River Parkway Grant is: to protect, restore and enhance the water quality, riparian habitat, flood control and groundwater recharge values of property along the upper Salinas River; and

WHEREAS, the public acquisition of river corridor accomplishes the Grant's goal by enabling the City to put in place land management techniques for the property (SRPP); and

WHEREAS, the Land Management Plan is designed to guide the City's actions for the property by identifying existing important natural features that should be protected and physical and social issues that degrade water quality and need to be resolved; and

WHEREAS, the Land Management Plan identifies a suggested timeline (from now through the next 10 years) to accomplish recommended actions steps, but where actual time to accomplish these steps will be driven by availability of resources and funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles to receive and approve the Land Management Plan for the Salinas River Parkway Preserve attached as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 15th day of June 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Gilman, Hamon, Steinbeck, Strong and Picanco

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lonnie Dolan, Deputy City Clerk