

12.0 INTRODUCTION TO COMMENTS ON DRAFT EIR

12.1 TITLE

This document is the *Final Environmental Impact Report for the Paso Robles Uptown/Town Centre Specific Plan, State Clearinghouse No. 2009081085*.

12.2 PURPOSE

This Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) assembles all the comments received on the information and analysis contained within the Draft EIR and responses by the City of Paso Robles to those comments. The intent of the Final EIR is to provide a forum to air and address comments pertaining to the analysis contained within the Draft EIR, and to provide an opportunity for clarifications, corrections, or minor revisions to the EIR, as needed.

The evaluation and response to public comments is an important part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process as it allows the following: (1) the opportunity to review and comment on the methods of analysis contained with the EIR, (2) the ability to detect any omissions that may have occurred during the preparation of the EIR, (3) the ability to check for accuracy of the analysis contained within the EIR, (4) the ability to share expertise, and (5) the ability to discover public concerns.

12.3 PROCESS

Pursuant to the *State CEQA Guidelines*, Section 15087, the Draft EIR was available for public comment during the 45-day review period July 2, 2010, through August 16, 2010. The City took the following steps to ensure that all interested parties had an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR including:

- The City published the availability of the Draft EIR on July 2, 2010, in the [San Luis Obispo] Tribune, and the San Luis Obispo County Clerk's office.
- Copies of the Draft EIR were available at the Paso Robles Library and the Planning Counter at the City.

Two comment letters contained in this Final EIR were received by the City during the 45-day public review period on the Draft EIR. Pursuant to Section 15088 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, as amended, the City of Paso Robles, as the Lead Agency for the project, has evaluated and prepared written response to all comments received on the Draft EIR. The written response shall describe the disposition of significant environmental issues raised.

12.4 CONTENTS OF THE FINAL EIR

Pursuant to Section 15132 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, this document consists of the following:

- the Draft EIR with revisions shown in strikeout/underline format
- the Draft EIR Appendices
- Comments on the Draft EIR and Responses, which consists of
 1. a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR,
 2. copies of all comment letters that include comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR, and
 3. responses to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process concerning the Draft EIR.
- the Planning Commission and City Council Staff Reports and Resolutions