

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST FORM
CITY OF PASO ROBLES**

1. **PROJECT TITLE:** Nacimiento Water Project – Paso Robles
Reserve Water Full Allocation Evaluation
2. **LEAD AGENCY:** City of Paso Robles
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3. **PROJECT LOCATION:** Paso Robles - Citywide
4. **GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION:** Not applicable
5. **ZONING:** Not applicable

6. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (herein referred to as the “District”), has a right to 17,500 acre feet of water per year (AFY) stored in Lake Nacimiento. A portion of that water is held for lakeside uses (e.g. 1,750 AFY), leaving 15,750 AFY available for use in other areas of San Luis Obispo County.

The City of Paso Robles along with four other agency participants holds entitlement to a combined 9,655 AFY of water. This leaves 6,095 AFY of “reserve water” that is not yet contractually committed. The Nacimiento Water Project infrastructure has an existing capacity to deliver the full 15,750 AFY.

The proposed project or “action” of the City of Paso Robles is to proportionally accept its share of “reserve water” thereby fully allocating the Nacimiento “reserve water”.

The District adopted a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Nacimiento Water Project (NWP) in 2003. The FEIR evaluated all potential environmental effects that could result from construction of the facilities to deliver water from the NWP to Paso Robles and to other areas in the County. It also included an analysis of water supply and delivery to 15 agencies, as well as transport of “reserve water”. Presently, only five agencies (including the

City of Paso Robles) hold entitlement for delivery of water from the NWP and the terms of the delivery entitlement contract are such that those agencies may apply for additional delivery entitlement.

Proposed Reserve Water Full Allocation:

| Water Allocation Participant | Current Delivery Entitlement (AFY) | Proposed Share of Reserve Water (AFY) | Total at Full Allocation (AFY) |
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| City of Paso Robles | 4,000 | 2,532 | 6,532 |
| City of San Luis Obispo | 3,380 | 2,139 | 5,519 |
| Atascadero Mutual Water Company | 2,000 | 1,266 | 3,266 |
| Templeton Community Services District | 250 | 158 | 408 |
| County Service Area 10A (Cayucos) | 25 | - | 25 |
| Reserve Water | 6,095 | - | - |
| Total | 15,750 | 6,095 | 15,750 |

The City of Paso Robles has prepared the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) consistent with the buildout assumptions of the City's 2003 General Plan. As identified in the UWMP, the City anticipates acquiring an additional 1,400 AFY by 2020, bringing its total entitlement share up to 5,400 AFY. The UWMP specifically notes that *"Use of Nacimiento water will reduce groundwater pumping and provide additional high quality water sources for City residents."* The plan states addition NWP water, *"...would allow the City to stabilize future basin well pumping at 3,400 AFY (approximately 2006 levels) or less, depending upon the effectiveness of long-term conservation programs."*

The UWMP also states that commitment of the remaining water supply (e.g. reserve water), is being considered by the City and other agencies. The assumptions and analysis of the UWMP support the City's request for full allocation of the remaining reserve water.

The amount of water proposed to be allocated to Paso Robles would be 1,132 AFY more than identified in the City's 2010 UWMP. Consistent with the UWMP, the additional allocation would be used to:

- Increase reliability of water supplies
- Reduce demand on Paso Robles groundwater basin wells
- Augment summertime peak demands
- Response to a water rights challenge
- Provide for emergencies, including, water quality event, or well failure, etc.
- Address impacts of prolonged drought / climate change.

No change to the City's adopted General Plan, buildout assumptions or other land use modifications are proposed to accompany the Reserve Water Full Allocation.

In regard to the potential for growth-inducing impacts of water available to Paso Robles from the NWP, the NWP FEIR states, *"Growth-inducing impacts of the City of Paso Robles would not be significant because there is a **considerable projected water deficit** (emphasis added) which would be a factor that would slow growth in this area."* The FEIR also states, *"Where water project supplies are in excess of water demand and are not used to reduce projected groundwater overdraft, then the potential growth-inducing impacts become more adverse and significant."* Any additional water available to Paso Robles through full allocation would be in excess of demand for development allowed under General Plan build-out. Consequently, reserve water would be used for the non-development objectives listed above. Therefore, full allocation of reserve water available through this project action would not be growth inducing.

The City's planned water treatment plant, which is under construction, is designed to treat Nacimiento Water Project water to replace lost well production and improve water quality. If water availability exceeds demand, Nacimiento Water Project water will either not be transported to the City's water treatment plant or be released into the Salinas River underflow to recharge the aquifer and sustain pumping from the City's river wells.

No additions or expansion to the water delivery system are proposed as part of this action.

No operational changes are proposed with delivery of additional water allocation that would result in increased traffic, emissions, or other water delivery system-related operational effects.

No new or amended permits are associated with this project action. As noted on the map provided in Attachment 1, the water delivery system network alignment of the existing NWP

facilities, including the City's turnout, "T-2", would not require any physical changes to accommodate water delivery from the change in water allocation.

7. SURROUNDING LAND USES AND SETTING:

This question does not apply to this project. The "project" is a contractual agreement to divide reserve water that has been entitled to the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

8. OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED (e.g., PERMITS, FINANCING APPROVAL OR PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT):

As noted in the Project Description, no new permits are associated with this project action. The project is an agreement with the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to modify water allocation of the NWP already within the County's entitlement.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature: _____

Date _____

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved. Answers should address off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. “Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
4. “Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from “Earlier Analyses,” as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
7. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
8. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a. the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b. the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

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I. AESTHETICS: Would the project:

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| a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: Items 1 a. – d. The project would not result in any physical alterations or modifications to the built or natural landscape, or the environment because the project only pertains to adjustments in water allocations already entitled by the County for distribution to participants in the Nacimiento Water Project program. Therefore, the project could not result in impacts that would have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista, scenic resources, visual quality or character of the community, or result in light or glare, since the project would not result in any physical disturbance.

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| b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See I a. above.

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| d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? (Sources: 1, 2, 10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See I a. above.

II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the State’s inventory of forest land, including the forest and Range Assessment Project and the forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

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| a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: Items II a. – e. The project would not result in any physical alterations or modifications to the built or natural landscape or environment because the project only pertains to adjustments in water allocations

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already entitled by the County for distribution to participants in the Nacimiento Water Project program. Therefore, the project could not result in impacts that would affect agricultural or timberland resources.

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| b. | Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| c. | Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| d. | Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| e. | Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See item II a. above.

III. AIR QUALITY: Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

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| a. | Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? (Source: 11) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: Items III a. – e. The project would not result in any physical alterations or modifications to the built or natural landscape or environment because the project only pertains to adjustments in water allocations already entitled by the County for distribution to participants in the Nacimiento Water Project program.

Additionally, as noted in the Project Description, no additions or expansion to the water delivery system are proposed as part of this action. No operational changes would occur, and therefore, there would not be increased air pollution as a result of increased traffic, emissions, or other water delivery system-related activities. It would not result in use of additional or modified equipment than what is used for the existing water delivery system, nor would it require additional employees or vehicle trips. Therefore, the project could not result in impacts that would affect construction-or operational-related air quality impacts, or conflict with any adopted air quality plans or policies, including the SLO County Clean Air Plan.

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| b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? (Source: 11) Discussion: See III a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? (Source: 11) Discussion: See III a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? (Source: 11) Discussion: See III a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? (Source: 11) Discussion: See III a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

- a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

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Discussion: Items IV a. – f. The project would not result in any physical alterations or modifications to the built or natural landscape or environment because the project only pertains to adjustments in water allocations already entitled by the County for distribution to participants in the Nacimiento Water Project program.

Additionally, as noted in the Project Description, no additions or expansion to the water delivery system or operational changes are proposed as part of this action. Lakeside water allocations would remain the same, therefore this project would not affect the amount of water available in Nacimiento Lake. The full water allocation only reallocates recipients of water already committed. Since there would be no alterations to the environment, the project could not result in impacts that would affect biological resources.

- b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the

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| California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service? Discussion: See Item IV a. above. | | | | |
| c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? Discussion: See Item IV a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? Discussion: See Item IV a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? Discussion: See Item IV a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? Discussion: See Item IV a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

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| a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: a. – d. The project would not result in any physical alterations or modifications to the built or natural landscape or environment because the project only pertains to adjustments in water allocations already entitled by the County for distribution to participants in the Nacimiento Water Project program.

Additionally, as noted in the Project Description, no additions or expansion to the water delivery system or operational changes are proposed as part of this action. The project would not disturb or alter the natural environment that may have existing cultural resources located on it. Therefore, the project could not result in

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| impacts that would affect cultural resources. | | | | |
| b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? Discussion: See Item V a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? Discussion: See Item V a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? Discussion: See Item V a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:

- a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
- i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. (Sources: 1, 2, & 3)

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Discussion: a. – f. The project would not result in any physical alterations or modifications to the built or natural landscape or environment because the project only pertains to adjustments in water allocations already entitled by the County for distribution to participants in the Nacimiento Water Project program.

Additionally, as noted in the Project Description, no additions or expansion to the water delivery system or operational changes are proposed as part of this action. Therefore, the project could not result in impacts that would affect geological or soils resources.

- ii. Strong seismic ground shaking? (Sources: 1, 2, & 3)

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- iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? (Sources: 1, 2 & 3)

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| b. Landslides? Discussion: See VI a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? (Sources: 1, 2, & 3) Discussion: See VI a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? Discussion: See VI a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? Discussion: See VI a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? Discussion: See VI a. above. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project:

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| a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: a. – b. The project would not result in any physical alterations or modifications to the built or natural landscape or environment because the project only pertains to adjustments in water allocations already entitled by the County for distribution to participants in the Nacimiento Water Project program.

Additionally, as noted in the Project Description, no additions or expansion to the water delivery system or operational changes are proposed as part of this action. The project would not use new or modified equipment for the existing water delivery system, nor would it require additional employees or vehicle trips. Therefore, the project could not result in impacts that would affect or create an increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

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| b. Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gasses? | | | | |
| Discussion: See VII a. above. | | | | |



VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the project:

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| a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: a. – h. The project would not result in any physical alterations or modifications to the built or natural landscape or environment because the project only pertains to adjustments in water allocations already entitled by the County for distribution to participants in the Nacimiento Water Project program.

Additionally, as noted in the Project Description, no additions or expansion to the water delivery system or operational changes are proposed as part of this action. It would also not incur transport, use or dispose of hazardous materials. Therefore, the project could not result in impacts that would create hazards to the public or environment.

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| b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See VIII a. above.

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| c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See VIII a. above.

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| d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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working in the project area?

Discussion: See VIII a. above. Additionally, the NWP is not located within the planning area of the Paso Robles Airport, therefore the project could not effect airport facilities or development near the airport.

- f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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Discussion: See VIII a. & f. above.

- g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

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Discussion: See VIII a. above. Additionally, the City does not have an adopted existing emergency response or evacuation plan.

- h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

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Discussion: See VIII a. above.

IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project:

- a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

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Discussion: The project would not result in any physical alterations or modifications to the built or natural landscape, or environment because the project only pertains to adjustments in water allocations already entitled by the County for distribution to participants in the Nacimiento Water Project program.

Additionally, as noted in the Project Description, no additions or expansion to the water delivery system or operational changes are proposed as part of this action. Part of the project objectives for use of NWP water is to improve potable water quality through use of surface water (Lake Nacimiento), by blending it with groundwater. This will improve the quality of potable water by reducing the amount of total dissolved solids (e.g. mineral and salinity content), and resultant need for use of water softeners. It is anticipated that water blending will reduce water quality violations from wastewater discharged into the Salinas River, and will result in a net benefit to water quality. Therefore, the project could not result in impacts that would violate water quality standards or water discharge.

- b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., Would

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| <p>the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? Would decreased rainfall infiltration or groundwater recharge reduce stream baseflow? (Source: 7)</p> <p>Discussion: As a supplemental water supply, the additional Nacimiento water is intended to reduce the City's reliance on groundwater resources. The City will be in a position to offset groundwater pumping with use of this additional water source and help stabilize the Paso Robles groundwater basin. Therefore, the project would result in a net benefit to local groundwater supplies, and could not result in depleting or interfering with groundwater recharge or groundwater resources.</p> | | | | |
| <p>c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? (Source: 10)</p> <p>Discussion: See IX a. above. Additionally, since this project will not result in physical alterations of the landscape, it could not affect drainages or streams, or result in erosion or siltation.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? (Source: 10)</p> <p>Discussion: See IX a. above. Additionally, since this project will not result in physical alterations of the landscape, it could not affect drainages or streams, or result in surface runoff in a manner that might result in on- or off-site flooding.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? (Source: 10)</p> <p>Discussion: See IX a. above. Additionally, since this project will not result in physical alterations of the landscape, it could not affect stormwater drainage systems or increase stormwater runoff.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?</p> <p>Discussion: See IX a above.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: This potential impact is not applicable to this project since the project does not include housing. | | | | |
| h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: This potential impact is not applicable to this project since the project does not include structures or buildings of any kind. | | | | |
| i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: This potential impact is not applicable to this project since the project does not include structures or buildings of any kind. | | | | |
| j. Inundation by mudflow? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: See IX a above. This project could not result in inundation of mudflow since it does not include physical alterations or development. | | | | |
| k. Conflict with any Best Management Practices found within the City's Storm Water Management Plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: See IX a above. This project could not result in conflicts with BMPs within the City's Storm Water Management Plan since it does not include physical alterations or development. | | | | |
| l. Substantially decrease or degrade watershed storage of runoff, wetlands, riparian areas, aquatic habitat, or associated buffer zones? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: See IX a above. This project could not decrease or degrade watershed storage since it will not include physical development or alterations. | | | | |

X. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project:

- a. Physically divide an established community?

Discussion: The proposed project does not apply to this question since it will not include physical development.

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| b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: The proposed project, a request for an increased share of the full subscription of Nacimiento Lake water, would not conflict with the City’s General Plan or other regulatory plans, policies and documents. The project is intended to offset reliance of groundwater resources to accommodate existing and new development as planned for in the General Plan through build-out. The project would support adopted plans and policies adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating environmental effects. | | | | |
| c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: There are no adopted habitat conservation plans that apply within the City of Paso Robles. | | | | |

XI. MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

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| a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? (Source: 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: The proposed project would not result in physical alterations or construction, and would therefore not have the potential to affect mineral resources. | | | | |
| b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? (Source: 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: See XI a. above. | | | | |

XII. NOISE: Would the project result in:

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| a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? (Source: 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: The proposed project does not include construction, use of equipment, vehicles or other apparatus that may cause an increase in noise. Therefore, the project could not expose people to noise levels that would exceed local standards. | | | | |

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| b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? Discussion: See XII a. above. The proposed project could not result in groundborne vibration or noise. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? Discussion: See XII a. above. The proposed project could not result in substantial permanent noise. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? Discussion: See XII a. above. The proposed project could not result in substantial permanent noise | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (Sources: 1, 4) Discussion: See XII a. above. The proposed project would use the existing water pipeline for water delivery, which is not within the vicinity of the Paso Robles Airport. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:

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| a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? (Source: 1) Discussion: As noted in the Project Description, this project would provide additional surface water supply to offset groundwater pumping, and would be consistent with the City's General Plan build-out projections. It would not result in growth-inducing impacts, and therefore the project would not induce substantial population growth. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? Discussion: The project does not include physical development or construction, and could not displace existing housing. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| housing elsewhere? | | | | |
| Discussion: The project does not include physical development or construction, and could not displace people or housing. | | | | |

XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES: Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

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| a. Fire protection? (Sources: 1,10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: a. – e. Since the proposed project would not result in new development, and would not result in the need for new public services.

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| b. Police protection? (Sources: 1,10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See XIV a. above.

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| c. Schools? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See XIV a. above.

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| d. Parks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See XIV a. above.

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| e. Other public facilities? (Sources: 1,10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See XIV a. above.

XV. RECREATION

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| a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: Since the proposed project would not result in new development, it would not impact recreational facilities, and it is not applicable to this issue.

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| b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | | | | |
| Discussion: See XV a. above. | | | | |

XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC: Would the project:

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| a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: As noted in the Project Description, no construction-related or operational changes are proposed with delivery of additional water allocation that could result in increased traffic. Therefore, the project could not conflict with applicable transportation plans, including the City General Plan Circulation Element. | | | | |
| b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to a level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: See XVI a. above. | | | | |
| c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: The project will not result in physical development or land alterations, and could not affect air traffic patterns. | | | | |
| d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: See XVI a. above. | | | | |
| e. Result in inadequate emergency access? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| f. | Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See XVI a. above.

XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project:

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| a. | Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: The objective of this project is to increase the reliability of the community’s overall water supplies, including the City’s ability to reliably meet summertime peak demands, maintain water supplies in the event of an emergency, water rights challenge, water quality event, or well failure, etc., and to address potential effects of prolonged drought or climate change. The project would not require, create, demand, or change existing water requirements, and therefore, it could not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board?

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| b. | Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: The proposed project will not require expansion of water or wastewater treatment facilities beyond what is planned for in the City Water Treatment Master Plan and Wastewater Treatment Master Plan since there is adequate existing capacity of those facilities upon completion of approved and scheduled phased construction upgrades to treat the full allocation.

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| c. | Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: Distribution of Nacimiento water is not related to storm water drainage facilities, and would therefore could not affect existing or planned storm water drainage facilities.

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| d. | Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: The project is not a development project that requires use of water resources. The project is to bring reserve water supplies to the City’s water supply system. Therefore, the project would not affect the sufficiency of water supplies available and/or a potential need to expand water entitlements, and would not

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| require new entitlements.. | | | | |
| e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the projects projected demand in addition to the providers existing commitments? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: The proposed project would not require wastewater treatment, therefore it could not affect the City's waterwater treatment plant capacity. | | | | |
| f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: This topic does not apply to the proposed project since distribution of water allocation does not result in solid waste that could affect the City's landfill. | | | | |
| g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: See XVII f. above. | | | | |

XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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| a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion: As provided for in the Project Description, this project would reallocate water already entitled for use by local agencies, and would therefore not reduce the amount of Nacimiento Lake water previously conscripted for allocation (and which was previously evaluated in the FEIR for the Nacimiento Water Project in 2003). | | | | |
| Therefore, the project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. | | | | |
| b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

Discussion: As provided for in the Project Description, this project would allocate water already entitled for use by local agencies, which was previously evaluated in the FEIR for the Nacimiento Water Project in 2003.

The City of Paso Robles has prepared the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) consistent with the buildout assumptions of the City’s 2003 General Plan. As identified in the UWMP, the City anticipates acquiring an additional 1,400 AFY by 2020, bringing its total entitlement share up to 5,400 AFY. The UWMP specifically notes that *“Use of Nacimiento water will reduce groundwater pumping and provide additional high quality water sources for City residents.”* The plan states addition NWP water, *“...would allow the City to stabilize future basin well pumping at 3,400 AFY (approximately 2006 levels) or less, depending upon the effectiveness of long-term conservation programs.”* The UWMP also states that commitment of the remaining water supply (e.g. reserve water), is being considered by the City and other agencies. The assumptions and analysis of the UWMP support the City’s request for full allocation of the remaining reserve water.

The amount of water proposed to be allocated to Paso Robles would be 1,132 AFY more than identified in the City’s 2010 UWMP. Consistent with the UWMP, the additional allocation would be used:

- To increase reliability of water supplies
- Reduce demand on Paso Robles groundwater basin wells
- Augment summertime peak demands
- Response to a water rights challenge
- Provide for emergencies, including, water quality event, or well failure, etc.
- Address impacts of prolonged drought / climate change.

No change to the City’s adopted General Plan, buildout assumptions or other land use modifications are proposed to accompany the Reserve Water Full Allocation.

In regard to the potential for growth-inducing impacts of water available to Paso Robles from the NWP, the NWP FEIR states, *“Growth-inducing impacts of the City of Paso Robles would not be significant because there is a **considerable projected water deficit** (emphasis added) which would be a factor that would slow growth in this area.”* The FEIR also states, *“Where water project supplies are in excess of water demand and are not used to reduce projected groundwater overdraft, then the potential growth-inducing impacts become more adverse and significant.”* Any additional water available to Paso Robles through full allocation would be in excess of demand for development allowed under General Plan build-out. Consequently, reserve water would be used for the non-development objectives stated above. Therefore, full allocation of reserve water available through this project action would not be growth inducing.

Therefore, the project does not have the potential to have impacts that are individually limited, but

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- c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Discussion: As provided for in the Project Description, this project would allocate water already entitled for use by local agencies, which was previously evaluated in the FEIR for the Nacimiento Water Project in 2003. Therefore, the project does not have the potential to have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

EARLIER ANALYSIS AND BACKGROUND MATERIALS.

Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, one or more effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D).

Earlier Documents that may have been used in this Analysis and Background / Explanatory Materials

| <u>Reference #</u> | <u>Document Title</u> | <u>Available for Review at:</u> |
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| 1 | City of Paso Robles General Plan | City of Paso Robles Community Development Department 1000 Spring Street Paso Robles, CA 93446 |
| 2 | City of Paso Robles Zoning Code | Same as above |
| 3 | City of Paso Robles Environmental Impact Report for General Plan Update | Same as above |
| 4 | 2005 Airport Land Use Plan | Same as above |
| 5 | City of Paso Robles Municipal Code | Same as above |
| 6 | City of Paso Robles Water Master Plan | Same as above |
| 7 | City of Paso Robles Urban Water Management Plan 2005 | Same as above |
| 8 | City of Paso Robles Sewer Master Plan | Same as above |
| 9 | City of Paso Robles Housing Element | Same as above |
| 10 | City of Paso Robles Standard Conditions of Approval for New Development | Same as above |
| 11 | San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District Guidelines for Impact Thresholds | APCD 3433 Roberto Court San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 |
| 12 | San Luis Obispo County – Land Use Element | San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning County Government Center San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 |
| 13 | USDA, Soils Conservation Service, Soil Survey of San Luis Obispo County, Paso Robles Area, 1983 | Soil Conservation Offices Paso Robles, Ca 93446 |
| 14 | Bike Master Plan, 2009 | City of Paso Robles Community Development Department 1000 Spring Street Paso Robles, CA 93446 |