

I INTRODUCTION TO FINAL EIR

The City of Paso Robles has prepared the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the development of the Downtown/Town Centre Specific Plan in accordance with Section 21080 of the California Public Resources Code and with Sections 15120–15132 and Section 15162 of the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines*, as amended. Section 15132 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* requires that a Final EIR consist of:

1. The Draft EIR or a revision of the Draft EIR. In this case, a revised Draft EIR is provided, incorporating revisions to the Draft EIR as recorded in the Final EIR.
2. Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary. In this case, the verbatim comments made on the Draft EIR, which was available for public review between July 2, 2010, and August 16, 2010, are included in **Section 13.0** of this Final EIR.
3. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR. See **Section 12.0** of this Final EIR.
4. The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental issues raised in the review and consultation process. The City's responses to comments received are shown in **Section 13.0** of this Final EIR. Corrections and Additions to the Draft EIR, as required by the City's response to comments, are incorporated into text and graphics in the revised Draft EIR. In the Final EIR all new text appears in "underline type," all deleted text appears in "~~striketrough~~" type, and such revisions are indicated by a revision bar in the margin of the page.
5. Any additional information added by the Lead Agency. In this case, this information includes:
 - this Introduction to the Final EIR,
 - correspondence for Planning Commission,
 - Staff Report for City Council,
 - minutes of the City Council Hearing,
 - Resolution No. 11-XXX, and
 - Notice of Determination.

The Final EIR, including the Draft EIR, the Comments and Responses, and the revisions to the Draft EIR as contained in the Final EIR, together with other relevant information, were considered by the City Council in evaluating the proposed project. The City and other responsible agencies must consider this Final EIR when issuing permits or approvals for the project, or other project-related discretionary actions.