

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
AUTHORIZING MEASURES TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATURAL
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted goals, policies, principles, and actions in the General Plan and Economic Strategy for the City of El Paso de Robles to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors including:

- Support local industry & agriculture
- Conserve energy and natural resources
- Maximize use of resources and infrastructure
- Preserve and enhance the natural environment

And, these objectives shall be pursued by, among other future initiatives:

- Encouraging infill development while preserving open space area and reducing traffic congestion and vehicle miles traveled.
- Establishing compact, multi-dimensional land use patterns to minimize impact of cars and promote alternative transportation.
- Providing safe and convenient pedestrian, bicycle and public transit access across the city.
- Establishing agricultural and open space areas to buffer urbanization and promote resource efficient growth patterns.
- Implementing a variety of water acquisition, conservation and reuse programs to maintain a safe, reliable water supply.
- Preserving native vegetation, wildlife, and habitat areas, through avoidance, impact mitigation, and habitat enhancement
- Promoting local industry, agriculture, and commerce to provide for local needs.

WHEREAS, the City's pursuit and accomplishment of these goals, policies and principles may be accelerated through focused action; and

WHEREAS, focused actions may be developed and documented in a Natural Resource Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Natural Resource Management Plan will benefit from baseline data to evaluate fundamental challenges and opportunities, as well as provide a point of comparative measurement; and

WHEREAS, an inventory of human activity impacts, i.e., a green house gas emission inventory, is a means of documenting those impacts; and

WHEREAS, the international organization known as, “ICLEI” – Local Governments for Sustainability, has technical information and expertise that can assist the City in developing a greenhouse gas inventory, and in turn, contribute to preparation of the Natural Resource Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign sponsored by ICLEI has developed a proven method and tools for quantifying energy use, energy efficiency, and associated green house gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to increase energy efficiency and reduce green house gas emissions provide multiple local benefits by: reducing energy expenditures; saving money for the local government, its businesses and residents; decreasing air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the State legislature adopted AB 32 (known as the California Global Warming Act of 2006), established a multi-year program to reduce green house gas emission to 1990 levels by the year 2020, see Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, preparation of a Natural Resource Management Plan incorporating the Cities for Climate Protection Campaigns program and tools, as provided in Exhibit B, will put Paso Robles in a position to effectively implement State goals of AB 32 to reduce green house gas emissions.

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign sponsored by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability has invited the City of El Paso de Robles to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES:

Section 1. To assist in development of the Natural Resource Management Plan the City has joined ICLEI and participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, promote public awareness about climate change.

Section 2. That the Natural Resource Management Plan will address, and the City will undertake a five milestone methodology to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emission throughout the community, and specifically:

- Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;
- Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- Implement the action plan; and
- Monitor and report progress.

Section 3. That the City requests technical assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles this 20th day of May, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Robinson, City Clerk