

**EXHIBIT LRP2010-0014:A  
FINDINGS**

*Environmental Determination*

- A. This project is covered by a categorical exemption under Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 8 exemption), as it is an action taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of the environment. Therefore, the activity is categorically exempt from CEQA. Approximately 200 parcels were created in the groundwater basin in the twenty-year period 1990 through 2010. If these lost subdivision opportunities were transferred to the four most active rural areas of the county, a total of 110 additional people would be expected in each of the four rural areas. The 2010 populations of these four rural areas range from 4,400 in San Luis Bay to 10,550 in the South County rural area. At the most, the resulting increase in population and subdivided lots in the four most active rural areas of the county over the next 20 years would be between about 1-2.5 percent.

*Amendment*

- B. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Land Use Element, the Conservation and Open Space Element and other adopted elements of the general plan because the changes are consistent with the general goals of the Land Use Element and will protect water resources.
- C. The proposed amendment is consistent with the guidelines for amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and Land Use Element because the modifications and will not result in any new physical development.
- D. The proposed amendment will protect the public health, safety and welfare of the area residents because lowering water levels in the Paso Robles groundwater basin threaten the public's drinking water supply and the proposed amendments will help protect that water resource.