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Community Risk Reduction
Salinas River Vegetation Management Project Approved

PASO ROBLES, CA – On April 29, 2022, the City of Paso Robles received the long-awaited Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA), from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), for the Salinas River Vegetation Management Project. The LSAA is the final piece of the puzzle in the regulatory approval process for the City of Paso Robles to manage the vegetation in the Salinas River and reduce the wildfire risk to the community. The development of the LSAA spanned more than two years and is the first of its kind approved by the CDFW.

To date, the vegetation work completed within the Salinas River corridor has largely been performed under emergency authorization. Continuing vegetation management within the corridor required a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, a long-term permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, a LSAA, and a 5-Year Vegetation Management Plan. To obtain these permits and develop a long-term plan was a significant accomplishment for the City of Paso Robles and hopefully provides a road map for others to follow.

Grazing of approximately 100 acres within the Salinas River corridor is currently in progress by the City of Paso Robles Fire Department, in partnership with The Goat Girls LLC, San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council, and Althouse & Meade. The official approval and implementation of this project is a milestone for the future of vegetation management practices not only for Paso Robles, but for communities and organizations throughout the State.

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