

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISALIA, ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 2023-32, WHICH EVALUATES ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR ANNEXATION NO. 2022-04, SHEPHERDS RANCH II TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP NO. 5589, AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 2022-03

**WHEREAS**, the project consisting of Annexation No. 2022-04, Shepherds Ranch II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5589, and Tentative Parcel Map No. 2022-03 (hereinafter "Project") is a request to annex a 40 acres into the City Limits of Visalia in order to facilitate the subdivision of said 40 acres into a 200-lot single-family residential subdivision. The Project is located on the east side of Road 88, approximately ¼ mile south of West Goshen Avenue. (APN: 081-030-080); and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Visalia, after ten (10) days published notice, held a public hearing before said Council on August 7, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, on the basis of this Initial Study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project were prepared and noticed for review and comment for 20 days from June 1, 2023 to June 20, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Visalia did receive one comment on the Initial Study and Mitigation Negative Declaration, wherein City concluded that the findings and conclusions of the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration are still applicable based in the information contained in the one comment letter and that no additional conditions of approval are necessary for the project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Visalia considered the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration contain and reflect the independent judgment of the City of Visalia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City of Visalia Environmental Guidelines.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Visalia hereby finds, on the basis of the whole record before it, that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and hereby adopts Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 2023-32. The documents and other material which constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the decisions based are located at the office of the City Planner, 315 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, California, 93291.