



Agenda Report

DATE: MAY 21, 2007
TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)
FOR FINAL ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution to certify the Pasadena Enterprise Zone Designation Final EIR; and
2. Direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Determination (NOD) and the Department of Fish and Game No Effect Determination Form with the Los Angeles County Recorder; and
3. Acknowledge the approval of the Enterprise Zone boundaries; and
4. Authorize staff to enter into negotiation with The Department of Housing and Community Development to develop the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and prepare any documents required for submittal to the State of California to receive final designation as an Enterprise Zone; and
5. Authorize the City Manager to execute the MOU and any documents required for submittal to the State of California for final approval; and
6. Adopt a resolution designating and formally approving the census tracts that will compose the Targeted Employment Area for the Enterprise Zone and such other action as set forth in this agenda report, as required by State Law.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2006 the City applied for a new Enterprise Zone to replace the existing zone that would expire in April 2007 and requested to expand the boundaries by 20%, increasing the coverage area to 3.45 square mile, as shown in Attachment A of this report. The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded conditional approval and required the City to prepare an EIR. The actions included in this report represent final action in response to the conditions of approval, expansion of boundaries, and the requirement for an EIR. Following submittal of the Final EIR, the City will enter into negotiations with HCD to develop and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will govern the implementation of the 15-year Enterprise Zone Designation.

