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WHY? The project is the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan 2004 Land Use Element or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the proposed project will not result in physical development being located on soils that are incapable of supporting septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems.

10. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:

a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

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b. Conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

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11. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:

c. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials? ()

WHY? The project is the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements or use of hazardous materials. It proposes no changes to the General Plan 2004 Land Use Element or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the proposed project will not create any hazard through transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.

d. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? ()

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e. *Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? ()*

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f. *Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? ()*

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g. *For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? ()*

WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. The nearest public use airport is the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, which is operated by a Joint Powers Authority with representatives from the Cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena. The proposed project will not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the vicinity of an airport and will have no associated impacts.

h. *For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? ()*

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i. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? ()

WHY? The City of Pasadena maintains a citywide emergency response plan, which goes into effect at the onset of a major disaster (e.g., a major earthquake). The Pasadena Fire Department maintains the disaster plan. In case of a disaster, the Fire Department is responsible for implementing the plan, and the Pasadena Police Department devises evacuation routes based on the specific circumstance of the emergency. The City has pre-planned evacuation routes for dam inundation areas associated with Devil's Gate Dam, Eaton Wash, and the Jones Reservoir.

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j. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? ()

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12. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:

a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? ()

WHY? Section 303 of the federal Clean Water Act requires states to develop water quality standards to protect the beneficial uses of receiving waters. In accordance with California's Porter/Cologne Act, the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) are required to develop water quality objectives that ensure their region meets the requirements of Section 303 of the Clean Water Act.

Pasadena is within the greater Los Angeles River watershed, and thus, within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles RWQCB. The Los Angeles RWQCB adopted water quality objectives in its Stormwater Quality Management Plan (SQMP). This SQMP is designed to ensure stormwater achieves compliance with receiving water limitations. Thus, stormwater generated by a development that complies with the SQMP does not exceed the limitations of receiving waters, and thus does not exceed water quality standards.

Compliance with the SQMP is ensured by Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, which is known as the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Under this section, municipalities are required to obtain permits for the water pollution generated by stormwater in their jurisdiction. These permits are known as Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permits.

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incorporated Cities therein, including the City of Pasadena, obtained an MS4 (Permit # 01-182) from the Los Angeles RWQCB, most recently in 2001. Under this MS4, each permitted municipality is required to implement the SQMP.

In accordance with the County-wide MS4 permit, all new developments must comply with the SQMP. In addition, as required by the MS4 permit, the City of Pasadena has adopted a Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) ordinance to ensure new developments comply with SQMP. This ordinance requires most new developments to submit a plan to the City that demonstrates how the development project will comply with the City's SUSMP.

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- b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? ()

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The housing that is described in the *Housing Element* will use the existing water supply system provided by the Pasadena Department of Water and Power. Over the past several years, Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) has been impacted by several factors that have restricted local and regional water supply. PWP's groundwater rights in the Raymond Basin have been curtailed in order to mitigate groundwater depletion experienced over the last half century. With respect to imported supplies, a decade-long drought has reduced the ability to replenish regional groundwater supplies; drought conditions in the American southwest have reduced deliveries of water from the Colorado River, and legal and environmental issues have resulted in reduced water deliveries through the State Water Project. As a result, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) has implemented its Water Supply Allocation Plan, which requires PWP to reduce its total water consumption by approximately 10% effective July 1, 2009. MWD will charge significant penalties if PWP's total water use exceeds this allocation.

In September 2008, Council directed PWP to develop a Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan (CWCP) with a variety of approaches and recommendations for achieving 10%, 20% and 30% reductions in water consumption as well as an analysis of the financial impacts on the Water Fund if those conservation targets were achieved. On April 13, 2009, Council voted to approve the CWCP presented by PWP and to replace the Water Shortage Procedure Ordinance with a new Water Waste Prohibition and Water Shortage Plan Ordinance (PMC 13.10). As a long term goal, the CWCP presupposes an initial target of reducing per-capita potable water consumption 10% by 2015 and 20% by 2020.

The new Water Waste Prohibitions and Water Supply Shortage Plan Ordinance (PMC 13.10) became effective on July 4, 2009 and established thirteen permanent mandatory restrictions on wasteful water use activities. In addition, statewide water demand reduction requirements began in 2009, as a result of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan from April 30, 2009 ("20x2020"), and the current work being done by the California Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources

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Control Board, and other state agencies to implement the Governor's 20x2020 Water Conservation Initiative Program. As a result, to meet these water policy goals, the development projects must comply with the Water Conservation Plan and the Water Shortage Procedure Ordinance and the City's goal to meet the 20x2020 goals by submitting a water-conservation plan limiting the water consumption to 80% of its originally anticipated amount.

- c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner, which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on-or off-site? ()

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- d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner, which would result in flooding on- or off-site? ()

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- e. Create or contribute runoff water, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? ()

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- f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? ()

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- g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or dam inundation area as shown in the City of Pasadena adopted Safety Element of the General Plan or other flood or inundation delineation map? ()

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h. *Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures, which would impede or redirect flood flows?* ()

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i. *Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?* ()

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j. *Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?* ()

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13. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:

a. *Physically divide an existing community?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. The *Housing Element* includes of inventory of sites that are adequate to accommodate the City's assigned share of regional housing need. It is an inventory only, and no development is proposed. The project will not physically divide any existing community.

b. *Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvement. It proposes no changes to the *General Plan 2004 Land Use Element* text or diagram or to a base zoning designation. The goals, policies, and programs identified in the *Element* will facilitate the provision of housing in the city. The *Housing Element* is consistent with other General Plan elements. Program 16.D involves study of certain zoning districts to determine appropriate areas for an overlay zoning district allowing emergency homeless shelters without discretionary approval, to comply with Government Code Section 65583 (SB 2). Analysis of an overlay district permitting emergency shelters would be speculative, because the specific boundaries of an overlay district and the standards regulating emergency shelters have not been determined. CEQA review will be conducted for the future amendment when boundaries and standards are known. The *Housing Element* includes an inventory of sites that are adequate to accommodate the City's assigned share of regional housing need. It is an inventory only, and no development is proposed. The project does not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the *Element*.

- c. *Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan (HCP) or natural community conservation plan (NCCP)?* ()

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WHY? Currently, there are no adopted Habitat Conservation or Natural Community Conservation Plans within the City of Pasadena. There are also no approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plans.

14. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

- a. *Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?* ()

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WHY? No active mining operations exist in the City of Pasadena. There are two areas in Pasadena that may contain mineral resources. These two areas are Eaton Wash, which, was formerly mined for sand and gravel, and Devils Gate Reservoir, which was formerly mined for cement concrete aggregate.

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- b. *Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?* ()

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WHY? The City's 2004 General Plan *Land Use Element* does not identify any mineral recovery sites within the City. Furthermore, there are no mineral-resource recovery sites shown in the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan; or the 1999 "Aggregate Resources in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area" map published by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology. No active mining operations exist in the City of Pasadena and mining is not currently allowed within any of the City's designated land uses.

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15. NOISE. Will the project result in:

- a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? ()

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- b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? ()

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- c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? ()

WHY? See response to 15.a. The project is the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan 2004 Land Use Element or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. The project does not involve installing a stationary noise source. The project will not result in a permanent increase in ambient noise.

- d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? ()

WHY? The project is the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan 2004 Land Use Element or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. The project will not result in a temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels.

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e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? ()

WHY? There are no airports or airport land-use plans in the City of Pasadena. The closest airport is the Bob Hope Airport (formerly the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport), which is located more than 10 miles from Pasadena in the City of Burbank. The project will not expose people to excessive airport related noise and will have no associated impacts.

f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? ()

WHY? There are no private-use airports or airstrips within or near the City of Pasadena.

16. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:

a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? ()

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b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? ()

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Land Use Element, but the *Housing Element* does not propose development projects. The project will not displace substantial numbers of existing housing to other locations.

c. *Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?* ()

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17. PUBLIC SERVICES. Will the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

a. *Fire Protection?* ()

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b. *Libraries?* ()

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c. *Parks?* ()

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d. *Police Protection?* ()

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e. *Schools?* ()

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f. *Other public facilities?* ()

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18. RECREATION.

a. *Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?* ()

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b. Would the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? ()

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19. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:

a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? ()

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Though it proposes neither specific development projects nor changes in base zoning, the Element identifies sites that are feasible for development, including sites within walking distance of the Gold Line and other transit. Pedestrian safety and potential transportation impacts related to proximity to rail crossings are addressed in existing City policies. The City's Pedestrian Plan (2006), Policy 8, states, "Public transportation facilities should be designed to promote pedestrian safety and access," and includes a related strategy, Strategy 8.1, to "monitor routinely the pedestrian safety provisions along the Gold Line corridor to determine whether modifications are needed." The City's Transportation Review Guidelines (2004) identify various project location factors for consideration in reviewing development projects. These factors include, among others, proximity to approved transportation projects, to Gold Line stations, to transit, and to busy pedestrian intersections.

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b. *Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?* ()

WHY? The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) adopted their most recent Congestion Management Program (CMP) in 2004. This CMP identifies level of service (LOS) E or better as acceptable for the designated CMP highway and road system. The CMP further states, "a significant impact occurs when the proposed project increases traffic demand on a CMP facility by 2% of capacity (V/C [volume to capacity ratio] = 0.02), causing LOS F (V/C > 1.00). If the facility is already at LOS F, a significant impact occurs when the proposed project increases traffic demand on a CMP facility by 2% of capacity (V/C = 0.02)."

The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the proposed project will not exceed level of service standards or conflict with the travel demand measures that are established in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Congestion Management Plan.

c. *Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. The project demonstrates that the state-mandated share of housing can be accommodated and is consistent with the development levels described in the City's *2004 Land Use Element*, but the Housing Element does not propose development projects. Therefore, the proposed project would have no impact to air traffic patterns.

d. *Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the proposed project will not increase hazards to a design feature or incompatible uses.

e. *Result in inadequate emergency access?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the proposed project will not increase hazards to a design feature or incompatible uses.

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f. Result in inadequate parking capacity? ()

WHY? The project is the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan 2004 Land Use Element or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the proposed project will not result in inadequate parking capacity.

g. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? ()

WHY? The project is the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan 2004 Land Use Element or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. The Housing Element, consistent with the Land Use Element, supports directing new residential development to the Specific Plan areas, along transit corridors, and close to employment and activity centers (Policy HE-2.2), thus facilitating the use of alternative transportation. The proposed project does not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation.

20. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:

a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? ()

WHY? The project is the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan 2004 Land Use Element or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the proposed project will not exceed wastewater treatment requirements.

b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ()

WHY? The project is the City's 2008-2014 Housing Element. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan 2004 Land Use Element or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the proposed project will not require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities.

c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the proposed project will not require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities.

d. *Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?* ()

WHY? The adequacy of water supply is a potential problem for all new development since the Southern California region has been known to experience periods of drought and needs a long-term reliable water supply. However, the project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the *Housing Element* requires no additional water supply.

Development projects that are described in the *Housing Element* will be subject to the City's local ordinances. During periods of drought, development projects will be required to comply with the City's Water Shortage Procedures Ordinance, which reduces monthly water consumption to 90 percent of the expected consumption for this type of land use.

In September 2008, Council directed Pasadena Water and Power to develop a comprehensive water conservation plan with a variety of approaches and recommendations for achieving 10%, 20% and 30% reductions in water consumption as well as an analysis of the financial impacts on the Water Fund if those conservation targets were achieved. On April 13, 2009, Council voted to approve the Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan presented by PWP and to replace the Water Shortage Procedure Ordinance with a new Water Waste Prohibition and Water Shortage Plan Ordinance (PMC 13.10).

The new Water Waste Prohibitions and Water Supply Shortage Plan Ordinance (PMC 13.10) became effective on July 4, 2009 and established thirteen permanent mandatory restrictions on wasteful water use activities. In addition, the City anticipates statewide water demand reduction requirements beginning in 2009, as a result of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan from April 30, 2009 ("20x2020"), and the current work being done by the California Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, and other state agencies to implement the Governor's 20x2020 Water Conservation Initiative Program.

e. *Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?* ()

WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the project will not result in a determination by the City's Water and Power Department, the City's Public Works Engineering Division, or the Los Angeles County Sanitation District 16 concerning adequate capacity.

f. *Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the project will not result in solid waste disposal needs. The City of Pasadena is served primarily by Scholl Canyon landfill, which is permitted through 2025, and secondarily by Puente Hills, which was re-permitted in 2003 for 10 years.

g. *Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. Therefore, the project has no conflict with federal, state, or local statutes or regulations related to solid waste.

In 1992, the City adopted the "Source Reduction and Recycling Element" to comply with the California Integrated Waste Management Act. This Act requires that jurisdictions maintain a 50% or better diversion rate for solid waste. The City implements this requirement through Section 8.61 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, which establishes the City's "Solid Waste Collection Franchise System". As described in Section 8.61.175, each franchisee is responsible for meeting the minimum recycling diversion rate of 50% on both a monthly basis and annual basis. Development projects are required to comply with the applicable solid waste franchise's recycling system, and thus, will meet Pasadena's and California's solid waste diversion regulations. In addition, development projects are required to comply with the City's Construction and Demolition Ordinance (PMC Section 8.62) and design requirements for refuse storage areas (PMC Section 17.64.240)

21. EARLIER ANALYSIS.

Earlier analysis may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. See CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(c)(3)(D).

Earlier Analysis Used. (Identify and state where they are available for review.) No program EIR, tiering, or other process was used for analysis of the project's environmental effects.

22. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

a. *Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?* ()

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WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the General Plan *2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. The project demonstrates that the state-mandated share of housing can be accommodated and is consistent with the development levels described in the City's *2004 Land Use 2008-2014 Housing Element*

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Element, but the *Housing Element* does not propose development projects. Therefore, the project will not substantially degrade the quality of the land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, noise and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

- b. *Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future project? ()*

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- c. *Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? ()*

WHY? The project is the City's *2008-2014 Housing Element*. It will not result in the approval of any physical improvements. It proposes no changes to the *General Plan 2004 Land Use Element* or Diagram or to a base zoning designation. The project demonstrates that the state-mandated share of housing can be accommodated and is consistent with the development levels described in the City's *2004 Land Use Element*, but the *Housing Element* does not propose development projects. Therefore, the proposed project would not have a Mandatory Finding of Significance due to environmental effects that could cause substantial adverse effects on humans.

INITIAL STUDY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

#	Document
1	Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, California Public Resources Code, revised January 1, 1994 official Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles and Pasadena quadrant maps were released March 25, 1999.
2	CEQA Air Quality Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, revised 1993
3	East Pasadena Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department, codified 2001
4	Energy Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 1983
5	Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department codified 2002
6	Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) Land Use and Mobility Elements of the General Plan, Zoning Code Revisions, and Central District Specific Plan, City of Pasadena, certified 2004
7	2000-2005 Housing Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2002.
8	Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 17.71 Ordinance #6868
9	Land Use Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2004
10	Mobility Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2004
11	Noise Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2002
12	Noise Protection Ordinance Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 9.36 Ordinances # 5118, 6132, 6227, 6594 and 6854
13	North Lake Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department, Codified 1997
14	Pasadena Municipal Code, as amended
15	Recommendations On Siting New Sensitive Land Uses, California Air Resources Board, May 2005
16	Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide, "Growth Management Chapter," Southern California Association of Governments, June 1994
17	Safety Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 2002
18	Scenic Highways Element of the General Plan, City of Pasadena, adopted 1975
19	Seismic Hazard Maps, California Department of Conservation, official Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles and Pasadena quadrant maps were released March 25, 1999. The preliminary map for Condor Peak was released in 2002.
20	South Fair Oaks Specific Plan Overlay District Planning and Development, codified 1998
21	State of California "Aggregate Resource in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area" by David J. Beeby, Russell V. Miller, Robert L. Hill, and Robert E. Grunwald, Miscellaneous map no. .010, copyright 1999, California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology
22	Storm Water and Urban Runoff Control Regulations Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 8.70 Ordinance #6837
23	Transportation Impact Review Current Practice and Guidelines, City of Pasadena, August, 2005
24	Tree Protection Ordinance Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 8.52 Ordinance # 6896
25	West Gateway Specific Plan Overlay District, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department codified 2001
26	Zoning Code, Chapter 17 of the Pasadena Municipal Code