

RESOLUTION NO. 02-80

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING AN INITIAL STUDY/ NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE CITY OF RIDGECREST HOUSING ELEMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section I:

WHEREAS

- (A) The Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Draft Ridgecrest Housing Element of the General Plan text was circulated for Agency Consultation and public review between April 10, 2002 and May 12, 2002; and,
- (B) The Secretary of the City of Ridgecrest Planning Commission (Planning Commission), gave due notice in accordance with law and the Commission held full and fair public hearing on the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Draft Ridgecrest Housing Element of the General Plan on May 28, 2002 for recommendation to the City Council, and the City Clerk of the City Council gave due notice in accordance with law and the City Council held full and fair public hearing on the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for consideration of such matter; and,
- (C) Said notice of hearing stated that a Negative Declaration will be prepared which states that there will not be a negative effect on the environment by carrying out this project; and
- (D) The Planning Commission and City Council have conducted a Public Hearing, and duly considered the adequacy and scope of said environmental determination, and therefore reviewed and considered the information therein contained with respect to the merits and matters under consideration; and
- (E) This City Council has considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission and all pertinent public testimony presented during said public hearing, after which said public hearing was concluded.

Section II.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RIDGECREST, AS FOLLOWS:**

- A. This City Council finds that the facts recited above are true and this Council has jurisdiction to consider the subject of this Resolution;
- B. Mitigation measures contained in the Initial Study/Final Negative Declaration are not a part of this project;
- C. The findings of this Council upon which its decision is based are as follows:

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1. The applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines have been duly observed in conjunction with said hearing in the consideration of this matter and all of the previous proceedings relating hereto;
2. This project and any activities and improvements authorized hereunder will not have a significant effect on the environment and an environmental impact report is not required for consideration of such matter;
3. There does not appear to be a substantial body of opinion that considers or will consider the various anticipated environmental effects resulting from the proposed project to be adverse;
4. This project and any activities and improvements authorized hereunder will not have a significant effect, cause substantial environmental damage or substantially injure fish or wildlife or habitat upon which wildlife depends;
5. The effect upon the environment of such project and the activities and improvements which may be carried out hereunder will not be substantial and will not interfere with maintenance of a high quality environment now or in the future.

D. Decision

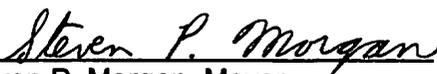
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Morgan, Council Members Carter, Holloway, and Martin

NOES: None

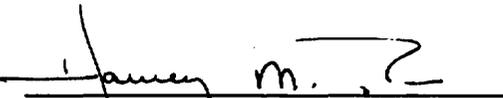
ABSENT: Council Member Rollins

ABSTAIN: None



Steven P. Morgan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Harvey M. Rose
City Clerk

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION
De Minimis Impact Finding

PROJECT TITLE/LOCATION (include county):

City of Ridgecrest Housing Element, City of Ridgecrest, County of Kern

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Update of the City Housing Element to establish goals and policies to accommodate Regional Fair Share Housing Allocation between 2002-2007. No changes in Land Use or Zoning are a part of this project.

FINDINGS OF EXEMPTION (attach required findings):

No impacts to endangered species -see attached resolution.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the lead agency has made the above findings of fact and that (based upon the initial study and hearing record) the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.



James McRae
Chief Planning Official

TITLE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
LEAD AGENCY: CITY OF RIDGECREST
DATE: August 14, 2001