

**DATE:** December 27, 2012  
**MEETING OF:** January 8, 2013  
**FROM:** Staff  
**RE:** **ACTION ITEMS VII.1 – Retail Farmers Market Place**  
Negative Declaration

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### **BACKGROUND**

In July 2011, an Initial Study was prepared for the Watsonville Certified Farmers Market project. The Initial Study was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines, and did not identify any significant impacts. A Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated with the Initial Study (ND/IS) for a 30-day public review period between July 20 and August 18, 2011. The public review period was subsequently extended for a 30-day period on three occasions, with the public review period ending on November 18, 2011. No action was taken on the Negative Declaration.

The Initial Study prepared in 2011 has been revised to reflect changes in the project and updated to reflect conditions that have changed since preparation of the 2011 Initial Study. Updated noise and traffic assessments were done. The Fair elected to recirculate the Revised Initial Study document for additional public review. Public comments and responses are attached.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board approves the resolution adopting a Negative Declaration for El Mercado Popular Certified Farmers Market.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Revised Initial Study / Negative Declaration
- Public Comments & Responses
- Resolution 2012-03