

Resolution 2012-03

**OF THE 14th DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
Santa Cruz County Fair**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
For El Mercado Popular Certified Farmers Market**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines, an Initial Study was prepared for the El Mercado Popular Certified Farmers Market, which did not identify significant impacts, and no mitigation measures were identified, thus allowing for preparation of a Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration and Initial Study (ND/IS) (dated July 18, 2011) were prepared for the Watsonville Certified Farmers Market and circulated for public review on July 20 for a 30-day period to August 18, 2011 that was extended for four consecutive 30-day periods in response to public requests with the final review period ending on December 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a Revised Negative Declaration and Initial Study (ND/IS) (dated November 13, 2012) were prepared for the El Mercado Popular Certified Farmers Market to reflect project changes and additional information, and was circulated on November 18, 2012 for a 30-day period that ended on December 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, three email comment letters were received on the Revised ND/IS; and

WHEREAS, a summary of comments and responses and revisions to the Initial Study (dated December 27, 2012) were prepared, which are included as part of the ND/IS; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the 14th District Agricultural Association, Santa Cruz County Fair, held a public hearing on January 8, 2013 to consider the Revised ND/IS; and

WHEREAS, the Revised ND/IS has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq, the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15000 et seq.) (the "State CEQA Guidelines") and local procedures adopted pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the 14th District Agricultural Association considered the Revised ND/IS, public comments, and responses at a meeting on January 8, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the 14th District Agricultural Association, Santa Cruz County Fair that:

1. The Board of Directors has considered the Negative Declaration, dated November 13, 2012, together with the Revised Initial Study, public comments, and the Summary of Public Comments and Responses, and finds that the Negative Declaration (dated November 13, 2012) and supporting documents reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis.

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2. The Board of Directors finds on the basis of the whole record before it (including the Initial Study as revised, comments received and responses) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
3. The Board of Directors hereby adopts the Negative Declaration for the Watsonville Certified Farmers Market, consistent with CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines.
4. All environmental documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based, are located at the 14th District Agricultural Association, Santa Cruz County Fair, at 2601 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville, CA 95076

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of January 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED: