

City of Paso Robles 7/13/2024 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Vegetation Fire *Salinas River*

PASO ROBLES, CA – On Saturday July 13, 2024 at approximately 7:07 PM, Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services responded to a vegetation fire in the riverbed adjacent to Highway 101 and Highway 46 East.

First arriving firefighters found a column of smoke developing in the middle of the Salinas River corridor. Thick, overgrown vegetation made access difficult for firefighters attacking the fire. Once firefighters safely gained access, they were able to contain the fire to a 1/4 acre.

Three fire engines and one Battalion Chief from Paso Robles responded. Under the City's automatic aid agreements, two fire engines, one Dozer, one hand crew and one Battalion Chief from Cal Fire / SLO County also responded. Additionally, one fire engine from Atascadero responded. In total 27 firefighters were needed to extinguish the blaze. Paso Robles Police Department assisted in providing the initial location of the fire and traffic control.

Investigation of the fire indicates it was human caused. A responsible party was not located at the time of the initial investigation.

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