



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution approving the application for grant funds from the California Department of Conservation's Agricultural Land Stewardship Program (ALSP) for technical assistance with the preparation of a Greenbelt/Open Space Policy

MEETING DATE: June 17, 1998

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution that will be incorporated into the City's Agricultural Land Stewardship Program (ALSP) application package and forwarded to the Department of Conservation during the 1998 application period (June to July). If our application is selected, the funding would be used to augment staff in the preparation of a Greenbelt Policy. As specified in the resolution, some of the activities that will be undertaken are to identify farmland and other sensitive lands most in need of preservation, to gather consensus within the community regarding open space, and to study different financing options for implementing land preservation techniques.

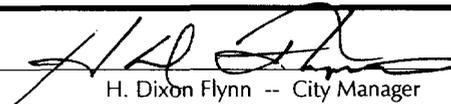
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: One of the major goals identified by the City Council this past year is the creation of a Greenbelt Policy, to be carried out by the Community Development Department. The grant, if approved, will supplement staff's efforts in gathering some of the preliminary information necessary to formulate such a policy. The ALSP makes funding available for the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements and fee title acquisitions, as well as planning grants. At this time, we are applying for a planning grant only. The Department of Conservation's application manual specifies that, among other things, a "resolution from the government jurisdiction in which the project is located endorsing the project and the application for grant funds", be adopted. The application will also demonstrate the City's commitment to agricultural land preservation by citing both the General Plan and Growth Management Ordinance as evidence of our commitment in this regard.

FUNDING: No funding request associated with this action.


Konradt Bartlam
Community Development Director

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APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 98-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION'S AGRICULTURAL LAND
STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE WITH THE PREPARATIONS OF A
GREENBELT OPEN SPACE POLICY

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WHEREAS, the Legislature has established the Agricultural Land Stewardship Program within the Department of Conservation, and through a grant program is providing assistance to conserve important agricultural land resources that are subject to conversion pressures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi intends to establish an Open Space/Greenbelt Policy enabling the City of Lodi to more effectively self limit growth and the urbanization of surrounding land; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the processes of 1) gathering consensus within the community regarding open space, 2) identifying lands in most need of preservation, and 3) designing financing programs, the City is seeking a policy/planning grant to pay for the services to augment staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi hereby approves the filing of an application for funding from the Agricultural Land Stewardship Program.

Dated: June 17, 1998

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 98-102 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held June 17, 1998, by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Land, Mann, Pennino and Sieglock (Mayor)
- NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None
- ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Johnson
- ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None


ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk