



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Cancellation of Concession contract and proposed new usage for Lodi Lake Concession Building

MEETING DATE: February 6, 1991

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council receive the staff report and take action as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The attached memo (Exhibit A), prepared by the Parks and Recreation Director, discusses the present status of the Lodi Lake Park concession stand operation and the agreement that pertains thereto. Council approval is requested prior to moving forward with the implementation of the staff recommendation that the concession stand be closed and the building converted for use as an information/interpretive center.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Peterson  
City Manager

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

THOMAS A. PETERSON  
City Manager



EXHIBIT A

Lodi Parks and Recreation Department  
125 N. Stockton St., Lodi, CA 95240  
333-6742 or 333-6744 Field/Facility Conditions

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: City Manager  
City Council

FROM: Ron Williamson, Parks and Recreation Director *RW*

DATE: January 28, 1991

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF CONCESSION CONTRACT/NEW USE FOR LODI LAKE  
CONCESSION BUILDING

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This should address our most current happenings concerning concession operations and the Lake park building use. The Parks and Recreation Commission is in full support of this request.

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