



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Arborist Certification to Tree Operations Supervisor Ray Fye

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2003

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None needed.

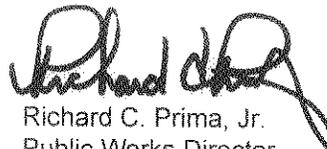
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a scientific and educational organization devoted to the dissemination of information in the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees. The purpose of the ISA Certification Program is to improve the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession. It is designed to assist the public in identifying those professionals in arboriculture who have demonstrated, through a professionally-developed education program and examination, a thorough knowledge of tree care practices.

It is our pleasure to announce that the City of Lodi Public Works Department's Street Division now has a Certified Arborist on staff. On November 23, 2002, Tree Operations Supervisor Ray Fye successfully demonstrated his professional competency and met the requirements set forth by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) to achieve his certification.

Trees contribute to the health, appearance, and nostalgia of any city. The City of Lodi's urban forest provides residents, business owners, and visitors alike with a community full of beauty and pride, as well as benefits vital to the growth and life of the City. Trees within Lodi reduce energy costs for local residents as they are energy efficient and provide shade and cooling for those all too familiar with Valley summers. Lodi's air and water quality are affected by our trees in that they provide cleaner air and can be used as a filtering system for stormwater runoff (a best management practice [BMP] suggested by the State as part of the upcoming Stormwater Management Program).

Over the past year, Ray has assisted in a number of projects improving the appearance of the City by preserving, removing, and planting trees all around Lodi. His influence can be seen on the South Hutchins Street beautification project. Ray's determined efforts have contributed toward the City of Lodi being recognized as an "All American Tree City" by Tree City USA. We are proud to announce his certification and congratulate him on his success.

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