



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Consideration/Approval of Expenses Incurred by Outside Counsel Relative to the Environmental Abatement Program Litigation up to \$100,000

MEETING DATE: August 18, 2004 Special City Council Meeting

PREPARED BY: Steve Schwabauer, City Attorney

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council consider approval of expenses incurred by outside counsel, Barger & Wolen, relative to the Environmental Abatement Program litigation in an amount up to \$100,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As you know, the law firm of Barger & Wolen were hired to perform audit services in relation to the review of the Envision Law Group invoices in their handling of the Environmental Abatement litigation. I am reviewing those invoices and comparing them to the work performed and will present my payment recommendations at the time of the council meeting.

- 1) **Barger & Wolen**
Invoice #200282.25 for Professional Services for the Period April 1-April 30, 2004 \$ 98,836.20

Stephen Schwabauer
City Attorney

FUNDING: Water/Wastewater

Approved:

Jim Krueger, Finance Director

APPROVED:

Janet Keeter, Interim City Manager