



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Outstanding Work of Public Works Wastewater Division Employees

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2012

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation of proclamation recognizing outstanding work of Public Works Wastewater Division employees.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi Energy Center (LEC) is supplied treated wastewater by the City for cooling purposes at the power plant. Other treated wastewater is used for crop irrigation or discharged. Rather than treat the entire White Slough plant's flow to the standard required by the LEC, staff determined a bypass around the filters and ultraviolet disinfection facilities was needed, allowing water to be sent directly to storage or the fields for irrigation.

White Slough staff including Kelly Powers, Tom Gabriel, Rod Olson, Lloyd Roper, Curtis Ray, Ken Capitanich, Nathan Shropshire, Greg Caldwell, Bobby Burkland and Nick Williams took upon themselves to purchase the materials, fabricate the piping, install the automatic flow controls and construct the new bypass (Exhibit A) at a total cost of \$36,900. The City's wastewater consultant provided a design and construction estimate of \$153,000 to deliver the bypass project. A cost savings to the City's customers of 76 percent, or \$116,000, resulted from their efforts. Additional cost savings for electricity will be ongoing by not treating the entire flow with energy intensive ultraviolet disinfection.

We recognize the commitment, ingenuity and creativity of these Public Works team members and the service they provide to the City and its customers.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for the proclamation but recognition that these employees saved Lodi citizens significant capital and long-term operating costs.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

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F. Wally Sandelin
Public Works Director

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Attachment
cc: Deputy Public Works Director – Utilities

APPROVED:

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Konradt Bartlam, City Manager



