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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 1983

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City Manager Graves presented a letter from Mr. Al Bechthold dated May 12, 1983 requesting to renegotiate the existing lease on the White Slough property which terminates November 1, 1983.

RENEGOTIATION OF  
WHITE SLOUGH  
LEASE AGREEMENT  
WITH MR. AL  
BECHTHOLD

Council was apprised that Mr. Bechthold has been an excellent lessee the past ten (10) years, and has made many permanent improvements to the City property, such as nine (9) miles of new fencing and 14 permanent gates. He is been considerably handicapped over the past three (3) winters due to flooding of some 175 acres of the 434 presently leased. Mr. Bechthold has assisted City staff members in requesting the State of California to cease and desist the annual threatening flood waters.

The City's major concern is to lease to a party who will be able to work with us in using the plant effluent for irrigation at those times that it must be released. We have an excellent working relationship with Mr. Bechthold, and he has cooperated and worked with us in every way possible. Mr. Bechthold is considered an exceptional lessee.

This item is brought to the Council to consider authorizing the City staff to start negotiating for a new lease agreement. It is felt that it is in the City's best interest to negotiate with Mr. Bechthold now in order that a new agreement can be approved prior to November 1983. This would allow Mr. Bechthold to continue to make permanent improvements to our property and would assure us of a lessee whom we know can work with us under the terms of the agreement.

Following discussion, on motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Snider, Murphy second Council authorized Staff to commence re-negotiations of the lease agreement on the White Slough property with the present lessee, Mr. Bechthold.

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May 12, 1983

Lodi City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
P.O. Box 320  
Lodi, CA 95241

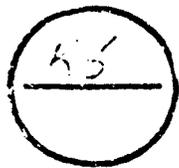
Dear Council Members:

In regards to the flooding of City property at White Slough, the ground that is in pasture behind the ponds (approximately 175 acres). For the past three years it has flooded. 1980 and 81 were hard years but the winter of 1982 has been disastrous. Every time there is an above normal amount of rain this parcel of land is under water. Not only is it a total loss as feed goes, but the feeding and health problems of the livestock makes it almost impossible to operate. The weather prediction is that we could be in a wet period that could last for thirty years. At my age, I'm not worried about the thirty, but I am concerned about the next five. If we have another winter like the last, I know I couldn't take it financially and most importantly health wise. It was very hard to sell the cattle that I spent years to build up but I had no choice. It was either sell them for salvage value or buying more hay and watch them suffer in the mud. I decided to sell and the way this spring turned out, it was the right decision. That is now over, but I would appreciate some consideration when I re-negotiate the lease in July for the acreage that was out of production for approximately four months in the years 1980, 81 and 82, through no fault of yours, but the State of California for not maintaining their levees and drainage ditches.

Sincerely,

*Al Bechthold*  
*by M.W.*

Al Bechthold  
3784 Benjamin Holt Drive  
Stockton, CA



May 10, 1983

Cost and losses due to flooding December 22, 1982 to March 25, 1983

Cost of extra hay fed to cattle 2444 bales at \$5.00 per bale	\$ 12,220.00
Cost of extra labor, 372.5 hours for two men and equipment at \$14.50 per hour	5,401.25
Sprayed 90 acres of alfalfa for weed control February 19, 1983 and then flooded.	4,196.34
Estimated loss of alfalfa crop for 1983, \$500.00 per acre for the 52 acres that flooded.	26,000.00
Death of Livestock 2 cattle pairs (cow & calf) \$600.00 each	1,200.00
20 calves at \$150.00 each	3,000.00
Forced to sell cattle on March 25, 1983 for salvage value. 160 cows and 140 calves took a loss of approximately \$200.00 per pair.	32,000.00
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TOTAL LOSSES	\$ 84,017.59

# Lima Ranch

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LODI, CALIFORNIA 95240

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July 14, 1983

City Manager  
Henry Graves  
P.O. Box 320  
Lodi, California 95241

Re: City Property on Thornton Road

Mr. Graves,

I am very interested in submitting a bid on the City Property when it comes up for rent. I own Lima Ranch, which is located next to the City land. I also farm 400 acres directly across from the land.

Last winter 100 acres of the land was flooded when the levee broke; so I am aware of the problems that could exist. I am also aware that the land belongs to the city and their needs come first.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would contact me regarding this land.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Lima  
368-6442