



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation Regarding Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship User Guide

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2014

PREPARED BY: Community Development Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation regarding Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship User Guide.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lower Mokelumne River is a tremendous economic asset to Lodi and northern San Joaquin County. Recreational opportunities provided by the Mokelumne River help bring tourism dollars to the area. The Mokelumne River is also a source of irrigation water for agriculture, the engine that drives the local economy; and now a drinking water source for Lodi.

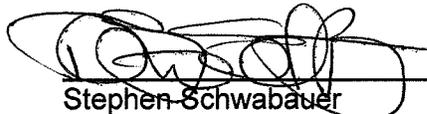
The Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Steering Committee is a volunteer stakeholder group that was first formed to create a watershed stewardship plan for the Lower Mokelumne River. Once that was accomplished, the group refocused its efforts on implementing the plan.

The Steering Committee's latest implementation tool is a User's Guide that is designed to get you started in making a few simple changes to help benefit your community in general and the Lower Mokelumne River in particular. The assessments provided in this guide give you an opportunity to rate your own property and activities on a point system. Scoring on these assessments is similar to golf: the lower the score, the better for the Mokelumne River.

The User Guide was funded through the City of Lodi's Smart Valley Places Sustainable Communities Planning grant. Steering Committee representative John Brodie will be present to further explain the purpose and benefit of the User Guide.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.



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