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To: Lemoore City Council Item #
From: Jeff Brittz, City Manager
Date: March 31, 2011
Subject: NASL Joint Land Use Study Comment Period

Discussion:

As the Council is well aware, the City of Lemoore, County of Fresno, and County of Kings, together with Naval Air Station Lemoore, through Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) have been working on a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for about one year.

A draft version of the completed Study has recently been released to the public, primarily for the purpose of obtaining comments. All comments received will be considered by the consultant team, and reported to the JLUS Policy Committee in the coming months, prior the actual adoption of the Study. Please recall that Council Members Plourde and Murray sit as your voting representatives on the five member Policy Committee.

A complete history of the Lemoore JLUS project, including the draft released for comment, can be found at www.lemoorejlus.com. Adoption of the Final JLUS by the Policy Committee is expected in June. The document is an advisory resource for the participating jurisdictions.

Please keep in mind that the JLUS document contains a number of recommendations for each jurisdiction that are designed to keep NASL free from encroachment, and able to carry out its mission. The draft recommendations for the City of Lemoore can be found on pages 3-25 through 3-29 (see exhibit A). The 19 recommendations listed reinforce many of the same policies already contained in the Lemoore 2030 General Plan. While these recommendations are broadly written, and likely to change somewhat as the Study is finalized, I believe they can and should be supported by the City at this time.

To date, one comment from Naval Air Station Lemoore has been received, and is posted on the website. It is important to review that comment along with the actual draft. The Air Station is requesting that the Study go farther in making recommendations relating to protecting existing flight patterns. In effect, the Air Station is recommending that residential uses west of Hwy 41 in Lemoore are not compatible with the flight pattern; the Study, in its present draft form, suggests that the existing land use designations, including residential, are compatible.

As the City has been asked to review the draft Study, and provide formal comments during the comment period, staff has drafted the attached letter that can be submitted.

The Consultant Team is not available to come to each jurisdiction and formally present the study, however all of the prior presentations are available on the website, including the most recent

presentation to the JLUS Policy Committee on March 17th, which summarizes the draft Study. Both myself and Holly Smyth have been very involved in the Policy Committee meetings, the Technical Working Group meetings, as well as working with KCAG and the consultant team on the project. Finally, a representative from KGAC is expected to be available should you have questions that City staff may not be able to answer.

Budget Impact:

None at this time.

Recommendation:

That the City Council, by motion, authorize the Mayor to submit the attached letter to the JLUS Policy Committee.