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Staff Report

SS ITEM NO. 3

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Judy Holwell, Redevelopment Project Manager
Date: March 29, 2011
Subject: Kings County Homecoming – Presentation

Discussion:

Each year citizens from Kings County gather together and volunteer their time to put on the Kings County Homecoming festivities. This event is held each year to celebrate the pioneering spirit of those who first came to the San Joaquin Valley and settled in Kings County. This year's theme is "Good Ol' Days" and the festivities begin on Monday, May 9th with a "Round-Up" breakfast. From there the festivities move throughout the county with events being held in Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore. The annual event costs over \$10,000 and the Homecoming Committee has requested a small donation of \$200 to help defray the costs (letter attached). Sandra Dawson, the Kings County Homecoming Chairman will be in attendance during Tuesday evenings Study Session to make a formal request and answer any questions.

This year, the Downtown Merchants Advisory Committee will put on a street dance on Friday, May 13th in Downtown Lemoore. Local restaurants will be open to feed the hungry crowd and a beverage garden is expected to be available as well. More details of Lemoore's event will be forthcoming and Council will be updated Tuesday evening.

Should the Council be inclined to financially support the Kings County Homecoming, this item will be added to your April 19th Meeting Agenda. As you are all aware, there have been no funds allocated under Community Participation for the past two years, including the 2010-11 Budget.

Budget Impact:

None at this time.

Recommendation:

None. Discussion only.