

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-32

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF NAVY STRIKE FIGHTER COMMUNITY ASSETS
AT NAVAL AIR STATION LEMOORE**

At a Regular Meeting of the Lemoore City Council duly called and held on August 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. on said day, it was moved by Council Member _____ seconded by Council Member _____, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore is located in Kings and Fresno Counties in California's Central San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, NAS Lemoore is the West Coast Master Jet Base, hosting the Navy's entire U.S. West Coast Strike Fighter community, with a principal mission to support Strike-Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet and its mission to train, man, and equip west coast Strike-Fighter squadrons; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Strike Fighter Realignment at NAS Lemoore California, released July 2011, reports the anticipated effects of realigning Strike Fighter community assets at NAS Lemoore to more efficiently support operational requirements in the Pacific with assets needed to meet the changing operational demand in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action would relocate two 12-plane, East Coast FA-18E/F Super Hornet squadrons to NAS Lemoore and transition up to five Strike Fighter squadrons currently based at NAS Lemoore from older, FA-18C Hornet aircraft to newer FA-18E/F Super Hornets; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes the effects of the proposed aircraft realignment at NAS Lemoore and the surrounding communities, including the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the Proposed Action on airfields and airspace, noise, air quality, safety, land use, infrastructure and utilities, socioeconomics, community services, transportation, biological resources, water resources, cultural resources, and hazardous materials and waste; and

WHEREAS, the EA concludes that impacts from the Proposed Action would not be significant; and

WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Lemoore offers training capabilities necessary for such a project, given the vast green belt surrounding the facility and proximity to aviation working areas off shore and over the Sierras, in addition to the recently established Military Operations Area (MOA) directly over the station; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemoore adopted the 2030 General Plan on May 6, 2008, which acknowledges NAS Lemoore to be a valued asset to the community and reaffirms the continued long range support for its sustainability by adding policies of land use compatibility such as the implementation of an Urban Growth Boundary that prohibits development west of 21st Avenue and thereby providing a three mile greenbelt between the City Limits and NAS Lemoore in order to protect the station from encroachment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemoore has long enjoyed an excellent relationship with the Naval Air Station Lemoore and the United States Navy for 50 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Lemoore enthusiastically supports and encourages the Navy's proposed actions to realign Strike Fighter community assets at NAS Lemoore to more efficiently support operational requirements in the Pacific with assets needed to meet the changing operational demand in the Pacific, and looks forward to a continued positive relationship with NAS Lemoore and its personnel.

Passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lemoore held on the 16th day of August, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Willard J. Rodarmel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci C. O. Lima, MMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF KINGS) ss.
CITY OF LEMOORE)

I, NANJI C. O. LIMA, City Clerk of the City of Lemoore do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemoore was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council held on 16th day of August, 2011.

Dated: August 17, 2011

NANJI C. O. LIMA, MMC
City Clerk