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Study Session

Item # 3

**To: Lemoore City Council**  
**From: Jeff Brittz, City Manager**  
**Date: February 9, 2011**  
**Subject: Unfunded State Mandates**

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**Discussion:**

At the January 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, Council Member John Gordon requested a study session discussion concerning unfunded State mandates.

State mandates and regulations affect virtually all operations and decisions the City makes, from routine items, such as how wide the striping is on a street centerline, to much broader policy items, such as adopting a Housing Element in the General Plan.

The impacts of not following a regulation or mandate vary considerably, from perhaps no impact whatsoever, increased liability or risk of litigation, potential loss of grant funding sources, fines, and public embarrassment. In some cases, City Officials can be charged with a criminal offense for not following the law.

Should the Council wish to direct staff to not follow a mandate, it is requested that the Council be as specific as possible on which mandates or regulations you determine to be principally opposed to, and that you further understand any consequences of that decision that may fall on the City. Staff has typically attempted to find way to comply with the regulation and mandates, although admittedly, we are both unaware of some of the requirements, and have too limited of resources to fully comply, either with regards to timeliness or completeness of others.

**Budget Impact:**

None at this time.

**Recommendation:**

None, for discussion only.