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## **Staff Report**

**Item # 3E**

**To:** Lemoore City Council  
**From:** Lauren Apone, Administrative Analyst  
**Date:** July 12, 2011  
**Subject:** Land and Water Conservation Fund Resolution of Support

### **Discussion:**

In the coming weeks, the U.S. Congress will once again be examining Federal budget allocations for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Over the last four decades, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been a pivotal source of funding and investment for local economies. The LWCF is principally funded by revenue received from off-shore energy extraction, and is authorized to receive \$900 million annually through the annual appropriations process. However, over the history of the program, more than \$17 billion of the outer continental shelf oil and gas revenues deposited into LWCF have been diverted and not spent as the LWCF Act intended.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund has been an invaluable resource to the Central Valley since its inception. During these past four decades, LWCF grants have generated over \$2 billion for state and federal projects. These funds have helped our communities protect our lands, clean water supplies, wildlife habitats, recreational spots, public spaces, and above all, the Central Valley's unique cultural heritage and way of life. Specifically, it has helped fund projects such as Arvin Park and Recreation Center, Heritage Park in the City of Lemoore, The Mendota Wildlife Area, Shafter Community Park and Corcoran Community Park.

### **Budget Impact:**

None

### **Recommendation:**

That Council approve Resolution 2011-27 in support of full and dedicated funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached letter to Congressman Costa.