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Item 3H

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Lauren Apone, Administrative Analyst
Date: June 2, 2011
Subject: Support Letter for the San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act

Discussion:

Congressman Nunes office requested that the City of Lemoore provide a support letter for the San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act. The San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act is a bill before the United States House of Representatives that attempts to restore a reliable water supply to the San Joaquin Valley. It promotes water policies that facilitate the delivery of the California's water supply, as well as supports the implementation of an economically feasible and environmentally sustainable river restoration on the San Joaquin River.

The San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act (Act) includes a number of provisions that will update the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) to ensure that it fulfills original promises while focusing on native species. The Act also reaffirms the original CVPIA commitment that a maximum of 800,000 acre-feet of water will be dedicated to fish, wildlife, and habitat restoration purposes.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council support the San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached support letter.