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To: **Lemoore City Council**

From: **Jeff Briltz, City Manager**

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Subject: **2012 League City Manager's Department Meeting**

I attended the League of California Cities City Manager's Department Meeting held on February 1, 2 and 3rd.

I attended the sessions listed below:

- Opening General Session – League and Economic Update, which included a detailed economic forecast by Perry Wong, Sr. VP/Economic Strategist for City National Bank
- Strategies for Leading Your Council through Difficult Budget Decisions
- For the Love of Cities – presentation by author Peter Kageyama
- When Managers Hit the Wall: Strategies for Personal Survival and Good Government
- Awards Luncheon
- What Does it Take for a City Manager to Get a Development Deal Done Now?
- Pension Reform: Where Do We Stand and Where Are We Going?
- Steps to Surviving the Economic Downturn for Small Cities
- Declarations of Independents – presentation by Political Columnist John Avalon

Overall, the workshops were helpful and informative, given the mood and times. Many cities, not unlike Lemoore, are operating in times of uncertainly like never before. Much of the focus was on surviving the recession and end of redevelopment. I had not attended this meeting for the past couple of years due to budget constraints, but decided to go this year, as we had restored some of the budget, and I was able to keep my expenses low, by staying with relatives in their RV (they stay in the area each year for an extended period during the winter), and using a City provided vehicle. Consequently, I have no accommodation expenses to claim, and have only submitted reimbursement for actual fuel costs, parking, and meals that were not provided at the meeting.

I am hopeful to return again in the next few years.