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To: Lemoore City Council
From: Lauren Apone, Administrative Analyst
Date: January 11, 2012
Subject: WaterSMART Grant Application

Discussion:

The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation has released the WaterSMART grant that helps pay for water conservation projects. There is a 50% match for this grant. Staff wishes to apply for two separate projects.

There are currently 47 non-metered services in the City of Lemoore. Staff has been working to install meters on these services over the past several years as budgets allow. These services can be metered under this grant and help conserve water as well as help the City charge accurately for water used at these properties. The cost for meters and installation is approximately \$40,000.

The other project, the Cinnamon Drive Canal Project, has been discussed with Council before, and the RDA Board has committed \$410,000 to this project from the 2011 RDA bonds. If we receive this grant, it could potentially reduce the amount needed to \$205,000.

Budget Impact:

If awarded, the grant for canal undergrounding project will reduce the cost from the 2011 RDA Bond Proceeds by up to \$205,000. The metering project would require a \$20,000 match from the Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council approve Resolution 2012-01, allowing the City of Lemoore to apply for the WaterSMART grant and naming the City Manager as the authorized signer for the grant application and subsequent contracts, and authorize up \$20,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget for the metering project.