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Staff Report

ITEM NO. 2-3

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Steve Brandt, City Planner *SB*
Date: September 30, 2014 **Meeting Date:** October 7, 2014
Subject: Adoption of Resolution 2014-27 Conditionally Approving Cinnamon Drive and Dockstader Ditch Project

Discussion:

The City of Lemoore has been working to underground the ditch in front of the Cinnamon Complex, widen Cinnamon Drive and install sidewalk and street trees. This step in the process meets the environmental requirements of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) by conditionally approving the project, subject to allocation of grant funding and a successful bid process. An approved CEQA document is required to obtain final grant funding approval from the State.

Budget Impact:

The project has already been budgeted for in the City Capital Improvement Program using local transportation funds and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP.)

Recommendation:

City staff recommends that the City Council, by motion, adopt Resolution 2014-27 conditionally approving the project. This type of formal approval is a requirement of CEQA and a public hearing is not required.

Environmental Assessment

The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. After approval by the City Council, City staff will file the Notice of Exemption with the CA Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and with the Kings County Clerk.

RESOLUTION #2014-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE CINNAMON DRIVE AND DOCKSTEADER
DITCH PROJECT**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore duly called and held on October 7, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. on said day, it was moved by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ and carried that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the City of Lemoore desires to widen the portion of Cinnamon Drive adjacent to the City's Cinnamon Complex and pipe the existing open ditch; and

WHEREAS, the activity is all within City right of way; and

WHEREAS, funding has been allocated from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and local transportation funds (LTF); and

WHEREAS, the project proposes no changes to the operation of the facility; and

WHEREAS, a checklist was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that determined that the activity has no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Lemoore Planning Commission recommended approval after a duly noticed public hearing at their August 25, 2014, meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemoore hereby conditionally approves the Cinnamon Drive and Docksteader Ditch Project subject to finalization of the State funding process and a successful bid process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held the 7th day of October 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary J. Venegas, City Clerk

Lois Wynne, Mayor