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Staff Report

ITEM NO. 2-6

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Ron Hoggard, Interim City Manager 
Date: March 27, 2015 **Meeting Date:** April 7, 2015
Subject: Resolution 2015-07 In Support of Safe Digging Month

Discussion:

It is suggested that the City of Lemoore support April 2015 as "California Safe Digging Month" and encourage all excavators, homeowners, and professional contractors to call 811 in advance of all digging projects. Damage to property can be reduced if individuals and companies would call 811 before they dig.

Budget Impact:

None

Recommendation:

That the City Council, by motion, approve Resolution 2015-07 In Support of Safe Digging Month.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore duly called and held on April 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., it was moved by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ and carried that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the 811 “Call Before You Dig” program is a vital public education and awareness program that will help keep Californians safe, and education is the key to promoting safe digging practices; and

WHEREAS, excavators, homeowners, and professional contractors can save time and money while making California’s communities a safer place to live and work by dialing 811 in advance of all digging projects; and

WHEREAS, utility lines are often buried only a few inches underground, making them easy to strike and cause damage and harm even during shallow excavation projects; and

WHEREAS, more than 170,000 underground utility lines are struck each year in the United States and approximately 33 percent of all digging damages in the United States result from not calling 811 before digging; and

WHEREAS, undesired consequences, such as service interruption, outages, damage to public and private infrastructure and property, damage to the environment, personal injury, and death, are risked by failing to call 811 before digging or safely marking utility lines; and

WHEREAS, as California’s economy continues to recover from the recession and the state’s economic recovery stimulates new construction, new construction requires supporting infrastructure, and California’s underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to call before digging; and

WHEREAS, the free notification service provided by Underground Service Alert of Northern California and Nevada has dramatically reduced the number of accidents causing property damage, personal injury, and interruption of vital services;

WHEREAS, California public agencies should enforce California Government Code 4216 regarding safe excavation practices, permitting and civil penalties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lemoore proclaims April 2015 as California Safe Digging Month and encourages all excavators, homeowners, and professional contractors to call 811 in advance of all digging projects.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 7th day of April 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary J. Venegas, City Clerk

Lois Wynne, Mayor