

LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBER 429 C STREET April 15, 2025 5:30 P.M.

# SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Please silence all electronic devices as a courtesy to those in attendance. Thank you.

## 5:30 pm SPECIAL SESSION

This special City Council meeting will run in concurrence with the regular City Council meeting of April 15, 2025.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

4-12 Approval – NAS Lemoore – Letter of Support for Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific

## **CLOSED SESSION**

 Government Code Section 54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 One Case

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

I, Marisa Avalos, City Clerk for the City of Lemoore, declare under penalty of perjury that I posted the above Special City Council Agenda for the meeting of April 15, 2025 at Council Chamber, 429 C Street and City Hall, 711 W. Cinnamon Drive, Lemoore, CA on April 14, 2025.

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Marisa Avalos, City Clerk



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# **Staff Report**

Item No: 4-12

To: Lemoore City Council

April 14, 2025

From Marissa Trejo, City Manager

Meeting Date: April 15, 2025

Subject: NAS Lemoore – Letter of Support for Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific

# Strategic Initiative:

Date:

□ Safe & Vibrant Community	□ Growing & Dynamic Economy
□ Fiscally Sound Government	⊠ Operational Excellence
□ Community & Neighborhood Livability	□ Not Applicable

# Proposed Motion:

Approval of the Letter of Support for NAS Lemoore regarding the Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific.

## Subject/Discussion:

The U.S. Navy has proposed the development of a new Strike Fighter Center of Excellence Pacific at NAS Lemoore. This initiative involves the construction of a secure facility to house the Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific (SFWSP), along with the establishment of a joint information environment space to support mission planning and tactical readiness. NAS Lemoore, as the Navy's only West Coast Master Jet Base, currently faces instructional facility shortages, further highlighting the need for this project.

Financial Consideration(s):

N/A

Alternatives or Pros/Cons: N/A

Commission/Board Recommendation: N/A

<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Staff recommends approval of the Letter of Support for NAS Lemoore regarding the Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific.

Date:

□ Resolution:

□ Ordinance:

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□ Contract

⊠ Other

List: Letter of Support

□ City Attorney □ City Clerk □ City Manager □ Finance

Review:



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April 10, 2025

The Honorable Mike Rogers Chairman House Committee on Armed Services Services 2216 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Adam Smith Ranking Member House Committee on Armed

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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Smith:

We would like to express our support for the Navy's proposal to build the Strike Fighter Center of Excellence Pacific at Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore. If approved and funded, this would allow the construction of a secure building for the Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific (SFWSP) and establish a joint information environment space for assigned and supported units. This investment is essential to ensuring the U.S. Navy's premier Strike Fighter squadrons have the necessary resources to maintain combat readiness and operational superiority.

The Strike Fighter Center of Excellence Pacific will provide the best possible training in mission planning, tactics, weapon systems, and ordnance handling. This facility will create a simulated environment that enables eighteen squadrons—representing 60 percent of the Navy's Strike Fighter capability—to train in the handling and loading of ordnance onto Strike Fighter aircraft proficiently and effectively in tactical scenarios. Additionally, the project will provide modernized and secure communications and briefing rooms for mission-essential planning among both onsite personnel and geographically distributed squadrons. As the Navy's only West Coast Master Jet Base, NAS Lemoore is a vital hub for naval aviation, yet it suffers from a facility asset shortfall across all instructional facility requirements.

We firmly support the Navy's proposal to construct the Strike Fighter Center of Excellence Pacific at NAS Lemoore. This funding aligns with the Department of Defense's strategic objectives by ensuring that our naval aviators have access to cutting-edge training resources, thereby strengthening national security and reinforcing the technological edge of the U.S. Navy's Strike Fighter community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Matthews Mayor, City of Lemoore



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