



# CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Authorize City Manager to Participate in Discussions on the Formation of the Central Valley Resources Agency

**MEETING DATE:** August 15, 2007

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize the City Manager to participate in discussions on the formation of the Central Valley Resources Agency.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City has been contacted by PAC/West Communications Group, represented by Richard Pombo, regarding possible City participation in a new public/private agency. The initial purpose of the agency is to become involved in flood protection issues. However, as an unincorporated nonprofit association [IRS 501(c)(4)], the agency could become involved in other issues.

The purpose of the Association is to support the education of the communities of the Central Valley of California on the need for and the improvement of flood protection efforts, to secure local, state and federal funding for these purposes, and to coordinate common flood protection goals in San Joaquin County, the City of Stockton and the Central Valley in general. In addition, the Association shall act as an advocate for flood protection on behalf of the County of San Joaquin, the City of Stockton and the Central Valley. The purposes of the Association may be expanded to include work with other resources that have or may have an impact on the County of San Joaquin, the City of Stockton or the Central Valley; provided, however, any expansion of the Association's purpose must be approved by the Board of Directors.

The formation of the Agency was initiated by the City of Stockton through a contract with PAC/West and is still in the preliminary stages. San Joaquin County is in the process of considering their participation. The recommended action is simply to indicate the City Council's willingness to invest staff time in the discussion. Actual membership agreement(s) would be brought back to the City Council at a later date.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No membership dues or costs have been identified at this time. However, staff has reservations with regard to the possible financial commitments. The preliminary documents indicate that allocation of member votes would be proportionate to total dues paid by the member.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not applicable.

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Blair King  
City Manager

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cc: Tom Flinn, San Joaquin County Public Works Director  
Richard Pombo, PAC/West Communications

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Blair King, City Manager

# Assembly California Legislature

July 30, 2007

Dear

We are writing you in support of the efforts being made by the City of Stockton to create a much-needed organization called the Central Valley Resources Agency. This agency was formed to ensure that the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County and the Central Valley secure appropriate flood control funds from local, state and federal sources, and to create a coordinated effort to address our region's flood protection goals.

The catastrophic events that have been taking place throughout the nation have forced flood-prone cities across the country to take a closer look at their flood protection systems. We congratulate the City of Stockton for taking the lead to create the CVRA and we are encouraged that the issues we have been advocating for in Sacramento are now being addressed with a one-voice organization.

This agency will function as a public/private non-profit organization 501(c)(4) that will support the region's flood protection improvements and advocate flood protection interests for San Joaquin County, the City of Stockton and the Central Valley.

Our region would be severely impacted in the event of a disaster. Communities, agricultural land, key transportation and utility corridors, as well as California's fresh water supply all would be affected. If major levee failures were to occur, the consequences would be disastrous to human life, the environment and the economic health of the region.

The CVRA is taking a stand to meet these challenges and provide results that will benefit us all. Without support from members of the public and private business communities, meaningful reform will continue to be obstructed. By joining in support, we provide a better future for our community and help keep our neighborhood levees safe.

Sincerely,



GREG AGHAZARIAN  
Assemblymember, 26<sup>th</sup> District



CATHLEEN GALGIANI  
Assemblymember, 17<sup>th</sup> District