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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 12, 2024 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

ITEM: **APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE 2024 SAN JOAQUIN AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY (SJAFCA) WASHINGTON, D.C. ADVOCACY TRIP**

RECOMMENDATION: **Adopt Resolution Authorizing Out of State Travel for the City Manager and the Council Members Representing the City of Lathrop on the SJAFCA Board of Directors, to Attend the 2024 Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C., April 9-11, 2024**

SUMMARY:

The City of Lathrop's Board Members to the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA) for the 2024 calendar year are Councilmember Paul Akinjo (Delegate), Councilmember Diane Lazard (Delegate), and Jennifer Torres-O'Callaghan (Alternate). Each year, representatives of the SJAFCA Board of Directors travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with federal representatives and policymakers in Congress to discuss SJAFCA's priority projects. Lathrop has participated in these advocacy trips since 2018, when Lathrop became a voting member of SJAFCA.

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Tonight, staff is requesting authorization for out of state travel for Councilmember Akinjo, Councilmember Lazard and City Manager Stephen Salvatore, to represent the City of Lathrop in the 2024 SJAFCA advocacy trip to Washington, D.C., from April 9, 2024 to April 11, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The cities of Lathrop and Manteca requested that SJAFCA expand the existing Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) in a manner to provide coordinated regional flood protection to include the RD 17 basin. At the time, the SJAFCA JEPA only included three agencies: City of Stockton, San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and San Joaquin County.

The local San Joaquin County land use agencies entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Reclamation District (RD) 17 on May 16, 2016, to reach conceptual agreement for broad collaboration among the land use agencies and RD 17 regarding the planning and design work and implementation of 200-year flood protection project in the RD 17 basin.

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APPROVAL FOR THE 2024 SJAFCA ADVOCACY TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Pursuant to the MOU, representatives from San Joaquin County, and the cities of Stockton, Lathrop, and Manteca have been meeting with San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA) and RD 17 staff to evaluate and explore options for the governance, adoption, and implementation of the this project. On January 29, 2018, the City Council approved Resolution 18-4339, approving an amendment and restated JEPA with SJAFCA, to include the cities of Lathrop and Manteca as voting members.

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REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

This travel will help promote regional projects and the City of Lathrop’s future development, specifically as it relates to the Mossdale Tract.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Depending on tonight’s decision by Council, a budget amendment from the General Fund Reserves to the City Council Training and Travel Account (Fund 1010-11-10-435-20-00) will be required to fund Council participants to attend this years’ 2024 SJAFCA Advocacy Event. The budget amendment amount may vary depending on the option selected by Council. There are sufficient funds included in the FY 23-24 training and travel budget for the City Manager for this travel; a budget amendment is not needed for this trip.

Options Include		Cost	Budget Amendment
1.	Send 2 Council Members & City Manager	Approx. \$13,800	Approx. \$9,200
2.	Send 1 Council Member & City Manager	Approx. \$9,200	Approx. \$4,600
3.	Send 1 Council Member	Approx. \$4,600	Approx. \$4,600
4.	Send City Manager	Approx. \$4,600	None
5.	Do not send representatives in 2024	None	None

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution Authorizing Out-of-State Travel
- B. San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency Washington D.C. Itinerary

APPROVALS:



Teresa Vargas
Government Services Director &
City Clerk

2/6/24

Date



Cari James
Finance Director

2/7/2024


Date



Thomas Hedegard
Deputy City Manager

2/7/2024


Date



Salvador Navarrete
City Attorney

2-7-2024

Date



Stephen J. Salvatore
City Manager

2/8/24

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP AUTHORIZING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE CITY OF LATHROP ON THE SJAFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TO ATTEND THE 2024 ADVOCACY TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 9-11, 2024

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2018, the City Council approved Resolution 18-4339, approving an amendment and restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) with San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA), to include the cities of Lathrop and Manteca as voting members of SJAFCA; and

WHEREAS, each year, representatives of the SJAFCA Board of Directors travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with federal representatives and policymakers in Congress to discuss SJAFCA’s priority projects; and

WHEREAS, Lathrop has participated in these advocacy trips since 2018, when Lathrop became a voting member of SJAFCA; and

WHEREAS, during the SJAFCA Board Meeting on January 18, 2024, staff was directed to begin preparations for the upcoming advocacy trip to Washington D.C. and coordinate travel with the member agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrop’s Board Members to the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA) for the 2024 calendar year are Councilmember Paul Akinjo (Delegate), Councilmember Diane Lazard (Delegate), and Jennifer Torres-O’Callaghan (Alternate); and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting authorization for out of state travel for Councilmember Akinjo, Councilmember Lazard and City Manager Stephen Salvatore, to represent the City of Lathrop in the 2024 SJAFCA advocacy trip to Washington, D.C., from April 9, 2024 to April 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this travel is recommended to promote regional projects and the City of Lathrop’s future development, specifically as it relates to the Mossdale Tract; and

WHEREAS, the following options were considered by Council:

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4.	Send City Manager	Approx. \$4,600	None
5.	Do not send representatives in 2024	None	None

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lathrop discussed the matter and hereby approves option #____, to have City and Council participant(s) attend the 2024 One Voice legislative event in Washington, D.C.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lathrop approve the corresponding budget amendment based on the selected option, from the General Fund Reserves to the City Council training and travel account:

Option #	Budget Amendment	Fund Account
1	\$9,200	1010-11-10-435-20-00
2	\$4,600	
3	\$4,600	
4	N/A	
5	N/A	

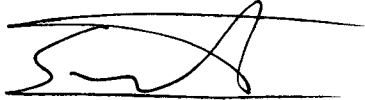
The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 12th day of February, 2024, by the following vote of the City Council, to wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

Sonny Dhaliwal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Vargas, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney



**San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency
Washington D.C. Itinerary
April 9-11, 2024**

Tuesday, April 9

1:00 pm Meeting with Angela Ebner and Sydney Dahiyat
(Tentative time) Office of Sen. Alex Padilla
331 Hart Senate Office Building
(202) 224-3553

2:00 pm Meeting with Laura Powell
(Tentative time) Senate E&W Appropriations Subcommittee
138 Dirksen Senate Office Building

3:00 pm Meeting with Carissa Bunge
(Tentative time) Office of Senator Laphonza Butler
112 Hart Senate Office Building
(202) 224-3841

4:00 pm Meeting with Nicole Comisky
(Tentative time) Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
508 Hart Senate Office Building
202-897-9295

Wednesday, April 10

10:00 am Meeting with Rep. Josh Harder & Staff (Ata Khan & Taylor Reed)
(Tentative time) Office of Rep. Josh Harder
209 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-4540

11:00 am Meeting with Ryan Hambleton and Ryan Seiger
(Tentative time) House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment (Majority & Minority staff)
585 Ford House Office Building

202-225-0060

12:00 pm to Lunch
1:30pm

2:00 pm Meeting with Rep. John Duarte & Staff (William Ahlquist)
(Tentative time) Office of Rep. John Duarte
2265 Rayburn House Office Building
(209) 327-3745

3:00 pm Meeting with Richie O'Connell and Jocelyn Hunn
(Tentative time) House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee (Majority & Minority)
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building
(202) 604-6782

Thursday, April 11

9:30 am Pre-Meeting Briefing Session
Van Scoyoc Associates
800 Maine Ave, SW

11:00 am Susan Lucas and HQUSACE Team
South Pacific Division Regional Integration Team Leader
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G St. NW

12:00 pm to Lunch
1:30pm

2:00 pm Robyn Colomiso and Stacy Brown
(Tentative time) Office of the Assistant Secretary (Civil Works)
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Project Planning & Review)
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Management and Budget)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G St. NW

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