

**CITY OF LODI  
INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008**

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, July 1, 2008, commencing at 7:02 a.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members – Hitchcock, Hansen, Johnson, Katzakian, and Mayor Mounce

Absent: Council Members – None

Also Present: City Manager King, Deputy City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Johl

**B. TOPIC(S)**

B-1 "Surface Water Treatment Facility Conceptual Design and Plant Feasibility Evaluation"

City Manager King briefly introduced the subject matter of the surface water treatment facility.

Public Works Director Sandelin and Rich Stratton of HDR provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the surface water treatment facility conceptual design and plant feasibility evaluation. Specific topics of discussion included project goals and objectives, alternative sites, site evaluation summary, Mokelumne River Water Shed preliminary assessment, water supply and demand considerations, water supply and required treatment capacity, treatment process evaluation, membrane water treatment plant example, preliminary storm water treatment facility site plan, operations building south elevation, surface water and groundwater blending, modifications to existing delivery system, and recommended next and future steps.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Sandelin stated the two options associated with extra water that is not used, so that it is not lost, is either seeking an amendment from Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID) or selling the water since the market is more favorable now than previously when there were no drought conditions.

In response to Council Member Katzakian, Mr. Stratton stated the City can take more than 6,000 acres per year to take bank water and there is some reserve capacity to do that as well.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Stratton stated any noise will be contained on the inside of the building.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated that, based on a survey around 2004 and 2005, the City uses approximately 1,000 to 1,500 acre feet per year for parks and landscaping.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Stratton and Mr. King stated the \$41 million number includes a good contingency and is a more complete cost estimate, which includes not only plant construction but also soft costs such as membranes.

In response to Mr. King, Mr. Sandelin stated in the long term he anticipates that the City's groundwater will be chlorinated.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Stratton stated the City does not deal with the Regional Board in this case and the removal of water from the river is addressed by WID. He stated the City will need to obtain a permit from the California Department of Health after the plant is constructed and operating; although, communication with the department will be ongoing throughout the entire project.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Stratton stated the permit is not renewed annually but rather approximately every five years. He stated fines may be imposed for non-compliance with rules and regulations, but generally a warning is received first.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated the timeline for the project is driven by the City's ability to obtain financing and construct the plant. He stated the timeline may slow down due to housing and market conditions.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King stated staff is moving incrementally and the move into the harder design phase will help define the amount of money that will be needed to construct the plant. He stated there is money to move into the next phase and, based on discussions with developers, they will be moving forward around 2009-10.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King stated the approximate cost of land being figured into the final cost and putting that money toward parks and recreation is a policy decision for the City Council.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Stratton reviewed the anticipated preliminary schedule including the evaluation, design, public education, permitting, final design, bid and award, construction, start up, and first-year operations throughout 2011.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Sandelin stated that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process is necessary and takes about a year or so as a rule of thumb. Mr. King stated the project will be defined to do an initial study to determine what additional CEQA steps would be needed. Mr. Stratton and Mr. Sandelin stated they do not anticipate any CEQA difficulties and the project could be design build to save time and costs.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Sandelin stated the project size could be used with another site; although, other sites were excluded for a variety of reasons.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated the action at the June 16 Council meeting is to adopt the report and additional steps will be brought to Council at future meetings. Mr. King confirmed that the action will be more of a "receive and file."

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. Sandelin stated the Regional Board has a role in treatment of groundwater and it is anticipated that when treated water is discharged it may also require chlorination.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Sandelin stated they do not use fluoride and there may be some PH adjustments.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Sandelin stated the \$41 million figure does not include any land purchase price.

In response to Council Member Katzakian, Mr. Sandelin stated the design build process would include taking the project in-house where staff would handle the construction management piece.

**C. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl, City Clerk