



Stuff in Lodi

Shopping Center's lengthy process

Procedural rules, studies stretch out project timeline

Many Lodi residents are curious about the future of the Lodi Shopping Center, a project proposed for the southwest corner of Lower Sacramento Road and Kettleman Lane that would be anchored by a 226,868-square foot Wal-Mart Supercenter.

The project is tentatively scheduled to reach the Lodi Planning Commission for action in May. A look at the project's timeline:

Dec. 18, 2002: City Council approves contract for Lodi Shopping Center's environmental study.

Feb. 18, 2004: Agreement with consultant preparing the study is extended.

Dec. 8, 2004: Lodi Planning Commission approves Lodi Shopping Center.

Feb. 16, 2005: Lodi City Council unanimously approves Lodi



Developer's sketch of the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Shopping Center.

March 18, 2005: Attorneys for two groups opposing the shopping center file lawsuits claiming the environmental study was legally deficient.

June 28, 2005: City argues to dismiss lawsuits in court hearing.

Nov. 8, 2005: Trial held in San Joaquin County Superior Court to determine legal sufficiency of environmental study.

Dec. 19, 2005: San Joaquin County judge rules two elements of the study are legally flawed.

Nov. 24, 2006: City issues Notice of Preparation that environmental study will be revised.

Oct. 17, 2007: Draft environmental impact report issued. Draft generates 102 comments (89 written, 13 oral) that require response.

Final environmental study: Will be released when all mitigation measures are resolved.

The detailed environmental study is required by state law so that the community and
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Longtime Lodi cop named city's 11th police chief



David Main will become the 11th police chief in Lodi's 101-year history, City Manager Blair King announced April 1.

Main, a 26-year veteran of the Lodi Police Department, has been captain since 2006.

"We conducted a thorough search and David was the obvious choice," King said. "Not only does he have tremendous

professional qualifications, he has the respect of the department as well as the Lodi community."

Main said his four goals as chief were to make Lodi residents feel safe, maintain the community's trust, provide excellent customer service and develop employees.

His promotion goes into effect April 17.

Say good riddance to rubbish!

Lodi residents will have several opportunities in the coming weeks to get rid of pesky rubbish that either won't fit or isn't allowed in the regular bins on pickup days, such as fluorescent bulbs and batteries.

April 12 Dollar Diversion Day

Lodi residents will be able to bring their bulky trash to the Central Valley Waste Transfer Station (1333 E. Turner Road) for just \$1. CVWS is planning on having a drop off for wood,

metal, concrete, cardboard, and green waste. The separation will prevent recyclable material from being dumped in the landfill.

April 14-18 Curbside Clean Up Lodi

Our curbside clean up will allow Lodi residents to place up to six 36-gallon bags or trash carts in front of their houses for collection. CVWS will collect the trash on their regular service day.

April 21-25 Clean Your Files Week

CVWS will be collecting office

paper at its Buy Back Center to be recycled. Bins for paper collection will be provided to the City of Lodi offices.

July 19 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Local residents will be allowed to bring their hazardous waste that is not allowed in the waste stream to the Lodi Transfer Station. That includes paints, oils, household chemicals and pesticides, batteries and fluorescent light bulbs.

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decision-makers are aware of the project's potential effects on the environment, which

includes not only air, water and wildlife, but traffic, energy use and urban decay. The Dec. 19, 2005 court ruling found the initial environmental study was

adequate except for those last two categories. The study also will disclose ways to offset or significantly reduce those effects when possible.

Free admission for solar power movie April 8 at the Square

The one-hour film, "The Power of the Sun," is the feature presentation of the next Lodi Energy Smart Workshop, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 at Hutchins Street Square.

Lodi residents will receive a free compact fluorescent lamp or a light-emitting diode (LED) night light for attending.

Following the movie, representatives of Lodi's Electric Utility will conduct a question-and-answer session with



audience members interested in solar energy and the utility's solar rebate program.

Lodi foreclosure rate lowest in northern Valley

Lodi has the lowest rate of home foreclosures per capita in the northern San Joaquin Valley, according to March 26 data from a firm that tracks the data.

Lodi's ratio of one foreclosure for every 74 residents is the lowest among 19 cities tracked. The highest was Patterson, with 1 per 20 residents.

The data includes pre-foreclosures, auctioned homes and bank-owned real estate.