



# City of Woodland

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 16, 2010

SUBJECT: Ratify FY2011 Appropriations Requests

### **Report in Brief**

Over the past several years, the City Council has approved the City of Woodland's Federal Appropriation Priority Requests. These appropriations requests are also typically addressed by the City delegation to the Cap to Cap trip in early April of each year, where the City delegation meets with federal representatives and key staff regarding the needs of the City of Woodland that is consistent with the criteria set for federal appropriations. As in the past few years, the I-5/SR 113 Connector project remains Woodland's highest priority. Additionally, staff has developed funding requests for the Yolo Emergency Communications Agency (YECA) Emergency Communications System Improvements, the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study, the Woodland/Davis Regional Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Project, and the Casa del Sol Mobile Home Park Rehabilitation Project.

The timeline for appropriation request submittals has requires the City to act quickly this year, and therefore staff is requesting the City Council's ratification of the City's submittals. Senator Feinstein's requests were due February 5<sup>th</sup>, Senator Boxer's February 12<sup>th</sup> and Congressman Thompson's requests are due February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Staff recommends that City Council ratify the FY2011 Federal Appropriation Request to Congress for the NB I-5/SB SR 113 freeway to freeway connector project, the YECA Emergency Communications System Improvements, the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study, the Woodland/Davis Regional Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Project, and the Casa del Sol Mobile Home Park Rehabilitation Project.

### **Background**

The I-5/SR 113 freeway to freeway connector continues to be the City of Woodland's number one transportation priority and has been submitted through the appropriations process for several years. The Chamber of Commerce and the Yolo County Transportation District have submitted letters of support for this project as they have in past years.

The YECA Emergency Communications Project is critical to ensure the reliability and interoperability of the emergency communications system operated by YECA supporting 21 public safety agencies including the City of Woodland. This project is also being submitted by Yolo County.

The Lower Cache Creek Flood Control Project (FloodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program) is a partnership comprised of the City of Woodland, County of Yolo, and the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in continuing the feasibility study to identify and implement a project to reduce the risk of flooding to the City of Woodland and adjacent unincorporated land.

The Woodland/Davis Regional Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Project seeks to get funding to conduct a Facilities Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the development of a regional wastewater treatment and reclamation system serving the cities of Davis and Woodland.

This Casa del Sol Mobile Home Park Rehabilitation Project will fund the purchase of 30 new mobile home coaches for a park currently being rehabilitated.

### **Discussion**

The following information briefly describes each project and includes highlights from the appropriations submissions.

#### **Construct the freeway to freeway connector between I-5 and State Route 113 in Woodland**

This project has been a longstanding regional priority because it connects two freeway segments. The project is especially beneficial to the City of Woodland as the current routing places freeway traffic onto the local street system. This project is supported by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (SACOG) and the local Congestion Management Agency (YCTD). This is the #1 priority highway transportation project in Yolo County (per the Yolo County Transit District Board). This project is also supported by Yolo County (through the transportation reauthorization process) and it is included in the regional metropolitan transportation improvement program by SACOG.

#### **YECA Emergency Communications System Improvements**

YECA is responsible for four primary law and fire VHF radio systems that support 21 public safety agencies including the City of Woodland. The requested funding for system improvements would allow YECA to improve system reliability with enhancements to the radio infrastructure which would improve our radio systems' coverage, reliability and capacity and also is a first step towards achieving an interoperable radio communications network for multi-regional public safety communications.

**Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study**

This project seeks funding to continue the feasibility study with the Central Valley Flood Control Board and local agencies to identify and implement a multipurpose project to reduce the risk of flooding to the City of Woodland and adjacent unincorporated land. Through recent collaborative planning efforts of the City, County, and the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, prospective locally-acceptable alternatives have been identified. These alternatives would facilitate reducing the flood risk to the City and the County and facilitate raising the Settling Basin outlet weir at an earlier date as desired by the Regional Board. Accordingly, it is critical that the USACE be funded to implement a collaborative effort to define a flood risk reduction project for the City of Woodland, and the County of Yolo.

**Woodland/Davis Regional Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Project**

This project would combine wastewater generated within Davis, Woodland and possibly wastewater from other areas within Yolo County, provide high level of wastewater treatment, and reclaim some or all of the water for reuse in the local area. Preliminary feasibility studies regarding construction of a regional wastewater treatment plant have been completed. A more detailed evaluation of conveyance routes, treatment facilities, best use of the reclaimed water, and financial analysis is now needed.

**Casa del Sol Mobile Home Park Rehabilitation Project**

This project will allow a non-profit developer, Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC) to purchase 30 new mobile home coaches for the Casa del Sol Mobile Home Park. Many improvements have already occurred at the park including replacement of dilapidated infrastructure, construction of a community center, construction of a playground, and off-site improvements. This funding would allow the purchase of the new coaches that can be made available at affordable rents to low and very-low income households. Because of the complexity of the project, CHOC has run out of funds to purchase the coaches as planned in their original project.

**Fiscal Impact**

Federal funding of \$2.1 million for right of way acquisition for the I-5/113 project will make the project ready for construction.

Federal funding of \$900,000 will match the \$1,000,000 anticipated from the California Department of Water Resources for Delta emergency communications improvements to provide the necessary YECA emergency communication system improvements.

Federal funding of \$100,000 for the continuation of the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study will facilitate a collaborative flood risk reduction project for the City of Woodland and the County of Yolo. This amount reflects the request of the USACE.

Federal funding of \$800,000 for the Woodland-Davis Regional Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Project will allow for a Facilities Plan and EIR for the development of a regional wastewater treatment and reclamation system serving the cities of Woodland and Davis.

Federal funding of \$1,000,000 will facilitate the purchase of 30 coaches to be offered to low and very low income households in the Casa del Sol Mobile Home Park.

**Public Contact**

Posting of the City Council agenda.

**Alternative Courses of Action**

1. Ratify the FY2011 Federal Appropriation Requests to Congress for the NB I-5/SB SR 113 freeway to freeway connector project, the YECA Emergency Communications System Improvements, the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study, the Woodland/ Davis Regional Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Project, and the Casa del Sol Mobile Home Park Rehabilitation Project.
2. Direct staff to rescind the Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer Appropriations Requests and defer additional Congressional requests at this time.

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1.

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