SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR LAND LEVELING

SOURCE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT - FIELD SERVICES

COMMENT: The City of Porterville Waste Discharge Requirement Permit for effluent disposal required the additional development of agricultural land for effluent irrigation. The City owns 160 acres at Westwood and Scranton that is being used for this purpose and is being leveled for irrigation. The City has an agreement with Robert C. Nuckols (Lessee) for leasing City land, and for effluent water and sludge and land improvements. The leveling work at an estimate of $300,000 was approved by Council Minute Order 07-011502 on January 15, 2002.

The hard pan soil conditions at the site require an additional $70,000 to complete the work, which was appropriated in the City’s 02/03 Fiscal Year budget to be funded through the Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Authorize the increase to the project for the leveling of the 160 acres at Westwood and Scranton in the amount of $70,000.

2. Authorize the expenditure of the $70,000 in the Fiscal Year 02/03 budget from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve.

3. Authorize payment to Robert C. Nuckols upon completion of each phase of work, less any balances to Lessee’s account for land lease, sludge and water.

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