SUBJECT: Ratification of Travel Plans for Council Representative to Participate in Project Discussions Regarding Success Dam Remediation in Washington, D.C.

SOURCE: City Manager’s Office

Since the last meeting of the Council, the desire to lobby for Success Dam has been renewed. A significant factor regarding this is the impact of the hurricanes and the probable large impact they will have on Corps of Engineers funding. The report presented at the last meeting was:

The City Manager received a telephone call from Congressman Nunes’ Office regarding the importance of the City’s participation in upcoming discussions with the Office of Management and the Budget regarding the commitment of monies to support the remediation of Success Dam. Porterville is the center of population served by the dam, so the City’s participation is critical. The Congressman’s Office also indicated that the participation of an elected official is important.

Councilmember Ron Irish has been the City’s representative on the Success Dam Enlargement Project and the Success Dam Remediation Project. Mayor Kelly West has expressed an interest in attending on behalf of the City of Porterville.

The City Manager’s Office is now in the process of making arrangements for travel and lodging on behalf of a representative of the City Council for the week of September 26, 2005.

It has been a practice of the City Council that whenever out-of-state travel is proposed that it should be presented and approved at a City Council meeting. Therefore, ratification of the travel is requested.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the City Manager’s recommendation that at the request of Mayor West, that he be authorized to travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in discussions and negotiations regarding the structural remediation of Success Dam.