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ITEM NO. 3E

MEMO

DATE: March 2, 2006
TO: Lemoore City Council
FROM: Jeff Britz
SUBJECT: League Letter to California Congressional Delegation regarding Federal Telecommunications Reform

Discussion:

The League of California Cities is asking cities to sign onto the League letter to the California congressional delegation urging the delegation to consider key telecommunications principles as they move forward with the reform of federal telecommunications law. The attached letter asks that cities be able to maintain continued involvement via locally negotiated agreements, best serving the needs of consumers and providing greater choice in telecommunications options. Preserving cities authority to collect revenues; ensuring that future changes are revenue neutral, ensure service availability to all consumers, maintain key element in local franchise agreements, preserve local government's management of the public rights-of-way, and preserve local authority to deploy and operate municipal broadband networks.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to place the City of Lemoore on the League Letter to the California Congressional Delegation regarding Telecommunications Reform.