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To: Lemoore City Council
From: JP Prichard, Administrative Analyst
Date: August 3, 2007
**Subject: Resolution 2007-34 – Support Assembly Bill 783
(Arambula)**

STAFF REPORT

Background:

Assemblyman Juan Arambula has authored a bill (AB 783) that would help Valley communities. This bill gives direction to the Department of Public Health regarding spending funds to improve and protect drinking water systems in small communities. Many small communities lack the necessary fiscal, management, and/or engineering resources to take advantage of current funding opportunities. The bill would encourage giving priority to disadvantaged communities and, when beneficial, to water system consolidation in such communities. Additionally, this bill also updates and raises the limit on oral contracts made in cases of emergency to protect public health. The City of Lemoore would not directly benefit from the proposed legislation, but understands from its own history how other communities in the Central Valley would benefit from this legislation.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution 2007-34 support AB 783 (Arambula) for the benefit of communities throughout the Central Valley and State of California.