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**To: Lemoore City Council**  
**From: John Tyler, Administrative Analyst**  
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**Subject: Solar (PV) Incentive Resolution**

Item # 7

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**Discussion:**

Council will recall that at the meeting held on March 6, 2007, staff was directed to bring a resolution before the Council that would incentivize applications for photovoltaic systems by waiving any building inspection and plan check fees associated with these types of PV projects, for an initial period of two years. Lemoore is taking a leadership role in the Central Valley in its effective, public support of the use of renewable resources, including solar power. City Council is aware that incentives that promote the installation and use of photovoltaic systems locally is in line with the Governor's own California Go Solar Initiative and Assembly Bill 2473, which have effect statewide. It is a goal of the State of California and the City of Lemoore to remove any unnecessary obstacles in the permitting and installation/construction of photovoltaic systems. It is understood that the waiver of fees are in direct relation to the PV system and cannot be combined with other fees or associated with construction permits of non-PV applications.

The Council also directed staff to establish policy relating to the pre-wiring and pre-plumbing of all new single-family homes and the offering of solar options by developers seeking to have subdivision plans or Planned Unit Development plans approved. The Resolution presented to Council includes this language. It has been reviewed by the City Attorney for content.

Finally, staff will embark on the investigation and implementation of loan programs that could be available through the Lemoore Redevelopment Agency or other funding sources.

**Budget Impact:**

Staff has calculated, (given the current annual rate of PV applications), that the City would subsidize approximately \$2,400 per year in fees for the foreseeable future.

**Recommendation:**

That Council would adopt, by motion, the attached Resolution waiving all building permit and plan check fees for photovoltaic systems for a period of two years and endorsing California Solar Energy Legislation, establishing policy direction for new development, and directing staff to develop a loan program for existing development.