

**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
MINUTES**

March 25, 2013

Vice Mayor Lane called the March 25, 2013 Study Session to order with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL Council Members Durossette, Ingwerson, Kline, Lane, Mayor Vierra (Arrived 5:40 p.m)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Monterey Park Tract.

Toby Wells, Deputy City Manager/City Engineer outlined the latest developments in the Monterey Park Tract Project which would allow the Monterey Park Tract District residents to connect with City of Ceres water for drinking water. The Monterey Park Tract residents currently do not have drinking water available to them. Both wells on their property are contaminated. He submitted to Council changes the County was recommending in the MOU and expressed Staff's concerns.

Public Comment:

- Dave Pratt, resident, expressed his concerns with the project stating that the project is the responsibility of the County, he is apprehensive that the City would end up financially responsible for any financial shortfalls of Monterey Park Tract District.
- Francisco Diaz, representing the Monterey Park Tract District, urged Council to move forward with the project. Mr. Diaz reassured Council that the District would be able to maintain their payments.
- Raul Jiminez, representing Stanislaus County thanked the City Council for stepping in and trying to help the residents of Monterey Park Tract. He stated that the County was willing to partner with the City and the District to come up with a viable solution.
- Jennifer Clarey representing Clean Water Action, urged Council to move quickly to ensure that the Monterey Park Tract District does not lose the Government Grant funding that will help them put the infrastructure in place to connect to the City water system.

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Council rejected the changes made by the County to the Draft MOU. Directed staff to work with the County and the District to revise the MOU. Council reiterated that IF Ceres provides water to the Monterey Park Tract, there must be zero risk of burdening our citizens of a financial shortfall.

6:52 p.m. There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the Study Session.

/s/ Ken Lane, Vice Mayor

/s/Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk