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TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Review California Department of General Services Acquisition of the Former Todd Property and to Advise and Implement Next Steps

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Select two members of the City Council to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Little progress has been made on this issue to elicit information on the project from the State of California. The impacts to the community are likely to be significant, both positive and negative. The City wishes to mitigate negative impacts and maximize potential benefits. While the State has said it is interested in being a good neighbor, so far there has been no meaningful engagement of the community in this project. Proposed State uses for the 18 acre property can be verifiably installed on 6 acres of land, potentially locking away 12 acres as unutilized or underutilized. Such land-banking would not be efficient and not be in the best interest of the community. Despite multi-billion dollar deficits, the Governor's State Budget proposal continues to include funding for the implementation of the project.

It is recommended that the Ad Hoc focus on community education of the situation and then community based advocacy on this important issue.

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