

**REPORT TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL**  
*City of Salinas, California*

DATE: August 19, 2014

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SUBJECT: **LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES’  
POLICY RESOLUTIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City’s delegate to vote in support of the attached League of California Cities’ proposed Policy Resolution at the League’s annual business meeting on September 5, 2014: Resolution 1 (Illegal Marijuana Grow Site).

**DISCUSSION:**

At its annual business meeting, the League of California Cities adopts policy resolutions on issues of statewide importance that have direct bearing on municipal affairs and are of broad municipal interest. This year’s general assembly and business meeting will be held during the annual conference on Friday, September 5, 2014 in Los Angeles. The City Council has appointed Mayor Joe Gunter as the City’s voting delegate and Councilmember Gloria De La Rosa as the alternate delegate.

The League’s primary means for developing policy is through their standing policy committees and Board of Directors. Additionally, any city, elected or appointed city official, or League Division, Department, or Policy Committee may submit a resolution sixty days before the business meeting. The deadline to submit resolutions for the 2014 conference was July 5, 2014. Resolutions signed by at least 47 delegates may be introduced during the annual conference for issues that developed after the July 5, 2014 deadline.

During the conference, the respective League Policy Committees and General Resolutions Committee will consider making recommendations on Resolution 1 before it is voted on by the delegates in General Assembly.

1. Resolution Relating to Illegal Marijuana Grow Sites

The League’s Redwood Empire Division submitted this resolution. The resolution calls upon the Legislature to convene a summit to address the environmental impacts of illegal marijuana grows in both private and public lands throughout California and the increasing public safety related problems. The Salinas Police Department Executive staff recommends support of Resolution 1, due to the close proximity of the Los Padres National Forest to the City of Salinas and the potential for illegal grow site and activity thereof. The County of Monterey is adversely affected by large scale illegal grow

operations resulting in increased diversion of water resources and unregulated use of fertilizers in local forests and undeveloped wild lands affecting public health and safety of the surrounding communities.

**ISSUE:**

Shall Salinas' delegate vote to support, oppose, modify, or take no position on the resolution?

**CITY COUNCIL GOALS:**

Staff recommends supporting Resolution 1 which aligns with Salinas' goal of Effective, Sustainable Government. Support of the League resolution does not commit cities to adopting or implementing any League position in their local communities.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

Staff recommends that the City Council support the proposed Resolution 1.

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