

PROCLAMATION

Storm Drain Detectives 25 Year Anniversary

WHEREAS, The City of Lodi's Public Works Department maintains a stormwater system which prevents Lodi streets from flooding; and understands the importance of protecting the beautiful Mokelumne River watershed from stormwater pollution;

WHEREAS, to help prevent the City of Lodi's stormwater runoff from potentially polluting the Mokelumne River, the Storm Drain Detective Program was developed to help protect California's waterways from the impacts of human behavior on the watershed, which is mandated in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit;

WHEREAS, since the year 2000, the Storm Drain Detective Program has recruited dedicated teachers, along with more than 3,500 students, who have contributed more than 150,000 hours of community service monitoring the water quality of lower Mokelumne River; collecting water quality samples and making data available to the public on the City's website, and at a public presentation in May each year;

WHEREAS, Over the years, Storm Drain Detective students have also participated in the annual Lodi Lake-Mokelumne River and Earth Day Cleanups, Tokay NorCal Science Festival, and started campus environmental and cleanup clubs, such as Go Green and Earth Keepers;

WHEREAS, The Storm Drain Detective Program has been recognized countywide and statewide for its unique relationship between City of Lodi staff, teachers, and students, who work together to better understand the impacts of people on the Mokelumne River watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Cameron Bregman, Mayor of the City of Lodi, do hereby recognize the 25 years of valuable service contributed by the Storm Drain Detectives to help build a better understanding of the Mokelumne River's water quality and the human impacts of Lodi's storm system to the river.

SIGNED, this 7th day of May, 2025.

Cameron Bregman
Mayor, City of Lodi