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TO: Mayor & City Council

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SUBJ: **City Manager's Weekly Report**

Recreation Department

- The Recreation Department received an Award of Achievement from the California Parks and Recreation Society in the Single Focus Brochure category for the Cultural Celebration's Sponsorship Brochure. Yuba City's recognition in the category of Agency Showcase was one of 27 Achievement Awards statewide. The award was presented to staff at the 2007 California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference, held in Sacramento, CA, March 8 – 10.
- The "Where Will You Live Tomorrow?" series started last year as the Senior Center partnered with Sutter County Commission on Aging and The California Endowment to offer educational workshops that provide information to the current senior, the baby boomers and the sandwich generation (those caring for parents and grandchildren). The first workshop for 2007/08 was on February 22. The topic was Health: Arthritis, Diabetes and Weight Control. Future workshops will be on Legal Services—Wills, Conservator and Fraud; and Relationships and Dating for Seniors.

Yuba City (YC) Centennial Committee

- The YC Centennial Committee held its first planning meeting Wednesday, March 14th at the YC Parks & Recreation Department. Items of discussion included: Developing a list of the former Mayors dating back to the first Mayor of YC in 1908, Mr. J. W. Ashley; formation of a committee to begin collecting historic data on YC; the Sutter County Museum will be assisting in the data collecting and will be creating a Centennial Historical book of YC; a Web Page will be developed listing all Centennial events beginning in January 2008; Community Service Clubs will be asked to participate in calling their activities Centennial events; a kick-off reception is planned for January 2008; historic tours are planned throughout the year; a logo contest through the schools is planned; a local historic troupe will visit the schools and appear at special events during the year; and a request to assist in the partial funding of the yearlong activities will circulate through the community.

The next Yuba City Centennial Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at the Littlejohn/Madden House at 5 p.m. Individuals interested in serving on this exciting committee should contact Nancy Geweke at 822-4798.

Human Resources

- Human Resources Director Steve Johnson has been asked to serve as a member of the 2007 International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) Publications Advisory Board. This advisory group reviews publications submitted for possible publication in IPMA-HR's professional journal, *Public Personnel Management*, and suggests possible relevant topics to be addressed in the journal and other Association publications.
- The Human Resources Department is gearing up for the Annual City Cinco de Mayo luncheon celebration at City Hall on May 4, 2007. HR staff member Fatima Ceballos helps to coordinate this popular event, and for the second year in a row, staff from the City's Information Technology Department will help prepare a barbeque feast for those attending.

Community Development Block Grant

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development has notified participants of the program allocations for FY 2007. The City of Yuba City received \$564,302 in Community Development Block Grant funds to assist lower income residents in our community.

Utilities Department

- Rosemary Nagy, Administrative Assistant, retired after 19 years of dedicated service to the City. During Rosemary's career she worked in several departments including Planning, Administrative Services and the Utilities Department. She will be missed by all.
- Wastewater Permit Update: The Regional Water Quality Control Board staff has notified the City that the first draft of the new permit will now be completed by March 23 – two weeks later than originally promised. Yuba City staff will try and absorb some of the lost time to maintain the August Board hearing date for final approval of the permit. The next meeting with the Board staff is March 19.
- Fish Screen Project: Yuba City has been invited to apply for another \$250,000 grant from the Department of the Interior. It is likely that grant request will be approved. That would bring total grants approved to \$500,000. Yuba City will also be applying for CalFed funds of \$500,000. The project is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2008. The current cost estimate for the project is \$1,600,000.

Flood Control

- The West Feather River Levee Reconstruction Agency (WFRLRA) met on Tuesday to discuss the expanded role for regional governance in levee repair and betterments. Yuba City is represented by Mayor Miller and Councilmember Gill. It was determined that the WFRLRA Board needed to expand to include Butte County, Biggs and Gridley to the north and Yuba County to the east. Sutter County will be looking at legal options for expanding

the Board for presentation in April. Special focus was given to the Star Bend levee setback project, and the need for local match funding to take advantage of currently available State grants.

- A staff meeting with Mr. Tim Washburn, Legal Counsel for the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), occurred on Wednesday, March 14th. Mr. Washburn shared the details of the special tax initiative in Sacramento for levee enhancements. He indicated the SAFCA proposal was subject to Prop 218 limitations, which requires a 51% approval of mail in property owner votes. In Sacramento the match share of local funds is 10% due to committed and anticipated Federal participation. Without such commitments a 30% match would be required for State 1E funding. SAFCA has been working on this taxing scenario for over two years.