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

### **Utilities Department**

- **Solar Project:** Construction of the Solar Project located at the Wastewater Treatment Facility began this week and is scheduled to be completed by September. The project will provide 770 kilowatts of electricity and is being constructed within an existing storm water detention basin on the south side of the Wastewater Treatment Facility near Garden Highway. The project consists of multiple rows of elevated solar panels. The solar facility will initially be owned and operated by a private company—Powerlight. Solar generated electricity will be sold to the City at a lower rate than current PG&E rates and is guaranteed into the future. The City has the option to purchase the solar facility after 6 years.
- **Wastewater Facility Permit:** Discussions between the City and the Regional Water Quality Board continue to be productive. The permit was scheduled for approval by the Regional Water Quality Control Board in August of this year but has been delayed to September 2007 due to Regional Board staff work load. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> Yuba City staff testified at a Board hearing on behalf of the City of Davis. There are some issues in the Davis permit that could become precedent setting, and impact the Yuba City permit.
- **Flood Insurance Rates:** On June 19<sup>th</sup> the City received confirmation from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that the City will begin participation within the Community Rating System Program by October 1, 2007. The City qualified for the program through current and ongoing efforts required for flood plain management. As of October 1, City residents will receive a 10% reduction on mandatory flood insurance policies and a 5% reduction on voluntary flood insurance policies. These reductions in annual flood insurance policies will automatically occur without notification to local insurance agents. Staff continues to work with FEMA to receive additional credit for flood management work that has already taken place that would result in further insurance discounts.

### **Impact Fees**

- The Ad Hoc Committee for Impact Fees concluded their evaluation of the proposed impact fees for residential development this week at their June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee will meet again on July 9<sup>th</sup> to further discuss new information from the non-residential

stakeholders regarding the proposed fees for commercial, office, and industrial projects. Additionally, the Committee is seeking to conduct a second public workshop with the City Council on this matter. The tentative date for the workshop is Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Confirmation of the date and time, as well as the identification of the City facility location for the workshop will be provided as soon as verified.

### **Flood Control**

- Wednesday evening the Citizens' Advisory Committee for flood control funding recommended the formation of a Benefit Assessment District to support matching funding for State proposition 1-E. It is anticipated that up to 30% of an estimated \$350-\$450 million total levee repair cost will need to be funded with a combination of property assessments and developer fees. Preliminary developer fees for levees are set at \$2,874/household and will raise in excess of \$50 million. Bonding for the remaining \$100 million local match share is estimated to average \$240/year per household for existing residents.
- The Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce sponsored a forum on flood control Friday. Councilmember Kash Gill served on a panel with elected officials and the Deputy Director of the State Department of Water Resources. Priority issues focused on funding availability and accountability. State resources for FY 07-08 will put over \$700 million into state levee planning and/or repairs.

### **School District Coordination**

- Representatives of the Yuba City School Board, City Council, and Sutter County meet quarterly to discuss common issues and concerns. This week's meeting focus was on traffic control and safe routes to school. Additional work will be coordinated with staff for crosswalks and speed signs at select locations. The access to West Walton Elementary School playground during non-school times and on weekends was discussed with no determination. The next quarterly meeting will be hosted by Sutter County focusing on youth intervention and diversion programs.

### **Downtown Business Association (DBA)**

- The DBA held their annual meeting Thursday, June 22, with Mayor Miller as the keynote speaker. The DBA is looking forward to the Plumas Streetscape construction and is working on coordinating parking and signage during the construction. Public Works Director George Musallam mentioned the City will be painting the downtown water tower. He is looking for someone willing to be responsible for selecting the color scheme.