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

Utilities Department

- **Wastewater Plant Permit:** A public notice was published in the *Appeal Democrat* on Monday for the Tentative Wastewater Permit being circulated for public review by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Subsequently, the RWQCB staff notified Yuba City that the permit was being pulled for "internal policy review." Permits for other cities were also pulled for review. This action will likely delay the permit hearing scheduled for the October board agenda. The next RWQCB meeting is early December.
- **Fish Screen Project:** Staff made an update report to the California Fish Screen technical advisory committee. This is the committee that previously recommended \$500,000 in grant funds for the project. This committee has recommended that another \$150,000 in grant funds be approved from the Federal Bureau of Interior for the project.
- **Water Intake Road Reconstruction:** The high water event in January 2006 washed out the access road to the water intake structure. FEMA notified the City this week that the project for relocating the road away from the Feather River bank has been approved. Construction on the project will begin next spring. A temporary road has been utilized since the high water event.
- **Wastewater Disposal Ponds Reconstruction:** Repair of damage to the wastewater ponds caused by the 2006 high water event is underway. The contractor is ahead of schedule and repairs should be completed by late October.

Community Development

- **Planning Commission Actions:** At their August 22nd meeting, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

Dog Park—Approved the Use Permit requested by "Off the Leash Inc." for a five acre dog park located at 2050 Wild River Drive, south of Bogue Road. As part of the approval, the Commission incorporated the operating rules for the dog park and added a requirement that

the project be brought back to the Commission for review to ensure that the conditions of operation are being met.

Auto Dealers—Recommended approval of the General Plan Amendments and Rezones for John L. Sullivan Dodge and Yuba City Toyota located on opposite corners of the Harter Parkway and Highway 20 intersection. The land use approvals will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the September 18th City Council meeting. The Dodge dealership is 40,000 square feet, while the Toyota dealership is 66,000 square feet. The Commission also approved variance requests for twenty foot high monument signs for both dealerships.

- **LAFCo Action:** At the August 23rd LAFCo meeting, the Commission approved the City's request for reconsideration of the annexation boundaries in the George Washington Boulevard/Franklin Road Master Plan area. At a LAFCo meeting in April, the Commission approved portions of the area that was previously pre-zoned for annexation in the subject area. The Commission excluded the 14 homes along the east side of El Margarita Road from the annexation due to continued opposition from these residents.
- **Impact Fees:** The Ad-hoc Committee for Impact Fees has concluded its meetings with the non-residential stakeholders. Staff will schedule a second public workshop to discuss the recent findings of the Ad-hoc Committee for the first or second week of September.

Public Works

- **Sanitary Lift Station #15:** The sanitary sewer lift station located at the southwest corner of South Colusa Frontage Road and George Washington Boulevard was activated Thursday, August 23. This lift station will serve the new subdivisions located north of State Route 20 from Township Road to Hooper Road, including Siena Estates. In addition, sewage from the Stonegate Subdivision will be directed to this lift station rather than being pumped along North Colusa Frontage Road and across the Live Oak Canal to Harter Parkway.
- **Bid Openings:** Bids were opened this week for the following CIP projects: (1) Residential Street Rehabilitation Project-\$520,230.40, Baldwin Contracting Company; (2) Various Railroad Track Removal Project-\$281,590.00, Sutter Constructors; and (3) 2007 Slurry Seal Project-\$221,108.47, California Pavement Maintenance Co.

All bids received were within budget and will be presented to the Council for action at their September 4 meeting.

- **Signal at Eureka and Garden Highway:** The signal at Eureka and Garden Highway will be operating with flashing red lights until next Thursday. After this initial test period, the signal will be fully activated. The Public Works Department is working closely with Yuba City Unified School District regarding traffic control in that area.