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TO: Mayor & City Council

cc: Department Heads  
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FROM: Steven Jepsen, City Manager

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

### **Roxy Yuba Partners**

- The City has been notified of a change in representation for the pending legal action against the City. Mr. James Vaughn of Stowell, Zeilenga, Ruth, Vaughn & Trieger LLP (Westlake Village) is now representing Mr. Larry Wasem and the Roxy Yuba Partners. Mr. Vaughn is the same legal counsel that is representing Citizens Against Congestion in their concerns regarding the sufficiency of the Negative Declaration for the environmental review for the Cinemark Development (Movies Eight site development).

### **Appointment of Gary Marler to Oversee All City Maintenance Functions**

- Parks Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Gary Marler has been appointed to oversee all City maintenance functions for Yuba City. Mr. Marler will oversee Parks, Streets, Electrical, Water and Sewer Maintenance for the City. Mr. Marler has been with Yuba City for several years and has done an outstanding job with the Parks upgrades and maintenance during that time. Former streets superintendent, Mike Healy, has taken a similar position with the City of Grass Valley.

### **Economic Development**

- The Mayor and City Manager toured Unity Forest products in south Yuba City (1162 Putnam) on Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> with EDC Director Steve Brammer. Unity Forest Products is a home grown industry started in 1988 by Enita Elphick. Unity Forest Product is capable of running 1000 board feet per day capacity, they have revenues exceeding \$36 million per year and, they employ 87 individuals. Enita Elphick's business was started with an Economic Development Loan from Yuba City. If her name is familiar, she also happens to be the current Mayor of Wheatland.

**Pink October**

- Council Member Gill has volunteered to be a cheer leader for this year's event at Geweke Field starting at 10 AM this Saturday. Come on down and cheer with Kash in support of Breast Cancer awareness month "Pink October". A big thank you to Larry Geweke Ford for their continued sponsorship of this worthwhile annual event.

**Flood Control**

- Sutter County has advised me of the acceptance of revised language by Butte County to form the New Flood Control Agency JPA. County Executive Larry Combs expects to set the first meeting of the new group by mid-November. Jurisdictions who previously adopted the JPA language will have to adopt the revised version. The revisions limit the liability of participating member and the Board. There should be little concern or opposition to the proposed changes in the formation documents.

**Health Care Provider Change**

- At the meeting on October 4, 2007, the City Council approved the change in Health Care providers from Blue Cross to Blue Shield effective January 1, 2008. Information on the new plan's benefits and costs are posted on CityNet for your review.

If we had remained with Blue Cross, the estimated total cost to the City just for the calendar year 2008, would have been \$367,437 over 2007 premiums. By switching from Blue Cross to Blue Shield through the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) the City will save \$211,973 and the employees will save an additional \$63,812. This change requires a three-year commitment and we anticipate this savings will be compounded in the following years.