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

### **Community Development**

- **Development Impact Fees:** At their October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting this week, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the City's proposed development impact fees. Public comment focused on: affordable housing fee, credits and reimbursements for infrastructure improvements, importance of the levee fee, and the need for additional fee reductions for infill projects. The Commission addressed a desire to reduce the proposed 3 year phase-in of the fees, and providing more support for infill projects through greater fee reductions. The Commission was split on the issue of affordable housing. Additional details regarding the testimony from the public and the Commission will be provided at the October 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
- **Outdoor Display Report:** At the request of the City Council, the department has completed a survey of outdoor merchandise displays (sidewalk and parking lot displays) at local businesses within the community. A report of our findings, as well as a discussion of the City's existing restrictions/standards for outdoor displays, will be presented to the Council at their November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Flood Control**

- **Insurance:** A representative of the National Flood Insurance Program, a branch of FEMA, presented information on Flood Insurance Friday afternoon. Yuba City residents without flood insurance were encouraged to get insurance prior to remapping, and those with insurance can expect to see significant increases in cost in future years. Flood insurance for all mortgage holders in Yuba City will be required by FEMA with the pending remapping for 2008 or 2009.
- **Legislation:** The governor signed several new flood control bills into law this week. One of the most important for Yuba City, SB5, requires the state to develop comprehensive plans for the Sacramento Valley Flood Control and forward new flood maps by the end of 2008. This aggressive schedule, if met by the Department of Water Resources, will require Yuba City to establish base flood elevations for construction in 2009. We do not know the impact of state efforts on FEMA's planned remapping of Yuba City starting in 2009.

### **Torch of Freedom**

- The Veteran's Associations are holding their annual Torch of Freedom event this Saturday at Beckwourth Riverfront Park in Marysville. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs all day with big band music starting at 5:30 p.m. All veterans and non-veterans are invited to attend.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**

- Preliminary information on the structural sufficiency of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Railroad Bridge should be available toward the end of November. If the bridge is found to be insufficient to carry auto/truck traffic, studies can proceed on replacement of both the auto and railroad structure by the end of the year.

### **Walton Water Update**

- The City Council will be considering an option to form an ad-hoc committee to study issues and concerns from the area residents over forming a Special District to pay for improvements necessary to lower arsenic and nitrate levels in the Walton Water District area. The Committee, if formed, will include residents of this area.