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

#### **Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency**

- The first meeting of the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) was held on Wednesday, December 12, to initiate the formation of this new Joint Powers Authority. Council Member John Miller was appointed the first chair of this new agency and Sutter County Supervisor Larry Montna was appointed Vice Chair. The first order of business appointed Mr. Bill Edger as the Interim Executive Director of the new Agency. Mr. Edger is highly qualified for this position having previously served as the Executive Director of the Sacramento Flood Control Agency and as City Manager for Sacramento. This Agency is charged with identifying the improvements necessary to the levees and the funding mechanism to pay for the improvements.

#### **Hillcrest Water System South Walton Area Service**

- Discussions are continuing with the City Council Ad-hoc Committee on the Hillcrest Water System South Walton Area issues. Mayor Ramirez and Council Member Gill continue their Tuesday and Thursday meetings with area residents and community representatives on the quality, quantity and funding necessary for continued service to this section of the City. The Hillcrest Area Water service has operated as a separate enterprise, utilizing independent wells for water supplies, since the city took over ownership of this private system in 2001. At question is the necessity and the city's ability to meet Federal water quality standards and at what cost to local residents. Two options are being explored to fix the nitrate and arsenic contamination in the system. They include repairing the existing system or allowing area residents to connect to City's river water supplies. Both options are of considerable expense, although low interest loans are available to assist local residents with these costs.

#### **Public Works**

- **2007 ADA Sidewalk Improvements Project:** Construction of the project is on schedule. Construction crews have completed the new access ramps on Shasta Street at Teegarden Avenue and at Center Street. Construction of new sidewalks and driveways on the west side of Live Oak Boulevard between Queens Avenue and Northgate Drive is nearly

complete and crews are now beginning on the east side of Live Oak Boulevard in this area. Construction of new access ramps on the west side of Clark Avenue between Colusa Avenue and Spiva Avenue has also commenced and is scheduled for completion by the middle of January 2008, weather permitting.

- **Stabler Lane Crosswalk Project:** Project plans for the Stabler Lane Crosswalk Project at Jamie Drive and Bradley Estates Drive have been completed. Bids are currently being received for the various items of work including the construction of the raised medians and pavement delineation. Work is expected to begin and be completed around the first of the year. City crews will be working with the contractors to install the proper signage once the crosswalks and medians have been constructed. Flashing Pedestrian Beacons are being ordered for the crosswalk at the intersection of Stabler Lane and Bradley Estates. Crews will install the beacon in concurrence with the installation of the crosswalk and medians.