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

Finance

- Staff received unadjusted 3rd Quarter 2007 sales tax data this week for the July through September, 2007 period. Yuba City's allocation increased 3.49%. This is good news for Yuba City as the Counties surrounding us experienced a decline in sales tax revenues when comparing the total to the same quarter results for the previous year. The Finance Department will be able to provide more information when adjusted information is available from our sales tax consultant. The adjusted information tells us the "why" behind the numbers, such as if there are any one time adjustments, double payments, etc.

Utilities

- **Water Treatment Plant:** Terrance Piro, Water Treatment Plant Chief Plant Operator, was notified that he successfully passed the Grade 5 Water Treatment Operator Examination. The exam is difficult and less than 40 California Operators have passed within the last 18 months. The Grade 5 certification is the highest level awarded by the state. Yuba City is proud to now have two Grade 5 operators – Terrance and John Westhouse, Water Plant Supervisor. Congratulations Terrance!
- **Fish Screen Project:** Yuba City was notified that it will be eligible for another \$150,000 in grant funds from the Federal Department of Interior for the fish screen project. This brings the total grant funds to \$650,000. Yuba City has applied for an additional \$500,000 in grants and has not yet been notified of the status. The total project construction cost is currently estimated at approximately \$3.5 million. The design is currently 30% complete and has been forwarded to the California Andronemous Fish Committee for review and comment.

- **Hillcrest Water System South Walton Area:** December 18th an Ad-Hoc meeting took place – the main topic was monthly rates and water connection impact fees. The next meeting is scheduled for January 3rd. The topics will be related to further discussion of the acquisition of Hillcrest Water Company and Tierra Buena Assessment District formation.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Dan Poe and John Alexander, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator 3, were both notified that they passed the Grade 5 wastewater operator examination. This exam is difficult and historically has a pass rate of less than 50 percent. The Grade 5 certification is the highest level awarded by the State. During the last two years that data is available only 72 California operators have passed the exam. There are now six certified Grade 5 operators at the wastewater treatment facility. Congratulations Dan and John!

At a special meeting on December 19, 2007, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Approved Development Plan DP 07-10 for a 42,000 square foot, three story office building at the northeast corner of Harter Parkway and Lassen Boulevard.
- Recommended that the City Council approve General Plan amendment GP 07-05 and Rezone RZ 07-05 and approved Development Plan DP 07-08 and Tentative Map TM 07-05 for a 76,000 square foot commercial and residential mixed-use project at the southeast corner of Tharp Road and Butte House Road. The Planning Commission's approval of DP 07-08 is contingent on the City Council's approval of GP 07-05 and RZ 07-05.
- Approved Development Plan DP 07-09 for a 79,000 square foot health club located on the southerly portion of the site at the southeast corner of Tharp Road and Butte House Road. This approval is contingent on the City Council's approval of the aforementioned GP 07-05 and RZ 07-05.
- Denied Use Permit UP 07-10 for a drive-thru coffee facility at an 8,000 square foot retail building at the northwest corner of Franklin Road and Walton Avenue.