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

Utilities Department:

- The Federal EPA inspected and reviewed the wastewater facility's pretreatment program. The inspection took two days and a report is expected within three months. Minor revisions to the pretreatment ordinance were identified and will come before Council for approval.
- Staff requested a Cal OSHA inspection to evaluate the wastewater facility and its safety programs. The inspection identified minor improvements to be made. The inspectors were impressed with the site and safety procedures. A full report is expected within a month.
- Groundwater System Region 2/3 was inspected by the California Department of Public Health. The inspector noted that due to high nitrates, Well 14 must be physically disconnected from the water supply. Without this well the area does not have adequate water supply per the Water Works Standards. Staff is evaluating options including conservation and supplementing with surface water. When warmer weather arrives and customers begin irrigating water pressure in the area may be lower than last year. Long-term solutions include repair of the groundwater system or conversion to surface water.
- Staff has begun flushing water mains in Groundwater Region 2/3. Completion is expected by April 4. During the flushing some customers may experience discolored water for short periods of time. To minimize impacts, most flushing will take place at night.
- The City of Live Oak and Sutter County have approached staff regarding the possibility of the Yuba City wastewater facility becoming a regional treatment plant for Live Oak and the town of Sutter. Live Oak's discharge permit has a compliance date of early 2009. The City designed improvements and received a low bid of approximately \$18,000,000. Live Oak is now evaluating if it is more cost effective to utilize a regional option. Yuba City staff is evaluating impacts to the wastewater collection and treatment facilities in addition to potential discharge permit issues.