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Flood Control

As a matter of information, Col. Tom Chapman, Sacramento District Engineer for the Corps of Engineers, will be addressing the Sutter-Butte Flood Control Agency on June 11, 2008 regarding the Corps "Feasibility Study." This study is scheduled to take 3 more years to complete. The Corps has indicated the three year schedule is fast tracked for the project. The feasibility study examines options and alternatives for levee repair. It will include alternatives for "repair in place" and "a ring levee around Yuba City." As this study progresses, it may be possible to identify levee segments that we are sure can be addressed regardless of the alternative selected. This would include the Feather River Levee adjacent to Yuba City. Engineering on those sections of levee could occur next summer or fall if a funding tax is secured in the spring of 2009. Any accelerated pace for the levee repairs would require additional funding through the JPA. The new JPA Flood Control meetings are open to the public.

Hillcrest/Walton Water Public Workshop

The City Council Workshop regarding Hillcrest/Walton Water scheduled for 6:00 pm, May 19, 2008, at Andros Karperos School has been confirmed. We will have representatives from:

- 1) The US Environmental Protection Agency to address the health issues of arsenic,
- 2) The State Health Department to address the arsenic rules and the Hillcrest/Walton temporary treatment system approval,
- 3) State representatives will address the low interest loan and its pre-approved applicability to Region 1 in addition to Regions 2 and 3,
- 4) Engineering professionals for the State and City will address alternatives and recommended solutions to fix the Hillcrest/Walton Water System, and
- 5) Legal representatives specializing in Proposition 218 will be available to address assessment issues and questions.

Although the City Council will make no decisions at this workshop, we are encouraging Region 1, 2 and 3 residents to attend this meeting to express their opinions and get their questions answered.

Administration

- **Waste diversion:** Staff from the Regional Waste Management Board has advised the City that the region's solid waste diversion rate for 2006 was 66%. The calculation is completed annually in order to comply with the AB 939 diversion goals which set a goal of 25% diversion by 1995 and 50% by the year 2000. Congratulations are due to the community, the RWMA, and YSDI for their collective efforts in keeping garbage out of the landfill.
- **Site Visit:** The Yuba-Sutter EDC, Staff and Vice Mayor Leslie McBride met with Lloyd Pask of Kingsbury, Inc. (located at 219-B Burns Dr. in Yuba City) as part of the City's ongoing Economic Development Business Plan. Kingsbury is a premier maker of industrial bearings in the United States. The Yuba City plant relocated from Sacramento last year. They have 6 employees and expect to expand to up to 20 employees over the next year. Kingsbury manufactures bearing of all sizes serving industry needs that include large users such as power companies and hydro-electric plants.
- **Economic Development:** The Final Work Session of the Economic Development Advisory Group will be held on Thursday, May 15th, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Yuba City Wastewater Treatment Plant on Burns Drive. Previous meetings of the Advisory Group have been dedicated to developing recommended priorities/actions for the City in four areas: Social, Physical, Economic, and Political. Based upon the input from previous sessions, a draft economic development strategy will be presented. Presentations can be found at <http://www.yubacity.net/> Yuba City Vision – *Creating Economic Opportunities*.

Lighting & Landscape Districts

Due to the increased costs of maintaining certain districts, the property owners of Lighting and Landscape Districts 1, 2, and 5 will receive a ballot around June 1, preceded by an information mailing (May 8), on which we will request property owners in these districts to vote on a proposed increase to the annual levy. A Proposition 218 protest hearing is scheduled for July 15. More information will be presented in staff reports recommending the Council approve the intent to levy these districts at the May 20 meeting.

Utilities Department

The California Department of Water Resources recently completed the Sierra snow survey. The state is in a dry cycle but not near the point of the early 90's. If there were to be a third dry year then the "drought" word may be more accurate. The Sierra runoff forecasts this year range from 83% of normal for the north state to 61% in the south. During the drought of the mid 1970's the runoff was about 25% of normal. Even though March and April were dry, the temperatures were cold. This led to retention of the snow and higher than expected runoff.

Even with cutbacks, Yuba City water contracts will provide more water than the City will use this year. The City sold some water this year; otherwise, it would have flowed down the Feather River, and it would have been lost for beneficial use.

Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market is relocating from Center Street downtown to a temporary location near the fountain at the Town Center (off Plumas Streets between A and B Streets). The Farmers' Market has been granted a temporary encroachment permit that will be replaced with a use permit for temporary use during construction and provide for the long-term operation of the Farmers' Market in the downtown area. Let's all support our local growers and visit the market Saturday mornings.