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TO: Mayor & City Council  
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SUBJ: **City Manager's Weekly Report**

cc: Department Heads  
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#### **Walton – Hillcrest Water Workshop**

- The City Council Workshop was well attended with approximately 250 individuals taking advantage of the educational format provided by the panel of experts. Many questions were responded to regarding the factual information on the constraint of the existing water system, options to enhance water service and quality, mandated arsenic and nitrate standards, and the operation consequences of providing for the filtration of contaminants. Arsenic is an issue as defined by the EPA; as such, it must be addressed. The City operational problems related to meeting new Federal Water Quality Standards have resulted in brownish water and lower water pressure as reported by State Health Department Officials. The staff recommended cost for the Surface Water conversion of regions 1, 2 & 3 was less than \$20 per month, plus water usage cost.

#### **Lincoln-Jones Improvements Project**

- The Lincoln-Jones Improvements Project was awarded to Hill & Hill Contracting, Inc. of Yuba City. This project involves the construction of curb, gutter, and sidewalk at the southwest corner of the Lincoln Road/Jones Road intersection. The Contractor will begin construction on Tuesday, May 27, with completion in approximately 1 month.

#### **Utilities Department**

- **Wastewater Facility Annual Inspection:** The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board conducted an annual unannounced inspection of the wastewater facility. Their report and findings will be submitted to the City within the next 4 months. They did not indicate that there were any significant adverse findings and were particularly impressed with the laboratory operations and data management system.
- **Monthly Reporting to Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board:** Utilities Department staff has been participating in an electronic database reporting for the wastewater facility. Laboratory Manager Mike Paulucci has been an active member of a statewide team to streamline monthly reporting. The current monthly report is approximately

200 pages long and is submitted via mail. The team has been working for over a year to develop the database program. Yuba City is one of 3 communities statewide that will begin testing the database next month. It is envisioned that the electronic database submittal will reduce staff time in preparing the monthly report.