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

Recreation Department

- The Yuba City Senior Center is excited to be offering two new major programs this summer. First, there is a newly developed group called Yuba City Singles that is designed to connect people looking for friendship and companionship. There are currently over 40 people on the interest list which emphasizes the need for a social outlet for older adults in our community. With a kick-off luncheon planned and an interest survey in place, we look forward to providing future recreational opportunities such as trips, dances and other programs for the group to enjoy.
- Our second dynamic new program is in collaboration with Sutter-North Medical Foundation and the Sutter County Health Department. Walkin' the Park offers a structured exercise schedule that will meet three days a week and alternates between local parks. A volunteer is onsite to help participants log their distance walked in order to achieve their daily goal of 10,000 steps per day. Prizes will be awarded every time someone reaches 100,000 steps. The program costs a mere \$5 which includes a t-shirt and a pedometer. Walkin' the Park also offers monthly check-in and guest speakers. The program kicked off on May 28 with a 2 mile walk from the Senior Center to Sutter North Medical Foundation where refreshments were provided.

Lighting & Landscape Levy Increases: On May 21 & 22, 2008, four public outreach meetings were conducted by Engineering and Finance. Two consultants from MuniFinancial presented information to property owners regarding the proposed lighting and landscape maintenance levy increases and majority protest process in Districts 1 and 5. Of the more than 5,000 properties affected by these proposed increases, nineteen property owners participated. The questions and comments were constructive and centered mostly about concerns with the COLAs and plant selection. The meetings were productive among those that participated, and they were encouraged to reach out to neighbors and share the information. Ballots were mailed on May 30 with the public hearing on July 15.

Utilities Department

- **Fish Screen Project:** Yuba City has been invited by the CalFed program to submit a full application for grants associated with the proposed water intake fish screen project. There

is potential of up to \$1,100,000 in grants through this program. The City was notified that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will be requesting an additional \$500,000 in grants for the project in Federal FY 08/09. Maximum allowed funding for this type of project is 50 percent of construction cost. The fish screens themselves are currently estimated at \$4.6M. If all of these grants are approved, the City will be at the maximum allowed under their programs. Other grants are currently also being pursued for funding of the screens.