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

Fire Department

On June 12th, Yuba City's OES Engine 293 was dispatched as part of Strike Team to the Humboldt Fire in Butte County. The crew of Engine 293 consisted of Capt. Jon Blevins, Engineer Eric England, F/F Shane Lawson and F/F Michelle Dominguez. Upon arrival they notified the OES that they were there and were waiting for the balance of the Strike Team that would arrive in 2 hours. They were asked if the engine was available to protect a house in Butte Creek Canyon while they waited for the rest of their team. Captain Blevins immediately volunteered for the assignment. The crew took it upon themselves to assist in prepping the house for possible suppression activity. Later that evening the crew joined the Strike Team it was assigned.

On the morning of June 13th the Denny's Restaurant in Chico was feeding fire crews. The restaurant was packed, and there was a line out of door. The entire restaurant had been taken over by the incident. Without an empty table in the place, Denny's had only one waitress show up that morning. In an effort to ensure that their fellow firefighters were fed in a timely manner so they could return to the firefight, the crew of Engine 293 assisted the understaffed restaurant by waiting on tables! The OES reported Captain Blevins and his crew were of great assistance in making a tough situation workable. The Strike Team Leader of OES reported on Engine 293's excellent performance which continued into the actual fire fighting that day. This was not the first time their outstanding performance has been observed by the Strike Team Leader, and he said it is a pleasure working with them.

Police Department

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services sent out a request for law enforcement personnel from Redding to Yuba City to assist with the Humboldt Fire near the Town of Paradise. Resources immediately adjacent to the fire were quickly depleted due to the size of the incident, the destruction it caused, and the remaining potential for life threatening impacts.

Within 24 hours, they put out a second request for additional law enforcement resources. Counting the first Response Team as well as the second Team we sent, eight Yuba City Police Department personnel were involved: Sgt. Baker and Officers Parker, Runyen, Escherman,

Sharma, Southward, Kodani and Hauck. Total work time for these officers, assigned by the Law Branch Chief, was approximately 200 hours. Their assignments consisted of evacuations, site security, looting patrol, and escorting families back into the fire area to take stock of their homes and personal belongings.

Our Teams indicated the ravages of the fire and associated property loss was devastating. They did intercept and deal with individuals who were taking advantage of the scale and destruction of the incident for personal gain (potential looters).

We all want to thank our Fire and Police employees for a job well done.