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

Utilities Department

Water: On September 9 staff mailed a letter to eight Northern California investor owned water utilities seeking interest in the purchase or lease of the Hillcrest groundwater system. The letter outlined the purchase history, number of current connections, facilities, current water quality, and recent Proposition 218 process. By September 29 interested utilities are to provide qualification information, such as number of connections within 100 miles of Yuba City, approximate number of employees, and average current rate for 16 and 35 units of water. The information will be compiled and presented to the City Council at a scheduled meeting.

Wastewater: Staff and Council wastewater Ad Hoc committee members (Tej Maan and Leslie McBride) attended a Yuba County workshop related to regional wastewater treatment. The workshop was attended by representatives from Yuba County, Marysville, Linda County Water District, Olivehurst Public Utilities District, Wheatland, Beale, Live Oak, and Sutter County. Yuba County will be scheduling another meeting in the near future. September 15 the Sutter County committee will have the next meeting. Yuba County representative have been invited and stated they will be attending.

Senior Center Nutrition Report

On July 1, news was released that the current nutrition provider QuEST was no longer going to provide congregate and home delivered meals, stating the reason being high fuel cost and no current July funding due to California's unapproved budget. Through city and county funds made available to Area 4 Agency on Aging, QuEST was able to provide meals through September 5, 2008. A community task force was developed to select an alternative meal supplier and as a result of their efforts, meals have continued.

This week community leaders and staff members from Yuba County and Fremont Rideout Hospital cooked meals on Monday and Tuesday. Starting on Wednesday, the Yuba City Unified School District's staff at River Valley High School began preparing the meals, delivering them to the Yuba City Senior Center site where school staff, senior volunteers, and City of Yuba City Recreation staff worked as a team to serve 75 meals each day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The meal program will continue for the next few weeks through the efforts of Fremont-Rideout Hospital Foundation underwriting the meal costs, the School District preparing the meals, and the Recreation staff coordinating the volunteer staff assigned to serving, clean up and making reservations.

There is a prospective agency talking to Area 4 Agency on Aging who would like to pursue taking over the contract to receive the state and federal funds available for the nutrition program. In the meantime, meals are being provided and the seniors are extremely pleased with the quality and community support.