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

Parks & Recreation

The **10th Annual Yuba City Cultural Celebration** was held in Gauche Park on September 13, 2008. The event packed the park with a variety of vendors selling ethnic arts, crafts and foods and over 10,000 people attended throughout the day.

Gauche Aquatic Park is winding down from its Summer Season but still has lots to offer in the Fall. Public Open Swim is available on weekends through Sunday, October 26th with two sessions offered each day from Noon – 2:30 pm and 3:30 – 6 pm. Also still available are a variety of exercise and swim opportunities. There are also several Special Events planned during the next month including: Senior Swim for those 50+, a Splish Splash Party Night for 8 – 12 year olds, and a Halloween Haunted Swim, which is being offered as an alternative to Trick or Treating. For more information on any of these programs, please call the GAP at (530) 822-4655.

Senior Center Back to School Supply Drive: This was the 4th year the seniors have joined in this worthwhile project bringing new school supplies to be donated to Yuba City Unified School District. All the 400 items collected will be delivered to the district office, and they will disperse them to the schools with the greatest need.

Public Works

Street Rehabilitation 2008—The City of Yuba City’s contractor McGuire & Hester will begin road work Tuesday 9/23/08 at various locations through out the City:

- George Washington Blvd. (Hwy 20 south to Hill View)
- Franklin Rd. (Harding east to Walton)
- Pease Rd. (Hwy 99 east to L.O. Blvd.)
- Clark Ave. (Queens south to Washington)
- Plumas St. (Queens south to Grant)
- Park Ave. (B St south to Franklin)
- Richland Rd. (Bunce east to Railroad)
- Jones Rd. (Richland south to Lincoln)

- Malick Ave. (Jones east to Bunce)
- McCall Ave. (Jones east to Bunce)
- Jessie Ave. (Jones east to Bunce)
- Carolina Ave. (Jones east to Bunce)

Project improvements include road rehabilitation work (surface grinding, asphalt overlays), concrete work, signal loop detection improvements, and new pavement delineation within the project areas. The City's contractor will be performing the work between 6:30 am and 4:00 pm. Work will involve closing one travel lane at times. Motorists are advised to observe construction area signs and direction from traffic control flaggers to minimize delays. Construction is expected to be substantially complete by mid October.

Garden Highway Improvements: The Garden Highway Improvements project is between 2nd Street and Franklin Avenue. The contractor is scheduled to close Garden Highway to through traffic between 2nd Street and Franklin Avenue during the week of September 29. The primary detour will be Franklin Avenue to Wilbur Avenue to B Street. Local access to adjacent properties will be maintained at all times. The first items of work include grinding and removing the existing asphalt concrete and cement treated base, clearing and grubbing existing vegetation, and lowering existing utilities. Completion of the project is scheduled for the middle of December, weather permitting.

Utilities Department

On September 15th the **Yuba City Regional Wastewater Ad Hoc Committee** hosted a meeting with possible partners. The meeting was attended by representatives from Sutter County, Live Oak, Gridley, Biggs, Yuba County, Marysville, Linda County Water District, Olivehurst Public Utilities District, Wheatland, Beale Air Force Base, and Central Valley Regional Water Control Board. All members concluded that regionalization should be further analyzed, including the options associated with a regional discharge location. Yuba City, Live Oak and Sutter County staff will be meeting next week to discuss next steps for a possible project. Gridley and Biggs are to discuss timing related to a regionalization project. Yuba County has decided to move forward with a regional feasibility study for jurisdictions east of the Feather River.

The **Water Treatment Plant** has been receiving a more than usual number of calls regarding taste and odor complaints in the City's drinking water. This year we have experienced a much greater "earthy" or "musty" taste and smell in the Feather River water compared to most years. There is nothing harmful in the water, it is just an unpleasant smell. This taste and smell is seasonal for the Feather River in late summer or early fall. Staff has been adjusting treatment to remove this odor and currently has the issue under control. The use of a simple charcoal filter in a refrigerator or on a faucet will also remove this odor from the drinking water.

Economic Development

The newly formed Economic Development Commission will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, September 23, beginning at 6:00 at City Hall. Audrey Taylor of Chabin Concepts, who facilitated the Economic Development Advisory Group discussions, will again be on hand to answer questions, review the Economic Development Strategy/Workplan, and assist the Commission in discussions regarding the City Economic Development position.