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

Utilities Department

- Staff has been working for the last 2 years to obtain a water security grant of \$10M with matching funds from projects already committed to do such as the water plant upgrade and fish screen project. Last year Yuba City was ranked #3 in the state, but only the top two projects were funded. Staff met with the grant program managers several times in 2008. Initial proposed rankings have been released for public comment. Yuba City was the number 1 Proposition 50 water security project in the state and funded at \$10M with no more required matching funds other than committed projects.

Unfortunately, California has stated they have run out of Prop 50 security funds and most likely will not be funding the security grant program. The project was going to fund improvements at the Feather River water intake pump station, improved security at the water plant and water distribution system security improvements. Staff continues to work to try and obtain some grant funding for these projects.

Economic Development

- The California State University, Chico, Center for Economic Development has released its 2008 Economic and Demographic Profile for Sutter County. Related presentation materials from David Gallo, Ph.D. are available for viewing at www.yubacity.net. Additional information on the Profile is available at www.cedcal.com.

Community Development

- **New restaurant:** Last week the Building Division issued a building permit for the new *Cool Hand Luke's* restaurant located in the Sutter Buttes Marketplace shopping center. The 6,894 square foot restaurant will be located on the lone remaining building pad in the center along Highway 20. The contractor is already digging the footings for the new steak house restaurant.

- **Planning Commission action:** At their meeting this week, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the latest project for the Sutter Heritage Master Plan project located along Smith Road. The newest project includes a General Plan amendment to change the land use designation on 4.6 acres from medium/high density to medium/low density, a tentative subdivision map to subdivide the subject property into 24 lots, and an amendment to the Development Agreement related to impact fees and infrastructure timing. This item will be forwarded to the City Council for their action in December.
- **Code Enforcement:** Staff received authorization from the Superior Court this week to initiate the abatement process on the property located at 2915 Monroe Road. Prior to seeking the Court's authorization, staff pursued three additional contractor bids for the cleanup of the subject property. The final bid that was selected totaled \$4,238. Cleanup efforts on the property will begin next week Monday and will likely take one to two weeks to complete.

In addition to the cleanup of the Monroe Road property, staff has been able to gain voluntary compliance with the property on Walton Avenue that Council had voiced concerns about in the recent past. The property owner has made numerous improvements to the property to bring it into compliance with the city's municipal code.

- **Municipal Code:** The proposed updates to the municipal code relating to code enforcement have been drafted and routed for department comments. Final revisions are expected to be completed within the next one to two weeks so that the proposed amendments can be brought before the Council in December.
- **Ad-hoc Committee Update:** Last week, the Ad-hoc Committee for Affordable Housing and Infill Development met to further discuss these issues that previously arose through the update of the City's impact fees. Multiple stakeholders were also present to discuss how the City should implement the development of affordable housing within the city limits as well as what kinds of fee reductions should be instituted for infill projects. Staff will present the recommendations to the Council in December.