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

### **Economic Development**

- The City is now accepting applications for the position of Economic Development Manager. This position was approved by Council to implement the Economic Development Workplan Strategy that was adopted in August 2008. The application deadline is February 23rd at 5:00p.m. Information about the position and the application may be found at the City's CalOpps Jobline website link at: <http://www.calopps.org/ViewAgencyJob.cfm?ID=6284> or obtained by contacting the Human Resources Department at 822-4610.

### **Redevelopment**

- City staff continues to work with the League of California Cities in their efforts to protect local government funding. This fiscal year the State legislature took \$350 million from redevelopment agencies across the state – \$280,000 from Yuba City, which equates to over \$4 million in bonding capacity for community projects. Local projects that have been funded with redevelopment dollars include the Town Center, Gauche Park, Plumas Street renovation, and Sunsweet Boulevard. As the State attempts to fix its huge budget deficit, efforts will continue to protect this vital funding source -- one that stimulates local economies and revitalizes blighted areas -- from ongoing take-aways.

### **Utilities Department**

- **Wastewater Plant of Year.** The Yuba City wastewater facility received Plant of the Year Award from the Northern Sacramento Valley Section of the California Water Environment Association. The award was presented at the recent annual awards meeting. The award committee was pleased with the extensive safety and training program, high level of operations and maintenance certifications, full service laboratory and public outreach activities. Staff has submitted an application for California Wastewater Plant of the Year.
- **Regional Wastewater Facility.** Staff attended and provided comments at a Live Oak City Council study session related to a possible regional wastewater facility. The Live Oak Council direction was to consider a regional facility as their first choice, but to also continue

to look at a Live Oak only facility. Sutter County is also evaluating options related to providing sewer service to Sutter.

- **Economic Stimulus Package.** Staff attended a meeting related to water and wastewater funds that may become available for water and wastewater projects. It is currently estimated that California will receive \$600M to \$1.0B for these types of projects. At this point California intends on providing the vast majority of funds as low interest loans, not grants. Grants may be available to some small communities (less than 10,000 people and less than 80% of the California median household income). Yuba City has already applied for project funding under this program, and more applications may be submitted.
- **Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMP).** Yuba City is an active partner in two IRWMP's – Yuba County and Northern California Water Association. The purpose of these associations is for regional planning of water resources, such as flood control, water quality, and drinking water supply. Sutter County has begun the process of initiating their own IRWMP, and Yuba City staff has been supporting that effort. These plans are important in that future grant funding through Proposition 1E and 84 priorities are to be set through IRWMP's and only projects in the plans will be funded.
- **Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project.** Staff has received proposals to study the feasibility of storing treated drinking water, from the surface water treatment plant, in groundwater aquifers for later withdrawal as a drinking water source. If this project is feasible it will allow the utilization of existing winter water rights to supplement summer water rights. This process is commonly used in other states. The State Water Resource Control Board has provided direction to the Regional Board to further evaluate permitting issues and encourage aquifer storage and recovery.