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TO: Mayor & City Council
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Downtown Plumas Street

Downtown Plumas Street is a **Hot Spot** for Yuba City! Free wireless connection is now available on Plumas Street from Colusa Highway down to Bridge Street from 5:00 am until 10:00 pm, seven days a week. Just utilize your portable electronic device to access this free wireless connection, no codes or passwords are needed.

This has been made possible through the efforts of the Yuba City Downtown Business Association and business owners Doug Gibbs and Don Huckins working along with AT&T and the City of Yuba City Information Technology staff. Thank you to everyone involved in this community project!

Full FPPC Fine Paid by Consultant

The consulting firm of Jones and Stokes has agreed to pay the remainder of the stipulated \$6,000 fine agreed to with the FPPC. This fine was imposed by the FPPC because of the inclusion of former Mayor Ramirez's name, picture and signature in two of the mailings for the Hillcrest Ground Water conversion to Yuba City Surface Water. Jones and Stokes had previously agreed to pay 50 percent of this fine.

Yuba City Employee Groups Provide Concession to Save Fellow Employee's Jobs

All of Yuba City's Employee Bargaining Groups have agreed to forgo pay increases for the next budget year, and have additionally agreed to a furlough program equal to 5 percent of their salaries. The reductions, which will apply to all Yuba City employees, equal 8 to 8.5 percent of their pay and will save the City \$2.3 million for the next fiscal year. In exchange for the concessions, the City has guaranteed all employee jobs for the Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2009. The furlough program provides for the closure of City offices every other

Friday. Employees will work an extra 30 minutes Monday through Thursday allowing City offices to remain open an extra half hour per day to make up for the limited public access every other Friday.

The City Council and the Employee Bargaining Groups achieved a tentative Agreement last Tuesday to cover these concessions and employment guarantees. Employee Bargaining Group Agreements are expected to go to the City Council for approval on Tuesday, March 17. The Employee Bargaining Groups in this Agreement include all City employees as follows:

- Confidential Employees
- First Level Managers
- Mid-Mangers
- Fire Management
- Firefighters' Association
- Police Officers' Association
- Police Sergeants
- Yuba City Employees Association
- Executive Team (includes Department Heads, Assistant City Manager and City Manager)