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

2009 Employee Awards Ceremony

- Congratulations to all the 2008 award recipients for their dedication to the City of Yuba City and for their years of service. This year several nominations were received for the Team of the Year. The Engineering Division was selected due to the time and money their team has saved the City. The Engineering Division has provided a guiding hand in the efforts of many City projects that include the Plumas Streetscape, Police Department Building Remodel, Fire Station 4 and Gauche Aquatics Park. Well done! The Safety Award went to the Utilities Department for their commitment toward a safe work environment. The employees of the Utilities Department take every precaution possible to ensure their safety and the safe operation of both utility facilities. Great Job! Many thanks to the Employee Awards Committee for all their hard work and efforts in coordinating this event.

Energy Conservation Funding

- The White House and the Department of Energy announced the release of money from the stimulus bill for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. The Program provides federal grants to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions and for improvements in energy efficiency. Eligible uses for the grants include: the reduction and capture of methane and greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar waste-related sources, energy efficient traffic signals and street lighting, and development and implementation of Transportation Programs to conserve energy. Funding for the program is allocated by formula to states, counties and cities. Under this formula, **Yuba City is eligible to receive \$574,700** for City programs and facilities. Staff is identifying eligible grant activities and proceeding with preparation of the application for funding.

Sutter Butte Flood Control JPA

- Staff and Council Members Gill and Maan traveled to Oroville this week for the bimonthly Flood Control Meeting. Schedules were discussed regarding the early implementation of levee repairs which could accelerate our levee improvements by two or three years. Representatives from the Corps of Engineers and FEMA provided presentations on pending flood mapping. It looks like

Yuba City will be mapped into a flood zone in late 2010. This will require most mortgage holders to acquire flood insurance for residential properties prior to adoption of the final flood maps. In addition, the City will need to establish land use design guidelines to address construction options in the areas noted without 100 year flood protection.