



City of Yuba City
1201 Civic Center Blvd.
Yuba City, CA 95993
(530) 822-4601
(530) 822-7689 fax

TO: Mayor & City Council

cc: Department Heads
Timothy Hayes

FROM: Steven Jepsen, City Manager

DATE: April 17, 2009

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

League of California Cities' Legislative Update

- Steven Jepsen and Steve Kroeger attended the Thursday, April 16, morning session of the League of California Cities meeting in Sacramento. The General session included updates from: Dale Bonner, Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing; Katie Carroll, California Deputy Treasurer; and Karen Douglas, Chairperson, filling legal chair, for the California Energy Commission. Focus of the discussion was on the Federal Stimulus bill and what we can do as a community to prepare ourselves to take advantage of future funding from their respective programs. We were afforded an interview with Assembly Member Jim Nielsen and used the opportunity to brief the Assemblyman about the dangers of AB 1139, which may restrict the ability of local business to receive enterprise zone tax credits without committing to longer work hours for employees and providing full health benefits.

Water Department

- **State Water Project Supply:** California Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project allocation to 30% or about 3000 acre feet for 2009. Historically, Yuba City has used about 2000 acre feet of State Water Project water annually. In previous years the City has stored about 5000 acre feet of unused allocations of State Water Project water. At this time, the 2009 water supply should meet the demand and allow for additional water to be stored for use in 2010 in the event the drought continues. Customers are urged to use water wisely and conserve where possible.
- **Proposition 50 Security Grant:** The City has been invited to submit a full application for up to \$10M in water system security upgrades. The application is due for submission this fall. Projects will include security upgrades at the water intake structure, water plant, reservoirs, pumping stations and other projects that improve security and reliability of the water system. Other projects may include a water intake structure that can be accessed during high water events. Full approval of this grant will take about one year. This funding is not related to the economic stimulus package. Several projects have been submitted for stimulus funding including the groundwater conversion project. The California Department of Public Health has stated they will soon be issuing notices for approval to submit full

applications for stimulus funding. Stimulus funded projects must be under construction this year.

- **Water Plant Rehabilitation:** The water plant control building rehabilitation project is on schedule. Demolition work has been complete. Walls have been set; plumbing and electrical improvements are underway. Heating and air conditioning duct work is being installed. The project is scheduled for completion late summer.

Public Works Department

- **CDBG Sidewalk Improvements 2008 Project:** Construction is completed for the CDBG Sidewalk Improvements 2008 Project. The project included sidewalk improvements near King Avenue Elementary School, Yuba City High School and Park Avenue Elementary School. Public Works has submitted an application to receive funding for a similar project next year which will also improve accessibility for pedestrians and disabled persons throughout the city.
- **Major Road Rehabilitation 2009 Project:** The City has hired a contractor, Knife River Construction, to perform pavement rehabilitation on Bridge Street between Walton Avenue and Clark Avenue, Gray Avenue between Spiva Avenue and Whyler Road, Railroad Avenue between Lincoln Road and Teesdale Road, and Walton Avenue between Colusa Highway and Sunsweet Boulevard. The contractor is in the process of lowering existing utility boxes prior to commencing pavement grinding operations. Pavement grinding and asphalt concrete leveling operations are expected to commence during the week of April 27th, weather permitting. Traffic signal detector loops are expected to be replaced the following week. Installation of a final layer of asphalt concrete will occur shortly thereafter.

The non-residential portions of Bridge Street and Walton Avenue will be completed at night to minimize disruptions to motorists and adjacent businesses. Work will restrict traffic to one lane at times. Motorists are advised to observe construction area signs and direction from traffic control flaggers to minimize delays.

Work is expected to continue through June of this year.

- **Sam Brannan Park Improvements:** PBM Construction of Roseville, CA is scheduled to start work next week on the Sam Brannan Park Improvement Project. The project includes the installation of a sand volleyball court, shade structure, barbecue, sidewalks, picnic tables, lighting, and landscaping including a demonstration "waterwise" garden. The project is scheduled to be completed in August.
- **Queens Avenue & Gray Avenue Signal Project:** Engineering staff has completed preparation of plans and specifications for the Queens Avenue and Gray Avenue Signal Project. The project is currently on the April 21st City Council agenda for approval of plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids. If approved, construction is anticipated to begin in July and completed by October of this year.
- **Jamie Blevin Safe Routes to School Grant:** The City of Yuba City received a \$456,000 Safe Routes to School grant to close existing gaps in pedestrian facilities along Jamie Drive and Blevin Road. Plans and specifications have been prepared for the road improvement work. Work will include constructing sidewalks, curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the roadways, completing the existing gaps in pedestrian facilities. Public Works will begin bidding the project pending final authorization from Caltrans. Work is expected to occur during the summer school break.

- **Rubber Cape Seal 2009 Project:** Bids are currently being received for the City's 2009 Rubber Cape Seal project. Work will include roadways in the Park Avenue-Main Street area. The project calls for placing a Polymer Modified Asphalt Rubber Cape Seal on the roadways. The product should provide a durable road surface, with a smooth finish, to roadways that are approaching the end of their service life. By using the rubber product, the City hopes to extend the life of the roadways an additional 10-12 years at a cost that is approximately 1/3 what regular asphalt overlay would cost. Work is expected to start around the beginning of June.
- **Slurry Seal 2009 Project:** Bids are currently being received for the City's 2009 Slurry Seal project, with the bid opening to take place on April 29th. The project is part of the City's ongoing road maintenance program to reseal and maintain city roadways. Slurry Seal work will occur in the following general areas:

Stabler Lane-Greenwood Park
Gray Avenue-Northgate Drive
Nand Drive-Happy Park
Park Avenue-Percy Avenue

Work is expected to be complete by mid-summer.