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TO: Mayor & City Council

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

Farmer's Market and Car Show

- The Yuba City Certified Farmers Market starts Saturday May 2 at 8:00 am - Noon at Town Square around the fountain. The Farmers Market will run every Saturday from May until October 31. For more information, please contact Dan or Candy Silva at 674-0252.
- Saturday, May 2, starting at 4:00 pm there will be the 9th Annual Spring Get Together Car Show on Plumas Street. Over 100 show quality cars will fill Plumas Street, along with 2 stages with live entertainment and a handful of vendors. At 9:00 pm all the cars will exit Plumas Street and cruise through Yuba City. The event is a benefit for the United Way.

Redevelopment Agency

- On April 30th, the Superior Court ruled in favor of the California Redevelopment Association's lawsuit in response to AB 1389 that was approved by the legislature in September 2008. The lawsuit was filed against the State of California claiming that raids of redevelopment funds to balance the State's budget are unconstitutional and do not qualify as permitted use of tax increment funds. AB 1389 authorized a one-time take-away of \$350 million from all State redevelopment agencies. While it is expected that the State Department of Finance will appeal the decision, as a result of the ruling the Yuba City Redevelopment Agency will save \$287,000 in transfers to the state.

Utilities Department

- **River Highlands:** The Utilities Department has started operating the River Highlands wastewater facility for Yuba County. Operations' staff attends the facility twice per week and when notified by the automatic alarm system. Yuba County is billed monthly; all costs are fully recovered.
- **Yuba College Students Visit Wastewater Facility:** Yuba College environmental studies classes toured the wastewater facility. Tours of this type are encouraged for any group such

as Girl and Boy Scouts, clubs, and fourth grade and above school classes. Tours can be arranged through the Utilities Department.

- **Fish Screen Grants:** The United States Department of Interior has approved an additional \$250,000 in grants for the water intake fish screen project. The agency has now committed \$900,000 towards the project—provided it is completed by October 2011. Grants from CALFED have not yet been confirmed, but are expected. Total project cost is \$6M for the screens and improvements to the pumping station.

Community Development

- **Downtown Parking Strategy:** On Wednesday, May 13th, staff will participate in a stakeholder's meeting with the Downtown Business Association to discuss the new draft "Downtown Parking Strategy" prepared by the Downtown Parking Committee and City staff. The draft study addresses the potential parking issues associated with the downtown area and provides a work plan for annual assessments of the parking situation, as well as future improvements that will enhance the parking experience in the subject area. Key components of the draft strategy include: periodic parking utilization studies; way-finding signage improvements; opportunity sites for new public parking; employee and shared parking opportunities; and, time limit parking. The draft plan is available on the City's website, www.yubacity.net, under Planning. Copies are also available at City Hall at Planning's front counter.
- **Community Development Block Grant Funds:** Staff learned today that the City will receive \$553,887 for its share of the Federal Government's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These 2009/2010 Program Year funds are used for funding public services and programs that benefit low and moderate income residents in Yuba City. The City will be preparing its Annual Action Plan which contains the budget for this year's CDBG projects for presentation to the City Council at their June 2, 2009 meeting.