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

Parks & Recreation

- **Summer Concert Series Begins and More...“*Creating community through people, parks and programs.*”**

This year's 100 Songs of Summer will include Concerts and Movies. Our first evening will be the movie musical *Singin' in the Rain* on June 18th followed on June 25th with *Wylde Side* performing a concert. Additional movies and concerts will continue through August 6th. All movie nights begin at 7pm with concerts starting at 6pm. The program is provided in partnership with the Sutter Performing Arts Association, AM1600 and FM 95.5 KUBA and Comcast. All events are offered on Thursday evenings and are free of charge. Meals will be available each evening by a local community non-profit group.

- **Armed Forces Day at the GAP. “*Strengthening community image and sense of place.*”**

Gauche Aquatic Park held a special Armed Forces Day on Sunday, May 17th. Anyone with a valid Military ID was allowed to attend Public Swim for half price. The GAP offers several special admission days throughout the season including Mothers, Fathers and Grandparents Day.

- **12th Annual Children's Health and Safety Fair. “*Fostering human development and cultural unity while educating safety and promoting health and wellness.*”**

The Yuba City Parks and Recreation Department participated in the 12th Annual Children's Health and Safety Fair on Thursday, May 14th at Blackburn-Talley Sports Complex. In Partnership with Sutter North Medical Foundation and the Business and Community Healthcare, over 800 fourth graders learned about health and safety issues such as drug, alcohol and tobacco use; bike safety, tips on recycling and how to exercise while having fun.

The Utilities Department also participated in the health fair. The department provided information related to water conservation and the water cycle. The children received water conservation handouts and a five minute shower timer.

- **Adult Softball: “*Providing affordable recreational experiences.*”**

The Recreation Department is currently wrapping up a great spring season of softball. The season has been full of excitement as 34 men’s teams and 25 co-ed teams compete to be the 2009 Spring Champions. The men’s league plays on Mondays and Wednesdays, co-ed league plays on Thursdays and Fridays and senior league plays on Tuesdays.

Utilities Department

- **Wastewater Facility Recognized**

The California Water Environment Association awarded the Yuba City Wastewater Facility third place for California facilities in the size range of 5 to 20 million gallons per day. The award recognized outstanding performance and records of safety and the permit compliance record for the facility. The CWEA was impressed with the staff innovation resulting in energy efficiency and computerized controls. Earlier, the Facility was awarded top facility in the local region and then competed against facilities from the other sixteen California regions for this award.

- **Water Utilities Stimulus Funding Awarded**

Yuba City’s applications were among the over 2,000 applications totaling over \$5.9 billion submitted to the California Department of Public Health to compete for the limited \$155 million awarded in stimulus project assistance. Yuba City was fortunate to have received preliminary notice of funding totaling \$860,000 for the following projects: 14 inch water line Lincoln Road from Walton to Phillips for \$485,000, and; 16 inch water line Lincoln Road from Sanborn to Walton for \$375,000. Although we had applied for assistance for the Hillcrest Water system upgrades the California Department of Public Health did not make any awards for this project. The Department of Public Health is scheduled to formally adopt the funding list on May 27th. May 29th we should receive a formal letter related to award of these funds.

An additional application will be submitted by May 21st for Department of Interior stimulus funding associated with the fish screen project. Plans and specifications for the fish screen project are 99 percent complete, and the environmental documents are nearly complete for public review.

- **Wastewater Utilities Stimulus Funds**

Several wastewater projects have been submitted for stimulus funding. To date, the State Water Resource Control Board has not yet issued a draft priority list of approved projects. Projects have also been submitted to the Department of Energy for stimulus funding.

- **Wastewater Facility Discharge Permit**

Staff met with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to discuss finalizing all required changes to the permit. It was agreed that the permit would be taken to the December Board meeting for final approval. The changes are necessary due to an appeal of the permit by California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance to the State Water Resources Control Board. The State Board denied most of the CalSPA issues, but did require some clarification regarding a few issues.