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

### **Fire Station #4 Reuse**

- City Staff has been in preliminary discussion with representatives from both the YMCA and Friday Night Live regarding the potential for reuse of the Fire Station # 4 on Walton Avenue. This older station is scheduled to be vacated with the opening of the new replacement Fire Station # 4 this July. The current Fire Station # 4 would have required significant upgrades to remain in service as a Public Safety Facility. However, the building may still have a useful life serving the community's needs for youth and/or adult recreation. The City is interested in the best utilization of this existing 7,000 square foot building and is considering program opportunities that could be afforded through alternative programs. Any reuse of the building would have to be sensitive to the existing homes in the immediate area of the old station. Staff will continue discussions with interested groups that may be able to fully utilize the building with programmed activities that do not require dedicated space. We expect to have some preliminary options for City Council review and public discussion within the next 30 to 60 days.

### **Consumer Price Index**

- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the State of California dropped 0.64 percent from April, 2008 to April, 2009, although the statistics for the San Francisco/Oakland area show a very slight increase (0.008 percent) over this same time period. The CPI statistics, provided by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations - Division of Labor Statistics and Research, reflect the continued but also slowing downward trend the national economy. The CPI indexes also showed the cost for goods and services to consumers in California are 6 to 7 percent higher than the national averages.

### **Reeves Avenue Parking Lot Improvements**

- The Reeves Avenue Parking Lot Improvements Project is currently advertising for bids. The Redevelopment Agency funded project includes reconstruction of the roadway, installation of an 8" water line, parking lot lighting and landscaping. The project will increase the parking lot capacity to thirty stalls, including two ADA van accessible stalls. Bids are scheduled to be opened on July 7<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Construction is scheduled to begin in August.

**Major Road Rehabilitation Contract-2009**

- The City's paving contractor has completed the asphalt concrete overlay on Bridge Street between Walton Avenue and West Onstott Frontage Road; Bridge Street between North Palora Avenue and Brown Avenue; Railroad Avenue between Teesdale Road and Lincoln Road; and Walton Avenue between Sunsweet Boulevard and State Route 20. Gray Avenue between Spiva Avenue and Whyler Road is scheduled for completion on Monday, June 8th. Remaining work consists of raising existing utility lids to grade and placing thermoplastic striping and pavement markings. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of June.

**Queens Avenue & Gray Avenue Signal Project**

- On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Council awarded the Queens Avenue & Gray Avenue Signal Project to Pacific Excavation of Elk Grove, CA. Pacific Excavation is the same company that recently completed the signalization of the Queens Avenue and Stabler Lane intersection earlier this year. Construction is scheduled to begin in June with completion expected in September.

**Public Utilities**

- The Utilities Department received notification on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>, that the City has been selected to receive a \$3.5 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant for the City's Water Meter Installation Project. This project will include installing approximately 3,500 water meters to convert all existing flat-rate customers to metered services. The majority of these meters will be installed in the former Hillcrest Water System area as part of the Surface Water Conversion Project. For existing homes without meters, the savings for the meter and installation could reduce the conversion costs up to \$500 per household.

This project was not listed as a fundable project on California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) draft fundable project list that was released in early May; however, the City petitioned CDPH to re-evaluate this project as fundable within the Project Priority List. CDPH subsequently approved Yuba City's petition and awarded the \$3.5 million grant.