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

Fire Department

- Yuba City Fire's Weed Abatement Program has been very successful this spring. As of today the Fire Prevention Bureau has received and inspected 67 complaints involving overgrown weeds & vegetation. 49 properties have been cleaned and therefore no longer pose a fire hazard. 11 properties are still pending cleaning and 7 properties are at the point where the Fire Department can and will deem them an immediate fire hazard and begin assessing fines and/or have them cleaned with the cleaning charges assessed to the property. As complaints continue to trickle in it is the Department's goal to have these problems taken care of in advance of July 4th. The Fire Prevention Bureau has also received complaints from neighbors regarding dead vegetation in the front and backyards of abandoned homes. The cool spring weather has kept things relatively green, but it's expected that we will be dealing with more of these types of complaints as the summer heats up. Please keep calling in your observation of weed fire hazards directly to Yuba City's Fire Prevention Program at 822-4717.

State Budget Proposals

- The State of California has shifted its budget focus from the Governor's office to the State Legislators. Bi-partisan efforts have recommended the State borrow City's Prop 42 funds for transportation. This amounts to \$600,000 per year which mostly goes to Capital Projects. In addition, the State is proposing to use the local share of fuel tax dollars, up to \$1 million per year, to pay for bond debt (assuming Proposition 1B). The reduction of fuel tax dollars to Yuba City does affect operations as this money is used for street, traffic signal and street light maintenance. The takeaway of fuel tax funding over two years would not be considered a loan but would be a permanent reduction in revenue. The reduction necessary to accommodate this cut back would be significant requiring additional reductions in employee cost centers.