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TO: Mayor & City Council

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

Yuba City Fire

- The Fire Department moved its emergency operations from its former fire station location at 211 S. Walton to a new fire station located at 150 Ohleyer Road last Monday morning. The new location of Fire Station #4 will continue to serve the western portion of Yuba City and is strategically located for planned growth in that area. The fire station is staffed with three personnel around the clock. A dedication ceremony and open house will be set in August.

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- **Our website has a new and improved format!** The City of Yuba City website is one of the principal means of informing our community, businesses, residents, and visitors about the services, activities, and projects of the City. Our goal is to ensure that it reflects the information that is most requested by residents and is easily accessible, dynamic, and attractive. We will continue to modify the website with new enhancements and information and always welcome your suggestions and ideas. Your suggestions can be sent to feedback@yubacity.net or provided through the DirectLink option under City Clerk.

Our appreciation goes out to the Website Committee for their commitment to the City's Mission of **Quality Service, Innovation, and Leadership**. Committee members: Nick Dybdahl, Katie Ertmer, Nancy Geweke, Brian Hansen, Christena Hurd, Stacey Larick, Terrel Locke, Marc Mattox, and Judy Sanchez.

Parks & Recreation

- **First Public Hearing on Proposal Prohibiting the Use of Tobacco at all City Parks and City Owned or Leased Facilities:** The Yuba City Parks and Recreation Commission held its first of two Public Hearings on Wednesday, July 15th, at City Hall for the proposal prohibiting the use of tobacco at all City parks and within 50 feet of any public entrance into any City owned or leased facility. Seventeen youth and adults were in attendance and spoke in favor of this proposal, with no opposition being voiced. The second and final Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 19th, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

- **Summer Camps-CSI and Dinosaurs:** July 20th through July 24th, the Recreation department played host to 2 science camps at Gray Avenue School: “**Can you Dig It – Fossil and Dinosaur Camp**” for participants between 6–11 years old. Each child participated in a simulated fossil excavation. They also made a plaster fossil replica of an ammonite, tyrannosaurus rex tooth or were able to choose from other molds. Children identified 20 million year old shark’s teeth and learned to identify different rocks and minerals. “**Crime Scene Investigation Camp**” for participants between 8–12 years old learned about forensics and crime lab chemistry. Participants searched for evidence, gathered clues, and discovered how science can help solve a mystery. The children dusted fingerprints, analyzed handwriting, examined hair and clothing fibers and practiced chemistry to identify mystery substances.
- **100 Songs of Summer – Concert and Movies Series:** These free community events, held at Gauche Park, continue to be successful with between 150–500 people attending each event. Concerts this year have included “Wylde Side” and “Mobility”, a group from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, and movies “Singin in the Rain”, “West Side Story” and “Shreck 2”. Upcoming events include bands “American Reconning on 7/23, “Jimmy and the Jets” on 8/6 and the movie “Hairspray” on 8/13. Various community non-profit groups provide dinner at each event, raising money for their organization.
- **GAP Public Swim & Swim Lessons:** Public Swim continues to be very successful with an average of 280 people per session or 560 people per day. By the end of July, GAP staff will have taught over 900 participants swim lessons with additional lessons continuing into September.

Utilities Department:

- **Groundwater Arsenic Levels:** Groundwater Region 3 (South of Lincoln Road and west of Highway 99) annual arsenic concentration has slightly exceeded the Federal limit of 10 parts per billion. The main treatment plant serving the area is currently at 10.1 and the summer supply plant is at 10.5. Chemical additives to remove arsenic have been increased. This has led to brown water incidents due to the high amounts of iron that must be fed to remove the arsenic. A letter will soon be mailed to residents informing them of the arsenic issue, as required by law. Lincoln Elementary School has been on surface water and is not affected by this notice.
- **Surface Water Conversion Project:** The conversion project remains on schedule. All required pipelines are currently out to bid. Water storage tank bid period will open next month. This area is scheduled to be converted to surface water in fall 2010. Region 1 (East side of highway 99) is scheduled for conversion this fall. Region 2 (north of Lincoln and west of highway 99) is already on surface water.