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TO: Mayor & City Council

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

Parks & Recreation

- Staff has been meeting with a group of individuals who would like to establish a City Memorial to the students who tragically lost their lives in the Martinez School Bus Crash which occurred on May 21, 1976. In advancing this memorial we have identified a location near the Veterans Memorial across from City Hall and have a fairly good idea of the design and cost based on the memorial placed in Martinez near their water front. A sub-committee has been formed by Dave Armstrong and Jan Roberts-Haydon to work with the community in raising approximately \$20,000 to fund the construction of this memorial. Those interested in donating to this effort can contact David Armstrong at 530-415-9235 or donations can be sent to: "YCUSD c/o Bus Memorial Fund," Attn: Baldev Johal, 750 Palora Ave., Yuba City, CA 95991

Utilities Department

- Mandeep Singh Chohan successfully passed the Professional Civil Engineers exam for California. This twelve hour exam is difficult with a pass rate less than 40% of all tested. Mandeep is commended for passing the exam. Please join us in congratulating Mandeep who has become the fourth registered engineer within the Utilities Department.
- The Utilities Department staff is providing information at the County fair. Staff is volunteering their time to participate in a booth providing information on drinking water, groundwater conversion project, water cycle, wastewater treatment, and general City information. The Department has participated for several years and has found it an exciting way to provide water quality information to the general public.
- Notice was mailed to Hillcrest customers south of Lincoln and West of 99. The annual running average arsenic concentration is above the Federal limit of 10 parts per billion (ppb). One well is at 10.1 ppb and the other well is at 10.5 ppb. It is anticipated that the area water supply will not be in compliance with the EPA arsenic standards until converted to surface water in the Fall of 2010.

Community Development

- Fat Daddy Frankfurters has obtained preliminary authorization to operate his fixed vending operation on private property on Franklin Ave. Staff is currently working with the business owners on a formal agreement to finalize the terms of operating the business.

Public Works

- **Queens Avenue & Gray Avenue Signal Project:** Construction for the Queens Avenue and Gray Avenue Signal Project is underway. Pacific Excavation of Elk Grove, CA has completed all underground work in addition to construction of the ADA pedestrian access ramps. The intersection overlay is scheduled to be completed during the week of August 10, before the commencement of the new school year. The contractor anticipates full project completion in early September.
- **Reeves Avenue Parking Lot Improvements:** The Reeves Avenue Parking Lot Improvements Project has been awarded to Wayne Reedy Construction of Marysville, CA. Project construction is scheduled to begin August 10. Vehicle and pedestrian access along Reeves Avenue and nearby businesses will be maintained throughout construction. The project, when completed, will provide additional parking to serve the downtown business area. Project completion is expected in early October.
- **Garden Highway & Franklin Avenue Signal Project:** The Garden Highway and Franklin Avenue Signal Project have been awarded to Richard A. Heaps Electrical Contractor, Inc. of Sacramento, CA. The project will replace the temporary four-way stop at the intersection. Currently the City is coordinating with PG&E to raise conflicting power lines prior to installation of the signal poles. Signal construction is expected to begin late August, with a completion date projected in October.
- **Bridge Street Reconstruction:** The City has notified our contractor, Granite Construction Company, to begin work on August 10th. The contractor will begin mobilizing the week before and setting out message boards to notify traffic of the pending construction. Work will include full reconstruction of the street section, new water and sewer line installation, new traffic signals, street lights, and the undergrounding of existing overhead utility equipment. Crews will begin working with two shifts, day and night, on Bridge Street, just east of the Plumas Street intersection. West bound traffic will have one through lane continuously though the project area, with an optional detour to 2nd Street. City staff is working closing with the contractor and the business owners to try and minimize the impacts. Work is expected to continue in the area into November.
- **SR-99 Median Improvement Project:** The City is coordinating with the low bidder, Newland Entities, of Yuba City, to begin obtaining project contracts and setting up the pre-construction meeting. Upon approval by the City Council staff will move forward with the processes to start work on the median. The work will include the beautification of the existing median along SR-99 between Sunsweet Blvd. and Woodward Street. Work is expected to start mid August and continue through September. Traffic control will be coordinated through the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office.

- **Polymer Modified Asphalt-Rubber Cape Seal:** The City's contractor, International Surfacing Systems, completed the final striping and sweeping of the project this week. The contract involved placing a rubberized emulsion down prior to placing the rock and slurry cape seal mostly on local residential streets in Yuba City. The rubber emulsion will increase the longevity of the product and help reduce reflective cracking. Over the next couple of weeks staff will be working with the contractor to close out the project.
- **Slurry Seal Project:** California Pavement Maintenance, of Sacramento, is wrapping up the slurry portion of the City's 2009 Slurry Seal Project. Crews have been working over the last two weeks to remove existing striping and place an asphalt slurry mix. The slurry is part of the City's road maintenance program to extend the life of residential streets. Major work is expected to be complete this week. Striping crews will begin replacing traffic striping and pavement markings throughout the project area once the slurry fully cures. Work is expected to be complete by the second week in August.
- **Major Street Rehabilitation – RSTP 2008 Project:** Asphalt overlays were placed on: Bridge Street between Walton Avenue and West Onstott Frontage Road, Bridge Street between North Palora Avenue and Brown Avenue, Gray Avenue between Spiva Avenue and Whyler Road, Railroad Avenue between Teesdale Road and Lincoln Road, and Walton Avenue between Sunsweet Boulevard and State Route 20. The project was completed on June 30th and accepted by City Council at their July 21 meeting.

Administration

- The following link provides access to a search engine that will provide information on all California PERS retirees making over \$100,000 per year by name or by jurisdiction.

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