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

Community Development

- **Flood Control:** As evidenced by the presentation this week from Mr. Bill Edgar of the Sutter-Butte Flood Control Agency, it is highly likely FEMA will update its flood maps to include Yuba City within a floodplain within the next two years. In preparation of that event, staff is preparing a strategy for new development projects entitled, "Alternative building and subdivision development options for flood control" that will address how new development projects will be affected by the future mapping. The purpose of the strategy is to clarify the City's position about the implementation of flood control requirements at the FEMA and local levels so that the development community has a clear understanding how their future development projects will/will not be affected when FEMA completes their floodplain mapping of Yuba City. A conceptual outline of the proposed strategy will be presented to the Council at the September 15th City Council meeting.
- **NSP Funds:** Staff received word this week from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that the City's joint application for Federal **Neighborhood Stabilization Funds (NSP)** with Sutter County and the City of Live Oak has been awarded. This means that the City will soon be able to utilize our share of the \$1,794,005 funds for purposes of acquiring and rehabilitating distressed and foreclosed residential properties for new affordable housing to qualified applicants. The local agencies must now await the final Standard Agreement from HCD, which is expected within the next 2-4 weeks.
- **Corridor Enhancement Strategy:** Cleanup efforts along the Highway 20 corridor continue as staff works with business owners to remove non-conforming signage in an attempt to clean up the appearance of the corridor and promote new economic development opportunities. Staff is nearing completion of the first section of Highway 20 (between the eastern city limits and Highway 99) and has achieved almost full compliance. After the initial outreach efforts, Code Enforcement staff followed up with 18 businesses in this area that were in non-compliance with the City's Sign Ordinance. Since that time, 14 businesses have removed their non-compliant signage, leaving only 4 businesses that require final abatement proceedings. In addition to these efforts, Code Enforcement staff has moved into the western portion of the Highway 20 corridor (west of Highway 99) to begin cleanup

efforts. Thus far, staff has documented 13 cases of non-compliance between Highway 99 and Tharp Road. Staff will follow up with these (and any other businesses west of Tharp Road) within the next two weeks.

- **Façade Improvement Grants:** Since the Council's approval of the new Façade Improvement Grant process, Planning and Economic Development staff have met with seven prospective applicants who are looking at taking advantage of the new program. No formal applications have been submitted as of this date, but staff anticipates that multiple applications for these grant funds will be in soon. Additionally, staff is working with several business owners on the possible removal of their existing non-conforming freestanding/pole signs. As a side note, staff has identified over 200 existing non-conforming freestanding/pole signs within the city limits as part of this strategy effort.

Public Works (The status of P.W. projects is listed below. See the attached supplement for full descriptions)

- **Yuba Sutter Transit – Project Management Services** - The City to provide Project Management Services.
- **Community Rating System Recertification** - Submitted the 2009 Community Rating System Recertification documents for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- **2009 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Progress Report** – Completed.
- **Bridge Street Reconstruction** - Making substantial progress.
- **SR-99 Median Improvement Project** - Awarded to Newland Entities.
- **Slurry Seal 2009** - All work is complete.
- **Polymer Modified Asphalt-Rubber Cape Seal Project** - Complete.
- **Groundwater Interconnect Project** - Advertising for bids.
- **Walton Water Transmission Line** - Advertising for bids.
- **Walton 16-inch Water Distribution Line** - Bids opened on August 20. The California Department of Public Health is currently reviewing the bid packages for conformance.
- **Walton 14-inch Water Distribution Line** - Bids opened on September 3. Evaluating the bid packages for conformance.
- **Shanghai – Railroad Water Line Project** - Bid opening expected for Sep. 23.
- **Stimulus Water Meter Retrofit Project** - Bid package being reviewed by the California Department of Public Health.
- **Walton Avenue and Franklin Road Widening** - Out to bid.
- **Reeves Avenue Parking Lot Improvements** - Construction is underway.
- **Queens Avenue & Gray Avenue Signal Project** - Nearing completion.
- **Garden Hwy & Franklin Ave. Signal Project** - Expected to begin the week of Sept. 14