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TO: Mayor & City Council
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SUBJ: **City Manager's Weekly Report**

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Utilities Department

- The Department received a Notice of Acceptance of Application for the Region 1 groundwater conversion project from the California Department of Public Health. The project is eligible for up to \$8,002,410 for a low interest loan. This loan, when combined with the Region 2/3 loan and the stimulus grants, will fully fund the conversion project. The conversion project remains on schedule. The remaining construction components of the project are scheduled to have bids opened the week of September 21. Bids to be opened include the water storage tank, 30 inch water line from Yuba City High School to near Lincoln and Sanborn Roads, Shanghai Bend pipeline and interconnections.

Parks & Recreation

- **After School Program Swim Lessons:** Bridge Street School is currently bringing children from their After School Program to Gauche Aquatic Park to take part in Basic Swim and Water Safety Classes. The lessons began on September 1st and will continue through September 24th. Following Bridge Streets participation, Park Avenue After School Program children will begin their two week session. Many of the participants have not had the opportunity to participate in any organized swim program and are learning some very important skills. When classes are completed, approximately 120 children will have participated.

Website

- The home page of the City's webpage www.yubacity.net has a section called "Current Construction in Yuba City." The Public Works Department keeps this section updated with all the projects that are currently underway with maps, timelines and other useful information. Current projects listed are: Bridge Street Reconstruction Project, Reeves Avenue Parking Lot Improvements, Queens Avenue and Gray Avenue Signal Project, and Garden Highway and Franklin Avenue Signal Project.

Community Development

- **Vending Operations:** Per the City Council's direction, city staff conducted the first stakeholder's meeting with business owners regarding the subject of vending operations within Yuba City. The group was comprised of multiple business owners of mobile vending food sales, as well as multiple "brick and mortar" businesses. The group reviewed current city standards related to the subject of vending operations and discussed the pros and cons of such uses within the community. The group will meet again next week to discuss alternatives and appropriate regulations for the many different types of vending operations currently conducting business within the city limits.
- **Corridor Enhancement Strategy:** Code enforcement staff has achieved 100 percent compliance relating to the removal of non-compliant temporary signs along the section of Highway 20 east of Highway 99. Staff continues to work with business owners on Highway 20, west of Highway 99 in efforts to remove their non-conforming signage. Less than ten businesses remain out of compliance with the provisions of the City's Sign Ordinance. Code Enforcement will next focus their efforts along the Highway 99 corridor as a part of the Corridor Enhancement Strategy.

Animal Control Facility Enhancements

- Council Member Dukes and General Services/I.T. Director Devin Barber have been working as part of the Sutter County Advisory Group for the design of the new animal control facility for the last few weeks. The group is in agreement on the need for replacing the existing facility but not the size or scope of the replacement facility. The City believes that the proposed size of the new animal control facility at 10,000 sq. ft. is not justifiable. The current contract with the County for animal control requires the City to pay 66 percent of both the operational and future capital cost. Although the City recognizes the benefit of a shared City/County facility and would prefer to maintain this relationship, in consideration of the budget and the current economic times staff has been requested to look at alternatives for animal control that may offer more cost effective service.