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TO: Mayor & City Council

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

General Services

- **Union Pacific Railroad Right of Way:** Property owners along the abandoned right of way received a letter and questionnaire this week from the Department of Toxic Substances Control seeking input as to level of information/involvement these adjacent owners wanted in connection with the Railroad's evaluation of possible contamination and development of a cleanup plan for the right of way. An evaluation and cleanup plan will be necessary for the Union Pacific to move forward with selling the right of way at some future date. Contamination along the railroad right-of-way is limited to trace elements in the rock ballast used to lay the tracks and includes low levels of lead and arsenic.

Human Resources

- Human Resources held the City's 6th Annual Health, Benefits and Safety Fair on Tuesday. There was a good response from outside vendors who attended the fair as well as City employees. Various City departments and employees participated in the fair and had booths. Bloodsource was onsite and was busy with employee blood donations.

Finance

- **Proposition 1A Securitization Program:** The current State Budget requires that cities, counties and special districts lend 8% of property tax revenues to the State with the promise of repayment in three years. California is putting together a financing mechanism to issue bonds securitizing such payments to the State. The State will then repay the bondholders. This is a win win for local agencies since no property tax revenues will be taken from local government for this State loan.

It is expected that the required "clean-up" legislation for the Proposition 1A loan program will be acted upon soon. City Council's formal consideration of this loan program will be required.

Public Works

- **Fifth Street Bridge Grant Application:** The Public Works Department submitted a grant application request to fund approximately \$30 million for the replacement of the existing bridge with a four lane bridge. The grant, if approved, will be funded from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program which is a highly competitive Federal grant program.

Events Calendar

- Gauche Park Family Picnic Day – Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held at Gauche Aquatic Park (corner of C and Wilbur Ave.). Music, old fashioned games, face painting, and a clown. Hot coals ready for your BBQ.
- Park Palooza – Saturday, September 26, 5 p.m. to dark, Sam Brannan Park, Gray Avenue. Showcase of the new area at Sam Brannan Park. Music, volleyball, food vendors.