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TO: Mayor & City Council

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

### **City Council Reorganization**

- The City Council elected Mayor Pro Tem Kash Gill as the new Mayor and Councilmember John Dukes as Mayor Pro Tem for 2009-2010. The ceremony took place on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Most of the major news stations from Sacramento and Chico covered the event since Yuba City was electing the first Punjabi-American Mayor. Mayor Gill had relatives from as far away as Canada attend the event. He also received congratulations from family in Great Britain who were able to watch the live stream video on the Appeal-Democrat website.

A special thank you to the City's IT staff Devin Barber, Scott Chandler, Brian Hansen, Scott Hanson and John Larimer for all their efforts to ensure that the ceremony could be telecast in the courtyard, as well as to the Veteran's Hall, and in our conference rooms.

### **Finance**

- The State budget for FY 09-10 includes borrowing 8% of property taxes from cities, counties and special districts in accordance with the terms of Prop 1A. In order to receive our monies in the current year instead of 2013, the City sold its \$1.15 million receivable from the State as part of a securitization process. On Thursday, November 5, the Finance Department received confirmation that the City's Purchase and Sale Agreement was accepted by CA Communities. We expect to receive the bond proceeds in January and May at approximately the same time we would have normally received our property taxes revenues.

### **Utilities Department**

- **Water Treatment:** The aquifer storage monitoring well near the City's Water Treatment Plant was drilled to 630 feet. Several zones of possible water storage were located. The geological data will now be evaluated for design of a water storage well. The intent of the project is to store treated drinking water in the ground displacing poor quality ground water during winter months when the water plant has excess capacity and the City has excess water rights. The water would then be drawn from the ground during summer months.

During the next year an aquifer storage well will be designed and brought to the City Council for approval of construction. Permits will also be required from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Public Health.

- **Wastewater Treatment:** The City received a tentative wastewater permit to be heard and considered at the January 27/28/29 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting. Public comments are due by December 14. If the tentative permit is adopted by the Board as a final permit, all of the remaining issues will be resolved. This permit has been in various forms of appeal including two superior court cases since 2003. The adopted permit would expire October 2012. Staff has begun the process of collecting information and data for permit renewal.