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TO: Mayor & City Council

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

Parks & Recreation

- **Duel in the Pool** – The 2nd Annual “Duel in the Pool” was held on November 18th at the Gauche Aquatic Park. Staff, Masters, Lap and Water Aerobic participants as well as Feather River Aquatic Club members swam in a friendly competition. Over \$3,200 was raised towards the pool facility remaining open during the winter months.

Animal Control

- City and County staffs met on November 23 regarding the following issues of Animal Control Services: 1) Budgeting for 2009-2010 services, 2) Existing facility design and replacement, and 3) Future governing mechanism for area wide animal control. Existing revenue shortfalls suggest we will not be able to sustain existing service levels in animal control for next year. Creative alternatives need to be examined and existing services prioritized. The replacement of the existing animal control facility remains a priority for the upcoming budget year. Yuba City has asked the County to look at a third party peer design review of the ongoing facility design and/or consider retrofitting an existing industrial building to potentially save cost for this facility's construction. The prospect of forming a joint powers authority for the future governance of the Animal Control Services may have merit and will need to include the other service user (the City of Live Oak) in any discussions regarding this option.

Advertising Banners and Going Out of Business Sales

- Mayor Gill and City Manager Jepsen met with the representatives of Evan's Furniture regarding banners and “going out of business sales”. We have agreed to place these two issues on the December 15th agenda for discussion and direction to staff.

In addition, long standing or perpetual going out of business sales events were discussed with particular note of the ongoing going out of business sales for furniture stores on Colusa Hwy. and on Plumas Street. The City has been requested to look into the enforcement of the current

state law limiting “going out of business sales” to 90 days and to consider adding an inventory requirement to keep out of town warehouse replenishment of floor product prohibited.

Evans Furniture has also requested that they be allowed to keep one of their existing advertising banners for the duration of the economic downturn. Discussions focused on what was desired versus the necessity of such banners and if any compromise position existed on this issue. Evans Furniture has taken out a 30-day permit for one of his banners and agreed to remove the second banner. The City has cancelled the recently issued citations and no new citations will be issued pending discussion of this issue before the City Council.

Flood Control

- The Engineering Consultants for the Sutter-Butte Flood Control Agency presented a report on preliminary flood maps at the Agency’s November 18 meeting. Flood mapping has been delayed pending the incorporation of new topographical data and Yuba City may not be final mapped until early 2012. This delay is significant in that it would allow the City to get engineering plans in place and funding secured for the levee enhancements necessary to achieve flood-worthy certification. The pending Proposition 218 vote, set for next spring, will be critical to the Yuba City area in avoiding or delaying the necessity for Flood Insurance starting in early 2012.

Community Development

- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds:** Last week the City was notified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that the City’s allocation for Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funds has been approved. The City, in partnership with Sutter County and the City of Live Oak, were jointly awarded \$1.74 million in funds to be used for acquiring foreclosed residential properties and making them available for low income households.
- **HOME Grant:** The City was notified this week by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that the City’s application for a HOME Grant in the amount of \$800,000 was approved. The HOME grant funds are used by the City for its First-Time Homebuyer and Owner Occupied Rehabilitation housing programs. The funds will be awarded to the City in January, 2010.

Public Works

- **Traffic Signals at Garden Hwy/Franklin Road and Butte House Road/Tharp Road** were both activated Tuesday, November 24th. Some clean up work will still be done at both locations.

Upcoming Events

- The annual **Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting** has moved to Plumas Street this year. It will be held Friday evening, December 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the DBA’s **Christmas Stroll**. Parade participants will line up at Red’s Café at 5:30 p.m. with the parade following at 6:00 p.m. The Tree Lighting by Mayor Gill immediately follows at the Water Tower Park. Santa is expected to make a showing for this fun family event. Volunteers are needed at 5:00 to help with the parade. To volunteer, contact Abbie at 822-4655 or Barb at 822-7565.