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Date: February 3, 2014 CITY MANAGER

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

CC: All Employees

From: Steve Kroeger, City Manager

Re: **City Manager's Report – February 3, 2014**



Yuba City News

Water Conservation

The State of California is in its third consecutive dry year and the Governor has requested that residential water usage is reduced by 20%. Water conservation is vital. All Yuba City residents are encouraged to use water wisely and make reductions in water usage where you can.

Conservation is an important component of a comprehensive solution that is necessary to overcome the State's water challenges. It is something we can all do today and it is easier than you might expect. Just little changes in our daily habits can make a big difference. See the table below for recommendations on more efficient ways to do everyday things. For more information visit our website: [Water Conservation](#).

ACTIVITY	INEFFICIENT USE	EFFICIENT USE
Shower	Older style shower heads use 5-7 gallons per minute. Average 8 minute shower = 48 – 56 gallons.	Low flow showerhead using 2 gallons per minute with a 5 minute shower = 10 gallons.
Brushing Teeth	Older style faucet, tap running 1 minute = 5 gallons	Low flow faucet aerator, Wet brush and rinse = 1/8 gallon
Bath Tub	Full Tub = 35 gallons	Minimal water level w/ less than half the tub filled = 10 gallons
Shaving	Older style faucet, tap running 3 minutes = 15 gallons	Low flow faucet aerator, plug water in sink basin = 1 gallon
Washing Dishes	Older style faucet, tap running 5 minutes = 25 gallons	Tap off while washing, sink ½ full with a rinse bowl = 5 gallons
Lawn Sprinklers	Watering an extra 30 minutes per week = up to 300 gallons	Water early mornings, only when needed, with minimal runoff
Car Washing	Hose running, 10 minutes = 100 gallons	Bucket, hose rinse w/ shut off nozzle = 10 gallons
Washing Hands	Older style faucet, tap running 1 minute = 5 gallons	Tap off while washing = ¼ gallon
Toilet Flushing	Older style tank (pre -1990) = 3-7 gallons	Low flush toilet = 1.6 gallons
Washing Machine	Older style = 40 gallons per load	Efficient model = 25 gallons
Automatic Dishwasher	Full cycle = 25 gallons	Short Cycle = 12 gallons
Drinking Water	Run older style faucet 1 minute until water cools = 5 gallons	Keep water in a container in the refrigerator = 1/8 gallon

Water Conservation Kits

Free Water Conservation Kits are available from the Water Treatment Plant and City Hall Customer Service.

The kit contains:

- Toilet Tank Bank
- Several low-flow faucets
- Low-flow shower head
- Toilet tank leak detecting tablets
- Four port fill-cycle diverter



Neighborhood Speed Awareness Program



Speed continues to be the leading primary collision factor in the City. In 2013, unsafe speed accounted for more than 28% of injury collisions. Speed in neighborhoods is also a leading concern for residents and deters from the quality of life in our city. The Yuba City Police Department takes speed offences seriously. In 2013, over 1,000 drivers were cited for speeding. Traffic **Sergeant Michael Green** wants drivers to know “If you’re speeding in our neighborhoods, officers will be looking to stop and cite you.”

For the month of **February 2014**, officers will be focusing enforcement Neighborhood Speed Awareness Program efforts on the following residential streets: [Gold River Drive](#) and [Monroe Drive](#).

“This is our city and our neighborhoods, please slow down and be a responsible driver”, says Sergeant Green.

Fire Extinguisher Training

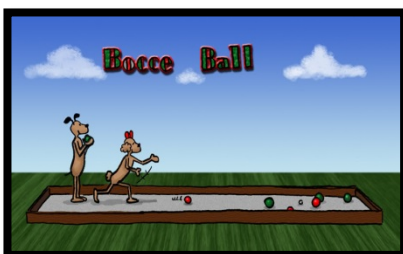
As a result of gracious donations from several businesses, the Fire Department was able to purchase a ‘BullEx Extreme Intelligent Fire Extinguisher Training System’.

Extremely low operating costs, will allow the Fire Department to train as many individuals as often as needed. The system uses clean burning propane gas to generate flame output with no cleanup needed of dangerous and hazardous chemical associated with actual extinguishers. The intensity of the flames can be controlled and the emergency stop switch on the handheld controller can be utilized at any time. A motion sensor shuts down the flames instantly if the system is bumped or knocked, making this training system the safest live-fire simulator available.



Contact Fire Marshal Jim Mathews at jmathews@yubacity.net for more information.

Kingwood Park Bocce Ball



Stop by Kingwood Park on Gray Avenue where you will find two Bocce Ball courts. Bocce Ball is like lawn bowling/shuffleboard where you throw out a ‘jack’ ball and then two teams roll colored balls to see who can get closest to the ‘jack’ for points. Of course there is always the option of striking your opponent’s ball out of the way. This game is great fun for all ages! You can bring your own equipment or contact Parks and Recreation at (530) 822-4650 to inquire about renting Bocce Ball equipment. [Bocce Ball Rules](#)



Current Job Openings

Contact Human Resources at 822-4610 or on the website: [Job Opportunities](#)

- **Administrative Assistant**
Closing Date: February 26, 2014 5:00 p.m.
- **Lifeguard**
Closing Date: March 4, 2014 5:00 p.m.
- **Water Safety / Swim Instructor**
Closing Date: March 4, 2014 5:00 p.m.
- **Police Officer (Lateral)**
Closing Date: Open until filled.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Ernesto Hernandez
Promoted to
Public Works
Maintenance Worker I



Lincoln Eden
Promoted to
Police Commander



Sharpen Your Ax

There is a very old story, even told by Ben Franklin and Abraham Lincoln that still carries relevance today. It goes something like this:

Once there was a woodcutter who requested a job with a merchant. The merchant gave him the job with very good pay for every 20 trees that were cut down. On the first day, the woodcutter brought down 20 trees. The next day, he brought down 15 trees. On third day, the wood cutter worked even harder and he brought down only 10 trees. Every day, his performance kept on decreasing. The woodcutter thought to himself "I am working harder and harder and getting less and less results". Frustrated, he went to the merchant and confessed his problem. The merchant asked him "when did you last sharpen your axe?"



Meet Megan Anderson
Animal Shelter
Parks & Recreation Department

I am the Lead Kennel Technician for the animal shelter. (Sutter Animal Services) My job is not boring to say the least. I oversee the operations in the kennels each day to make sure the environment we provide for our animals is comfortable and clean.

My family: Avery 13, Cameron 9, Steve, husband of almost 14years.

I love to spend time outdoors. I love the Spenceville swimming hole in the summer!

I am from Sacramento originally, but I've lived in Yuba City more than half of my life.

My hobbies are gardening, hiking, running, swimming, camping..... spending time with my 3 dogs and cat.

My co-workers are a riot! I love going to work each day. Every day is different but our commitment is always the same.



Thursday January 30, Swearing In Ceremony for Assistant Chief Jeremy Garcia
(L-R) Councilmember Craig Starkey, Mayor Kash Gill, Jeremy Garcia, Councilmember Tej Maan, Vice Mayor John Dukes

Calendar

Upcoming Public Meetings

[View Online Calendar](#)

Feather River Air Quality Management District
February 3, 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting
February 4, 6:00 p.m.

Senior Commission
February 5, 9:00 a.m.

Consolidated Area Housing Authority
February 5, 12:15 p.m.

Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency
February 12, 1:30 p.m.

Gilsizer Drainage District
February 12, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
February 12, 7:00 p.m.

Sutter-Yuba Mosquito Vector Control District
February 13, 4 p.m.

Youth Commission
February 19, 7:00 p.m.

Sacramento Area Council of Governments
February 20, 9:00 a.m.

Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority
February 20, 4:00 p.m...

Regional Waste Management Authority
February 20, 4:30 p.m.

Community Events this Week:

- ★ **February 5, 5:30 p.m.** Chamber Ribbon Cutting:
Bistro 885 - 885 Richland Road
- ★ **February 6, 5:30 p.m.** Chamber Ribbon Cutting:
The Refuge Restaurant & Bar – 1501 Butte House Road



Save the Dates:

- ★ **February 11, 4:00 p.m.** Chamber Ribbon Cutting:
Kenzo Sushi Japanese Restaurant - 1655 Colusa Hwy, Yuba City
- ★ **February 13, 5:30 p.m.** Chamber Ribbon Cutting:
Grace Christian Preschool, 1980 S Walton, Yuba City
- ★ **February 18, 5:30 p.m.** Chamber Ribbon Cutting:
Sutter Co. Children & Families Commission – 1531 Butte House Rd, Yuba City
- ★ **February 20, 5:30 p.m.** Chamber Business After Hours:
Appeal Democrat – 1530 Ellis Lake, Marysville
- ★ **February 21, 7:30 a.m.** Chamber Business Connection Breakfast:
Marysville Bounce Back – Yuba County Government Center
- ★ **February 22, 5:30 p.m.** Yuba Sutter Police Officer of the Year Awards Banquet

The 134th Bok Kai Festival – March 1 & 2 2014



Celebrating the Year of the Horse, the Bok Kai committee will host the parade on Saturday and the Marysville Chinese Community hosts and sponsors Bomb Day on Sunday.

The heart of the festival is the now restored Bok Kai Temple, originally built in 1888. The popular parade, some say is the oldest continuous parade in California, features a

variety of floats, cultural performances, and, of course, the famous Bok Kai parade dragon.

For more information, visit <http://www.bokkaiparade.com/>.