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Date: June 13, 2013  
 To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
 CC: Executive Team  
 From: Steven Jepsen, City Manager  
 Re: **City Manager's Report - June 13, 2013**

## Calendar

### Events this weekend:

- Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> – City Hall Closed (Furlough)
- Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> – An Evening with Music & Colors – 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Plumas Street
- Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> – Old Fashioned Family Fish Fry – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sam Brannan Park \$10 tickets at events (Early Riser Kiwanis)
- Saturday and Sunday – **Relay for Life** at Geweke Field
- Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day

### Next Week:

	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
8:00							
9:00				9:00 SACOG Board Meeting			
10:00							
11:00							
12:00			12:15 Regional Housing Authority Meeting				
1:00							
2:00						Summer Stroll	
3:00							
4:00				4:00 Yuba Sutter Transit Authority			
5:00				4:30 Regional Waste Management Authority			
6:00	6:00 - 8:00 Dan Logue Town Hall	6:00 Council Meeting		7:00 Concert in Park (GAP) Journey's Edge			

## Save the Dates!

- Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - City Council Meeting **Canceled**
- Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> –Children’s Parade!
- Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> , 6:00 P.M. Joint Sign Workshop with Planning Commission

## Yuba City News

### **Gauche Park Debt Service Update**

The City of Yuba City has been denied approval of an obligated debt on \$9 million of bonds for a park/swim complex (equates to \$375,000 per year for 27 years). Yuba City issued general obligation bonds with the intention to repay 50 percent of the bonds with redevelopment funding for the construction of a new park and swim complex. New State laws governing redevelopment requires agreements for redevelopment reimbursement to occur simultaneously with bond sales. While Yuba City entered into an agreement for the bond payments two years prior to the Governor’s death sentence for redevelopment, our formal agreement occurred at the time of project completion or some 13 months after the bonds were sold.

Current State Law allows the State to supersede contract law when agreements are between two public entities. Yuba City is seeking legislative options to correct what was likely an intended section of the new Redevelopment Dissolution Law designed to maximize the capturing of tax increment for State redistribution. The result is that many communities are now left with substantial and unanticipated debt obligations.

### **“My Yuba City” Activity Summary Report**

#### **Report Details:**

	FAQ (External)			New Cases	
	Visits *	Searches *	Answers viewed	External	Internal
<b>Total</b>	<b>2341</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>160</b>
January 2013	665	1	200	106	36
February 2013	372	0	76	51	28
March 2013	364	0	36	45	15
April 2013	402	0	52	42	31
May 2013	368	0	37	43	36
June 2013	170	2	13	16	14
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In January 2013, the City rolled out its mobile “My Yuba City” Ap for iPhones and Androids. The My Yuba City Ap is also available on the City’s website. The table on the left shows the activity generated since January.

Public Works receives the most activity for issues such as streetlights, street maintenance and traffic signals. Requests to remove graffiti have also received a lot of requests.

### **Sutter Health Providing HMO Services – January 2014**

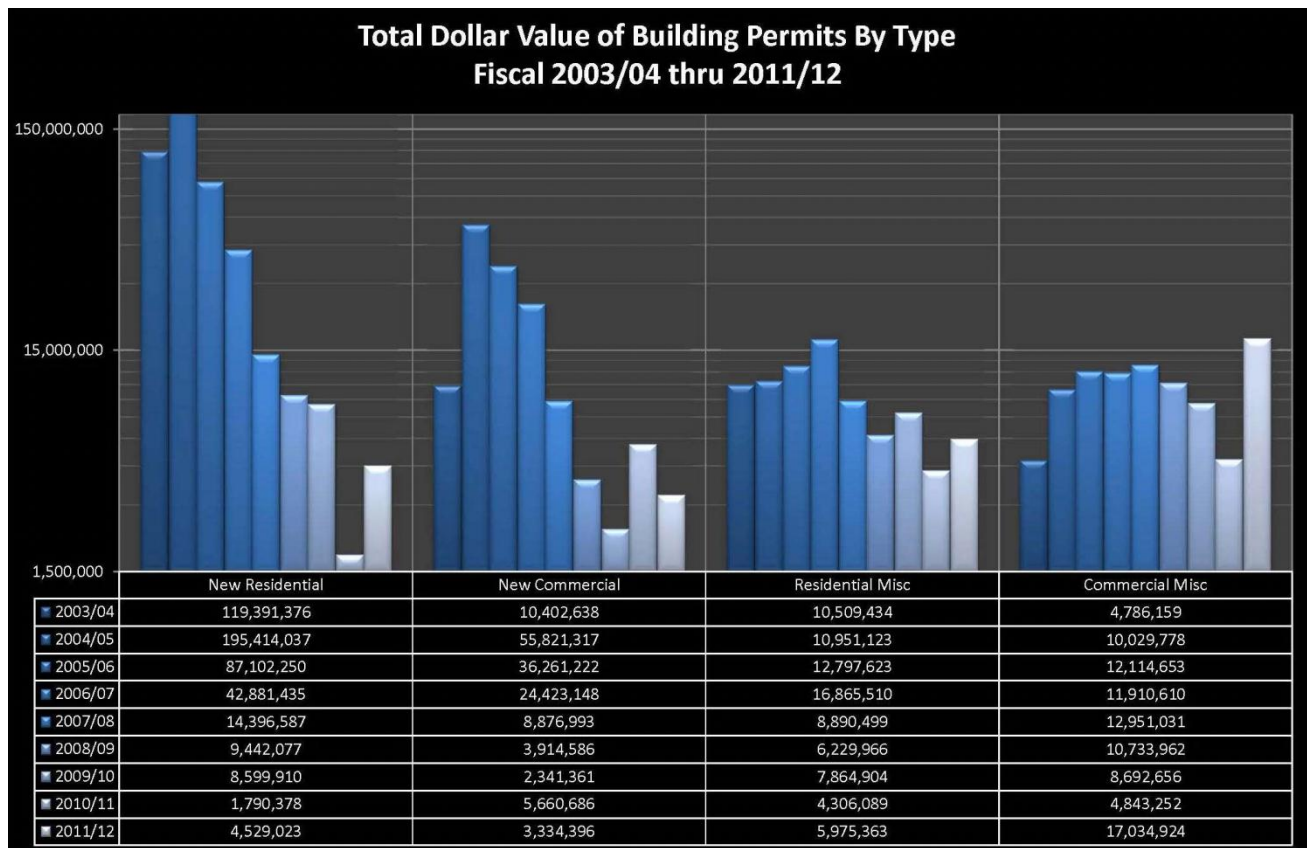
Sutter Health received its HMO license and plans on providing service starting in Jan of 2014. This will be the first and currently only HMO provider in the Yuba Sutter region.

“We have between now and October to kick it into high gear,” said Steve Nolte, CEO of Sutter Health Plus. That’s when individuals and many small employers pick health plans for the following year.

Initially, Sutter will offer a range of health maintenance organization plans (HMO) to individuals and small and mid-sized employers in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley regions. The health plan enables Sutter to develop more direct partnerships with employers and patients — and keep control of costs. The key for Sutter will be affordability.

### Commercial and Residential Construction

The chart below provided by the Community Development Department shows an increase in activity for commercial and residential construction. As fiscal year 12/13 nears an end, this trend remains healthy. In addition to these activity reports, Yuba City has had a slight increase in new housing starts for the last two years. While this news is encouraging, we hope see these trends continue especially in the housing sector.



### Prescription Drug Disposal Site

The Sutter County Sheriff's Office has established a collection and disposal program for prescription drugs. This program was established to prevent overdoses and errors by encouraging the removal of unwanted medications from homes and to provide an environmentally safe disposal method. Prescription drugs SHOULD NEVER be disposed of down drains or in the toilet because they can pass through the treatment plant and contaminate rivers, lakes and streams. Disposal in the garbage is also discouraged because children and pets may find and consume them.

To reduce improper disposal of prescription drugs, a confidential drop-off bin is located inside the Sutter County Sheriff's Office at 1077 Civic Center Blvd. in Yuba City for Yuba and Sutter County residents to dispose of unwanted medications. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Medicines should be left in their original container and it is recommended that prescription labels be removed to ensure privacy. This program is only available for Yuba and Sutter County households (no businesses). It is also important to note that pharmaceutical wastes are no longer accepted at the Yuba-

Sutter Household Hazardous Waste Facility. For more information about the Prescription Drug Disposal Program, call Recology Yuba-Sutter at (530) 743-6933.

## News Article Highlight

FOX40 News 05/30/13 by Sam Cohen Executive Producer of Digital Content

### **Report Critical of Stockton's Former City Manager, Finance Department**

A grand jury report says it was a lack of reliable information and lack of project oversight that led to Stockton having to file for bankruptcy. They make many recommendations to the city, including forming new audit and budget systems, and provide finance training for current department staff and council members.

According to the report released Thursday, the San Joaquin County Grand Jury found "evidence of inadequate information presented to the City Council by a former city manager; lack of project oversight; unilateral control and manipulation of projects by a former city manager without City Council knowledge or approval; poor accounting of the various transactions involving the Events Center; lack of reliable information between city staff and the City Council; and, a financial system that is inadequate for the accounting needed."

The group looked at Stockton's current financial situation, and also what information the city council knew, or didn't know, the effectiveness of the City Auditor, the finance department and prevalence of financial training for council members and the mayor. [Read the whole report here.](#)

The grand jury report criticizes Stockton's Finance Department, stating the department's software and computer hardware was more than 20 years old. "The inability to manage and extract information makes it difficult to prepare timely financial reports in a format that is easily understood by elected officials and the public."

They recommend the department prepare a training program for all finance department staff to improve their knowledge and account skills.

The report also chastised the lack of communication between the former city manager and city department heads, and the general council about the financial health of Stockton; specifically alerting the council about which departments of the city were or were not adhering to their budget limits.

In addition, the current grand jury report reconfirms an earlier report in 2006 that the then-city manager failed to provide information about the true cost of the Events Center to council members. This incident, and the increasing costs of building the Events Center, led to a growing mistrust between the city manager position and council members, according to the grand jury.

In conclusion, the grand jury report made it clear the responsibility is on the mayor and city council to know what is going on in their city. "A Mayor and City Council that prefers to not ask questions or demand complete and accurate information from its management, or to remain uneducated about the intricacies of the city's financial structure and operations can be more easily swayed by staff recommendations that are not in the public's best interest."

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