



MEMO

Date: September 27, 2013
To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
CC: All Employees
From: Steven Jepsen, City Manager
Re: **City Manager's Report – September 27, 2013**

Yuba City News

Independent City Auditors will be here October 7th – 18th

Yuba City's annual independent audit is required by state law and is also designed to make us all better at safeguarding public funds and property. During the annual audit, staff from Moss, Levy, & Hartzheim, LLP will be observing, reviewing, and testing samples of all aspects of internal controls. The auditors are obligated to bring to the City Manager's attention any and all observed deficiencies in internal control procedures whether or not related to the financial statements and affecting all city departments. Deficiencies are determined by comparing our practices against audit standards generally accepted in the U.S., and the best practices in municipal government based on the audit firm's experience with other agencies across the state.

The results of the audit and any recommendations for improvements will be included in the City's Financial Reports and presented to the City Council in early 2014.

Fire Station No. 7 Driveway

The new and improved driveway at Fire Station No. 7 is completed. The previous asphalt driveway was only two inches thick, and, due to the weight of the fire apparatus, significant structural damage undermined the integrity of the driveway, drainage, and did not allow us to meet ADA accessibility standards due to slope. The driveway reconstruction improvements included removal of the existing asphalt driveway, installation of a new and thicker concrete driveway, installation of ADA-accessible parking spaces and access improvements, installation of septic system improvements, and a new access gate operator. The pictures show the construction while in progress.



Youth Commission Grant Program

The Youth Commission will be administering a grant program for Yuba City community groups which are either led by, or intended to benefit youth (18 and younger) in the City of Yuba City.

Qualifying candidates must plan to facilitate a project or program which fulfills one of three categories:

1. Out of School Time/After School Initiative
2. Go Green Initiatives
3. Healthy Lifestyle Initiatives

The Applications are due the first Monday of each month by 5:30 p.m. and addressed to the Youth Commission in care of the Recreation Department. The grants will range between \$750-\$2,000, depending on the project. Contact Recreation Supervisor Jessica Laney at 822-4651 for more information.

Yuba City Active Grant FY 12-13 = \$28,480,716

The Finance Department has compiled a list of 35 active grants for FY 12/13 that have been awarded to Yuba City for a total of over \$28 million for our community. The grants include:

- \$3.6 million for the replacement of the Fifth Street Bridge
- \$3.4 million for the Willow Island Recreation Project (Feather River Parkway)
- \$4.4 million for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- \$1.0 million in various Public Safety Grants
- \$4.2 million in Clean Drinking Water Prop 50 Funds
- \$1.6 million for Road Rehabilitation

Status of Budget and Employee Concessions

The City had based its prior 3-year agreements with the bargaining units on meeting employees half-way in closing what was an estimated \$3 million gap in revenues versus expenditures. The City employees all accepted 10% furloughs to help facilitate closing this budget gap and the City set up a \$4.5 million reserve fund to meet the anticipated shortfall for the three years of our agreements. The City has done better than expected over the last two years through both savings (through vacancies) and increased revenues. We anticipate ending the three year period with over \$2 million left in this reserve fund. Arguably, some of that savings has occurred because of the furloughs and should be available to return to the employees in some manner.

It is our intention to have discussion(s) with the bargaining groups regarding these reserve funds and options for dealing with the City's prior agreement to meet employees half-way. As we move forward with these discussions, it is important to note that this is one-time money which cannot buy down ongoing cost. In addition, while we have done better than expected regarding revenues, our ongoing deficit (although less than previous) will still be in place at the beginning of 2014-2015. While our attorneys have ruled out any type of bonus program, we do have other options to discuss including furlough buybacks and/or continued support for sharing the ongoing deficit burden.

Current Job Openings / Recruitments / Promotions

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

- **Mechanic (Open Recruitment)**

Department: Public Works – Fleet Maintenance

Closing Date: September 27, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

- **Instrumentation Technician (Open Recruitment)**

Department: Public Works – Wastewater Treatment Plant

Closing Date: October 8, 2013 at 5 p.m.

- **Maintenance Workers (4 positions) (Open Recruitment)**

Department: Public Works

Closing Date: October 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

- **Parks Maintenance Worker (Open Recruitment)**

Coming Soon

WELCOME!

Please join me in welcoming our newest employee, Animal Control Officer II, **Kay Sweeny**. Kay's first day on the job was September 24th

Welcome Officer Sweeny!



Officer Al Ortega Honored

On September 17, the Yuba City Early Risers Kiwanis Club recognized School Resource Officer Al Ortega as a “deserving officer” during their weekly breakfast meeting. Below are highlights some of the reasons Al was nominated by the department:

- For the past 12 years, Al has been committed to making Yuba City High School a safe environment for both students and staff
- Al has worked tirelessly at gang intervention and awareness efforts. He helped implement an after-school tutoring program for high-risk gang students
- Works closely with parents of “at-risk” youth to keep them away from the gang culture
- Developed “Familias Unidas;” a program specifically designed to work with Hispanic parents in providing additional intervention with their children involved in gang activity



Congratulations Officer Ortega – job well done!



City Calendar

Events this weekend:

- 20/30 Club “80’s Uncorked” at the fairgrounds **Saturday 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.**



Next Week:

	October						
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
8:00						7:00 a.m. Pink October Race For Awareness 5K Walk/Run 	
9:00			9:00 Senior Commission Meeting				
10:00							
11:00							
12:00			12:15 Regional Housing Authority				
1:00							
2:00							
3:00							
4:00				4:00 Oversight Board Meeting			
5:00							
6:00		6:00 Council Meeting		6:00 Boards & Commissions Appreciation Dinner 		6:00 United Way Wine and Culinary Extravaganza	
7:00							

Save the Dates!

- Yuba City H.A.N.D.S. Neighborhood Clean-up – **Saturday October 12** 8:00 a.m. – Noon
- Yuba City Benefits Fair – **Wednesday October 16** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. City Hall
- United Way Spooktacular River Run - **October 26**, 8:00 a.m.
- Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) Fundraiser - **October 26**, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



From League of California Cities Conference September 20th

Excerpts from Presentation by – Michael Coleman, CaliforniaCityFinance.com

Legislation of Concern

Now on the Governor's Desk – Sign/veto by Oct13

- ✓ **AB792 (Mullin)** Utility User Taxes. Imposes statewide exemption for solar, fuel cell tech. **Request Veto**
- ✓ **SB7 (Steinberg)** Charter cities. Withdraws state funds if prevailing wage not is required on all construction projects. **Request Veto**
- ✓ **AB1235 (Gordon)** Requires financial management training of all local elected officials. Course content supervised by the state. **Request Veto**

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- ✓ **AB683 (Mullin)** Unpaid fines and penalties may be assessed against real property where they are related to the real property and constitute a threat to public health and safety. **Request SIGNATURE**
- ✓ **AB576 (V.M.Perez)** tax enforcement team of 9 state agencies to recover ~\$8 billion/yr in sales tax via info sharing, investigative leads (EDD, FTB, SBoE, DoJ, H&HS, Consumer Affairs, Industrial Rel., Dept of Ins., & DMV). **Request SIGNATURE**

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