



AGENDA
FEBRUARY 3, 2015
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF YUBA CITY

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR	• John Dukes
VICE MAYOR	• John Buckland
COUNCILMEMBER	• Stanley Cleveland, Jr
COUNCILMEMBER	• Preet Didbal
COUNCILMEMBER	• Kash Gill
CITY MANAGER	• Steven Kroeger
CITY ATTORNEY	• Timothy Hayes

1201 Civic Center Blvd
Yuba City CA 95993

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Regular Meeting—Council Chambers

Call to Order

Roll Call: _____ Mayor Dukes
 _____ Vice Mayor Buckland
 _____ Councilmember Cleveland
 _____ Councilmember Didbal
 _____ Councilmember Gill

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Public Communication

You are welcome and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at this time. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select representatives to express the opinions of the group.

1. Written Requests

Members of the public submitting written requests, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, will be normally allotted five minutes to speak

2. Appearance of Interested Citizens

Members of the public may address the City Council on items of interest that are within the City's jurisdiction. Individuals addressing general comments are encouraged to limit their statements to three minutes

Ordinances

3. Introduction of Feral Cat Feeding Prohibition Ordinance

Recommendation: Introduce an Ordinance regarding the feeding of feral cats and waive first reading

Consent Calendar

All matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and can be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time that Council votes on the motion unless members of the City Council, staff or public request specific items to be discussed or removed from the Consent Calendar for individual action.

4. Minutes of January 20, 2015

Recommendation: Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015

5. Annual Sunsweet Boulevard Community Facilities District 2004-1 Report Pursuant to Government Code Section 53411

Recommendation: Note and file

6. Utility Bill Postage Permit Change

Recommendation: Authorize adding the cost of using the vendor postage permit to the Infosend encumbrance for utility payment processing and utility bill printing and mailing proposal (RFP 14-02)

General Items

7. Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) annual program update and request for Letter of Commitment in support of SBFCA's state grant application for a Flood Emergency Response Grant

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Commitment in support of SBFCA's state grant application

8. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

Recommendation: Authorize the Yuba City Fire Department to submit an application to the Department of Homeland Security for consideration of funding under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for the hiring of limited term firefighters.

Business from the City Council

9. City Council Reports

- Councilmember Cleveland
- Councilmember Didbal
- Councilmember Gill
- Vice Mayor Buckland
- Mayor Dukes

Adjournment

CITY OF YUBA CITY

Written Requests

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Procedure

When requesting to speak, please indicate your name and the topic and mail to:

City of Yuba City
Attn: City Clerk
1201 Civic Center Blvd
Yuba City CA 95993

Or email to:

Terrel Locke, City Clerk tlocke@yubacity.net

The Mayor will call you to the podium when it is time for you to speak.

CITY OF YUBA CITY

Appearance of Interested Citizens

Members of the public may address the City Council on items of interest that are within the City's jurisdiction. Individuals addressing general comments are encouraged to limit their statements.

Procedure

Complete a Speaker Card located in the lobby and give to the City Clerk. When a matter is announced, wait to be recognized by the Mayor. Comment should begin by providing your name and place of residence. A three minute limit is requested when addressing Council.

- For Items on the Agenda

Public comments on items on the agenda are taken during Council's consideration of each agenda item. If you wish to speak on any item appearing on the agenda, please note the number of the agenda item about which you wish to speak. If you wish to speak on more than one item, please fill out a separate card for each item.

- Items not listed on the Agenda

Public comments on items not listed on the agenda will be heard during the Public Communication portion of the meeting.

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: February 3, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Community Services Department
Presentation By: Diana Barrett, Animal Services Manager

Summary

Subject: Feral Cat Feeding Prohibition Ordinance
Recommendation: Introduce an Ordinance regarding the feeding of feral cats and waive first reading
Fiscal Impact: None.

Purpose:

An Ordinance Prohibiting Feeding of Feral Cats will allow staff to issue citations in order to decrease the number of feral cats in the City and eliminate potential public safety issues.

Background:

In June 2012, SASA Board passed a policy to stop taking in feral cats into the animal shelter facility.

The recommendation was from the UC Davis Shelter Medicine Program directed by Dr. Kate Hurly. The support for this policy was for the following reasons:

- Introducing feral cats into the facility subjected the healthy cats to diseases.
- Removing feral cats from their environment would result in other feral cats moving into the same area.
- The facility (old and new) could not facilitate (staff, space, food and care) the population of feral cats.

Since 2012, several times a month, City residents have reported extreme sanitation issues with feral cats. These are typically high density areas with properties in close proximity where feral cats are posing health and safety issues to human populations.

In November of 2014, Sutter Animal Services Authority authorized staff to proceed with the implementation and recommendation of the proposed ordinance.

Staff would like to introduce an ordinance that would prohibit free feeding. The philosophy behind the ordinance is that without a food source, the feral cat population will not flourish and reduce or eliminate potential human health issues. Animals that are surgically altered will not re-produce unwanted animals. With less free feeding, feral interactions with domesticated pets and humans will decrease; which will increase public safety.

Analysis:

In an effort to further the City’s Clean & Safe initiatives we are proposing an ordinance related to feral cats. Currently the City does not have an Ordinance prohibiting the feeding of feral cats. As a result, feral cats and the free feeding by people of feral cats within the City has become a concern. Currently, the City is not able to issue citations to a person free feeding feral cats. The proliferation of feral cats creates sanitary concerns within affected areas which often lead to the spread of feline based diseases and also the rapid expansion of the feral population.

The proposed ordinance states that it shall be unlawful for any person residing in Yuba City to create a public nuisance by free-feeding any wild animals including any feral cats. Person found violating this code can be cited for violating: **Fish and Game code Section 251.1, Harassment of Animals**, which defines harassment as, “an intentional act which disrupts an animal’s normal behavior pattern, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding and sheltering”. The proposed ordinance provides an exemption for persons who qualify for the Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) process that staff is working on.

Enforcement of the feral cat ordinance would be supported through a 4 – tier assessment process. Based on the severity of the problem and the violator’s lack of cooperation in abating the issues, those issues that meet the restrictions set forth in **California Penal Code 597; Cruelty to Animals** may result in fines ranging from \$250.00 - \$1000.00.

Staff will continue to study various funding sources that are available in regards to Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR) programs in an effort to curtail the community cat population.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this proposal.

Alternatives:

By not adopting this ordinance, the City will continue to see growth and rapid expansion of the feral cat population.

Recommendation:

Introduce an Ordinance regarding the feeding of feral cats and waive first reading.

Prepared By:

/s/Brad McIntire

Brad McIntire
Community Services Director

Submitted By:

/s/Steve Kroeger

Steven C. Kroeger
City Manager

Reviewed By:

Finance
City Attorney

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
ADDING SECTION 4-12.480 TO THE YUBA CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING
FEEDING OF FERAL CATS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, feral cats and the free-feeding by people of feral cats within the metropolitan regions of the City of Yuba City has become a concern. The proliferation of feral cats creates sanitary concerns within affected areas which often leads to the spread of feline based diseases and also results in rapid population expansion of feral cats.

WHEREAS, Sutter Animal Services Authority (SASA) recognizes under California Civil Code Section 2080, that “any animal that is taken up and cared for by a person does take charge of it thenceforward and serves as a depository for the owner, with the rights and obligations of a depository for hire”. Additionally, the finder is responsible for attempting to notify the lawful owner.

WHEREAS, a person is prohibited from creating a nuisance to other area residents either on private or public property. Owners found guilty of allowing their animals to destroy, foul or otherwise lower the property value and to create unfavorable and/or unhealthy conditions may be cited and may be prevented by the court from owning animals pursuant to California anti-cruelty laws, Penal Code 597.

WHEREAS, persons free-feeding animals may be cited for violating Fish and Game Code Section 251.1, which defines harassment as “an intentional act which disrupts an animal’s normal behavior pattern, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding and sheltering.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is necessary to restrict the feeding of feral cats in order to protect the public’s health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Yuba City does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 4-12.480 is hereby added to the Yuba City Municipal Code to read as follows:

Section 4-12.480. Feeding of Feral Cats.

A. For purposes of this section, the following words, terms and phrases shall have these definitions:

“Feral cat” means a cat as defined in Section 31752.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

“Free-feeding” means not limiting the amount of food made available to an animal at a single feeding, resulting in excess food which will result in creating inviting conditions for other animals including wildlife.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to create a public nuisance by free-feeding any wild animals including any feral cats.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to make available more food supply than is reasonably adequate for the number of legally allowed domesticated cats the person may care for.

D. This section shall not apply to:

Persons who qualify for a trap-neuter-release program that the City establishes to reduce the feral/wild cat populations.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption. A summary of this ordinance shall be published once at least five (5) days prior to the adoption of this ordinance and once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, in the Appeal Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Yuba City.

Introduced and read at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Yuba City the 3rd day of February, 2015, and adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the ____ day of _____, 2015.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

John Dukes, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Terrel Locke, City Clerk

Tim Hayes, City Attorney

**MINUTES (DRAFT)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF YUBA CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 20, 2015
5:00 P.M. – CLOSED SESSION
6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING**

Closed Session—Butte Room

- A. Conferred with labor negotiator Steve Kroeger regarding negotiations with the following associations: Yuba City Firefighters Local 3793, Yuba City Fire Management, and Public Employees Local No. 1, pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code.

Regular Meeting—Council Chambers

The City of Yuba City City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Dukes at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Buckland, Cleveland, Didbal, Gill and Mayor Dukes

Absent: None

Invocation

Councilmember Buckland gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Councilmember Didbal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session Report

City Attorney Tim Hayes reported that in Closed Session, the City Council by a 5-0 vote approved an employment agreement with the Fire Management Group.

Presentations and Proclamations

1. Retirement of Recreation Supervisor Verna Cook-Stoddard

Mayor Dukes presented Recreation Supervisor Verna Cook Stoddard a proclamation in honor of her retirement after 25 years of Service to the Yuba City Community

2. Retirement of Recreation Supervisor Abbie Cesena

Mayor Dukes presented Recreation Supervisor Abbie Cesena a proclamation in honor of her retirement after 25 years of Service to the Yuba City Community

3. Yuba City Police Department Employee of the Year Presentation

Mayor Dukes recognized Community Services Officer Lucy Merrill as the Police Department Employee of the Year

4. Yuba City Police Department Officer of the Year Presentation

Mayor Dukes recognized Police Officer Christopher Oakley as the Police Department Officer of the Year

5. Introduction of Recology General Manager Michael J. Leggins

New Recology General Manager Mike Leggins introduced himself to the Council and community.

Public Communication

6. Written Requests - None

7. Appearance of Interested Citizens - None

Public Hearings

8. Accept Grant Funding and Expenditure Recommendations for the California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant of \$100,000

Mayor Dukes opened the Public Hearing, hearing no comment, he closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt **Resolution No. 15-001** authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the FY 2014-2015 California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding and approve expenditure recommendations and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make budget adjustments as necessary. Councilmember Buckland seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

9. FY 2015-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan Overview

Mayor Dukes opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comment, he closed the public hearing.

Noted and filed the overview of the City's Community Development Block Grant and Consolidated Plan Process.

Ordinances

10. California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Contract Amendment to Implement Employee Cost Sharing

Councilmember Buckland moved to:

- 1) Adopt **Resolution No. 15-002** Intention to approve an Amendment with CalPERS for classic members cost sharing towards the employer rate per the applicable negotiated contracts for the Mid-Managers, Police Officers' Association, Police Sergeants, First Level Managers bargaining units, and the unrepresented Confidentials and Executive Team; and
- 2) Introduce an Ordinance for amending the City's contract with CalPERS that will implement the cost sharing arrangements with the above listed bargaining units and unrepresented units and waive the first reading.

Councilmember Gill seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilmember Cleveland seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

11. Minutes of December 16, 2014

Approved the City Council Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2014

12. Approve Appointments to the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) Board of Directors for 2015

Approved appointment of Marysville Councilmembers Dale Whitmore and Chris Pedigo (alternate) and Sutter County Supervisor Ron Sullenger (alternate) to the FRAQMD Board of Directors

13. Yuba City Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District No. 6, Zone of Benefit B_8

Adopted the following resolutions to create the Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District:

- 1) **Resolution No. 15-003** to modify Yuba City Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District No. 6, Zone of Benefit B_8 (960 Gray Ave)
- 2) **Resolution No. 15-004** Intention, Yuba City Lighting and Maintenance District No. 6, Zone of Benefit B_8 (pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972)

14. Domain Estates Phase 2 Acceptance

Adopted **Resolution No. 15-005** accepting certain street and related improvements pursuant to the Amended Domain Estates Phase 2 Subdivision Map Agreement with Interwest Homes Corp and authorizing the developer to file a Notice of Completion. [Subdivision is located on the west side of Blevin Road north of Butte House Road]

15. Establishing pre-tax employee contributions towards retirement

Adopted **Resolution No. 15-006** to ensure contributions made to CalPERS which are designated as employee contributions are made on a pre-tax basis.

16. California Integrated Waste Management AB 939 Local Task Force Membership Update

Adopt **Resolution No. 15-007** approving the updated AB 939 Local Task Force Membership List dated January 2015 for the Source Reduction and Recycling Element, Household Hazardous Waste Element, Non-disposal Facility Element, Siting Element and County/Regional Agency Integrated Waste Management Plan documents

General Items

17. Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) Agreement No. VF 14-03 – Acceptance of Blue Sky Grant for \$48,785 for the Yuba City Class II Bike Lanes Project 2015 and Agreement No. VF 14-04 – Acceptance of Blue Sky Grant for \$4,512 for the May is Bike Month 2015 Project

Councilmember Gill moved to:

- 1) Adopt **Resolution No. 15-008** authorizing the Public Works Director to execute FRAQMD Agreement No. VF14-03, accepting \$48,785 in Blue Sky Grant Funds for the Yuba City Class II Bike Lanes Project 2015 including the necessary budget adjustments outlined in the fiscal impact;

- 2) Adopt **Resolution No. 15-009** authorizing the Public Works Director to execute FRAQMD Agreement No. VF14-04, accepting \$4,512 in Blue Sky Grant Funds to the May in Bike Month 2015 Project including the necessary budget adjustments outlined in the fiscal impact; and
- 3) Authorize the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriation of \$51,203 from unallocated Road Funds to Account No. 921024 (Striping and Markings).

Councilmember Didbal seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

18. 2014 Homeland Security Grant

Councilmember Buckland moved to accept funding from the 2014 Homeland Security Grant and authorize appropriate modification to the Fire Department Budget. Councilmember Gill seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

19. Implementation of Last, Best, and Final Offer to Yuba City Firefighters

The following persons spoke:

Arlene Montna, Yuba City
Karen Cartoscelli, Yuba City
Rik Jimmensen, Yuba City
David Jans, President Yuba City Firefighters, Local 3793
Kenny Smith, Chico Firefighter
Brian Warta, Yuba City Firefighter
Paul Demerit – Drama Director Faith Christian School
Stephanie Ruscigno, Yuba City

Councilmember Gill moved to:

- 1) Adopt **Resolution No. 15-010** implementing the City's Last, Best, and Final Offer to Yuba City Firefighters effective January 24, 2015; and
- 2) Adopt **Resolution No. 15-011** for CalPERS stating the City is no longer paying the Yuba City Firefighter' member contribution effective January 24, 2014.

Councilmember Buckland seconded the motion that passed with the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Buckland, Gill and Mayor Dukes

NOES: Councilmembers Cleveland and Didbal

Business from the City Council

20. City Council Reports

- Councilmember Cleveland
- Councilmember Didbal
- Councilmember Gill
- Vice Mayor Buckland
- Mayor Dukes

Adjournment

Mayor Dukes adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Yuba City at 7:42 p.m.

John Dukes, Mayor

Attest:

Terrel Locke, City Clerk

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: February 3, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Finance Department
Presentation By: Spencer Morrison, Accounting Manager

Summary

Subject: Annual Sunsweet Boulevard Community Facilities District 2004-1 Report Pursuant to Government Code Section 53411
Recommendation: Note and File
Fiscal Impact: Information item only

Purpose:

Each year, per the government code, the Finance Department must report the background and current status of the Sunsweet Boulevard Community Facilities District 2004-1.

Background:

In accordance with Government Code Section 53411, a report concerning the Sunsweet Boulevard Community Facilities District 2004-1 is required to be filed annually with the City Council. This staff report serves to fulfill the requirement. The report must address the following items:

1. **The amount of funds collected and expended** – On May 12, 2005, the City issued \$3,250,000 in Community Facilities District Bonds. Of this amount, \$2,705,904 was placed into the project fund. The entire \$2,705,904 has been expended on the project. Special tax assessments were placed on the properties within the district in 2005 and the amount collected for calendar year 2014, as of December 31, is \$275,500 in assessments and no delinquencies. These funds will be used to pay debt service.
2. **The status of the project required or authorized to be funded** – The project as defined by the “List of Authorized Facilities” (that was adopted as part of the resolution forming the district) is complete, including related improvements (traffic signal at Highway 99 and connector road to Walton Avenue on the south side of Sunsweet), with a Notice of Completion dated July, 2007.

Fiscal Impact:

Informational item only.

Alternatives:

Not Applicable.

Recommendation:

Note and file the annual Sunsweet Boulevard Community Facilities District 2004-1 Report pursuant to Government Code Section 53411.

Prepared By:

Submitted By:

/s/Spencer Morrison

Spencer Morrison
Accounting Manager

/s/Steve Kroeger

Steven C. Kroeger
City Manager

Reviewed By:

Department Head
City Attorney

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CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: February 3, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Finance Department
Presentation By: Spencer Morrison, Accounting Manager

Summary

Subject: Utility Bill Postage Permit Change

Recommendation: Authorize adding the cost of using the vendor postage permit to the Infosend encumbrance for utility payment processing and utility bill printing and mailing proposal (RFP14-02).

Fiscal Impact: At the present level of paperless statements and statement bundling, the annual cost of utility billing postage will be \$78,000. This amount is included in the utility billing budget and creates no fiscal impact.

Purpose:

To provide authorization to Finance to pay for utility billing postage using Infosend's bulk mail permit instead of the City's own permit.

Background:

On March 18, 2014, City Council authorized staff to enter into an agreement with Infosend, Inc. for utility billing statement printing and mailing. Staff's original cost estimate assumed the City's bulk mail postage permit would suffice for Infosend mailings. However, we learned later that we must use Infosend's permit as it is integrated into their systems and processes.

Analysis:

This change is simply administrative and will not impact the City's budget. Utility billing postage will be paid to Infosend instead of the US Postal Service. With the authority recommended in this staff report, the postage will be paid via Infosend's bulk mail permit on a monthly invoice.

Fiscal Impact:

At the present level of paperless statements and statement bundling, the annual cost of utility billing postage will be \$78,000. This amount is included in the current utility billing budget and creates no fiscal impact. As the popularity of e-billing by ratepayers continues, we anticipate additional future savings.

Alternative:

- 1) Direct staff to discontinue printing and mailing services with Infosend (contract cancellation fees may apply)

Recommendation:

Authorize adding the cost of using the vendor postage permit to the Infosend encumbrance for utility payment processing and utility bill printing and mailing proposal (RFP14-02).

Prepared By:

Submitted By:

/s/Spencer Morrison

Spencer Morrison
Accounting Manager

/s/Steven Kroeger

Steven C. Kroeger
City Manager

Reviewed By:

Department Head

City Attorney

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CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: February 3, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Public Works Department
Presentation by: Michael W. Bessette, Director of Engineering for Flood Management

Summary

Subject: Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) annual program update and request for Letter of Commitment in support of SBFCA's State Grant application for a Flood Emergency Response Grant

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Commitment in support of SBFCA's State grant application

Fiscal Impact: None.

Purpose:

Provide a letter of commitment in support of SBFCA's Grant Application to the State for a Flood Emergency Response Grant.

Background:

The State of California Department of Water Resources has issued a second round of grant funding for Flood Emergency Response Grants. SBFCA desires to submit a grant application to fund hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, analysis, inundation mapping, and flood emergency response planning which will assist the City of Yuba City in their capabilities to plan and respond to a flood emergency.

Analysis:

The purpose of the state grant program is to ensure local agencies have a robust emergency plan in place. The work SBFCA proposes to complete under the grant includes hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, analysis, inundation mapping, and flood emergency response planning related to consideration of a relief structure or cut in the Sutter Bypass East Levee to reduce ponding depths at the south end of Yuba City.

With this letter of commitment, the City of Yuba City would demonstrate support for the project and commit to participating in the project by participating in meetings and workshops, providing available existing information, and reviewing deliverables to support the development and implementation of the project.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Alternatives:

Not authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Commitment

Recommendation:

Authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Commitment in support of SBFCA's state grant application

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

/s/Michael Bessette

Michael Bessette
Director of Engineering
for Flood Management

/s/Steve Kroeger

Steven C. Kroeger
City Manager

Reviewed by:

Finance

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City Attorney

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February 3, 2015

Mr. John Paasch, Chief
Flood Operations Branch
Division of Flood Management
Department of Water Resources
3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95821

Re: Letter of commitment for flood emergency response grant program in support of the grant application submitted by the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

Dear Mr. Paasch:

This letter is in reference to the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) application for grant funds for hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, analysis, inundation mapping, and flood emergency response planning related to consideration of a relief structure or cut in the Sutter Bypass East Levee to reduce ponding depths at the south end of Yuba City.

With this letter of commitment, the City of Yuba City supports the project and commits to participating in the project by participating in meetings and workshops, providing available existing information from our agency, and reviewing deliverables to support the development and implementation of the project.

For this project, our contact information is as follows:

Name	Diana Langley
Title	Public Works Director
Address	1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City, CA 95993
Phone	(530) 822-4792
Email	dlangley@yubacity.net

We look forward to working with SBFCA and the other local entities that will be a part of this Yuba City ponding depth reduction analysis and flood response planning project.

Sincerely,

John Dukes
Mayor

cc: Michael Bessette, Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: February 3, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Fire Department
Presentation By: Peter H. Daley III, Fire Chief

Summary

Subject: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant
Recommendation: Authorize the Yuba City Fire Department to submit an application to the Department of Homeland Security for consideration of funding under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for the hiring of limited term firefighters
Fiscal Impact: Requesting \$2,672,622 for the two-year grant period. This year's SAFER grant funds cover 100% of salary and benefits of a firefighter's salary. Local agencies are not required to provide a local match over the two-year term of the subject grant

Purpose:

To increase Fire Department staffing levels to meet fire scene responsibilities and effective fire suppression response.

Background:

In 2005 and 2007, the Yuba City Fire Department applied for and received grant funding under the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant which allowed the Fire Department to hire six fulltime firefighters. At the time, the SAFER Grant covered a five year grant period with grant funding being reduced each year until the fifth year when the City was responsible for 100% of the cost of the subject firefighters. Additionally, under the above mentioned grants, the maximum fund sharing was 80% by Federal and 20% by the local agency.

The Yuba City Fire Department is requesting authorization from the City Council to submit an application to Department of Homeland Security under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant to fund nine (9) limited term firefighters in the Yuba City Fire Department to bring fire staffing back to a national standard of three-people per station. There have been some significant changes to the SAFER Grant program since the previous grants we received. Where earlier SAFER grants covered a five-year grant period, the new SAFER grant only covers two years.

Where the earlier SAFER grant only covered allowable salary ranges, the new SAFER grant covers "fully burdened" salaries; i.e., salaries, benefits, etc. The other significant change is that the grant covers 100% of all personnel costs. The proposed nine grant-funded

positions would be brought into the Department at the Fire Recruit/Firefighter II salary range. The deadline for submitting a grant application is March 6, 2015.

Analysis:

With the recently imposed contract on the Yuba City Firefighters Association and the implementation of the staffing pattern outlined in the ICMA report, the daily staffing resources of Yuba City Fire Department have been reduced from 16 staff down to 14 during the day and, most likely, 13 at night. As a way of bringing our daily staffing back to the national standard of three-person companies, Yuba City Fire Department is requesting authorization to submit an application for funding under the SAFER grant program as a cost effective way to increase Fire Department staffing to meet national response standards.

The Yuba City Fire Department is recommending applying for SAFER grant funding for 9 positions. As stated, the 2014 SAFER Grant only covers two years. There is no commitment required for the local agency to hire the grant-funded positions at the end of the two years. Additionally, this year's SAFER grant covers "fully burdened" salaries, being salaries, benefits, etc.

Fiscal Impact:

The SAFER Grant covers 100% of the "fully burdened" salary; i.e., salary, benefits, etc., of a Firefighter II position which is \$148,479 annually, or \$1,336,311 for the nine (9) positions annually. Under the Fire Department's proposal to apply for nine (9) positions, the grant request will be for \$2,672,622 for the two-year grant period. As stated above, under this year's SAFER Grant there is no local match required during the grant's two year performance period.

Alternatives:

Do not authorize the submission of an application under the DHS/FEMA SAFER Grant program.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Yuba City Fire Department to submit an application to the Department of Homeland Security for consideration of funding under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for the hiring of nine (9) limited term firefighters.

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**Financial Estimate for the Yuba City Fire Department
Application for the 2014 SAFER Grant**

Nine (9) Limited-Term Firefighters at the Firefighter II salary step/"fully burdened" salary (including salary and benefits) @ \$148,479/year	\$1,336,311/year
Federal Share (100%)	\$1,336,311/year
Local Match (0%)	0
Maximum Two-Year SAFER Grant Funds to be Requested	\$2,672,622 for the two-year grant period

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Adjournment