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To: Elk Grove Mayor and Council

From: Laura S. Gill, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for July 23, 2008

This is a report by the City Manager to the Elk Grove City Council. This report provides information on issues affecting the City and the progress of City activities.

Emergency Preparedness Training

The City recently trained 41 key staff in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's FEMA Emergency Management Institute's ICS-300 course. This course is one in a series of emergency preparedness courses that employees are taking in order to be prepared in the event of a planned or unexpected emergency. The main focus of the course is the Incident Command System (ICS) which is a standardized, on-scene, all-risk incident management concept. ICS is the result of decades of lessons learned in the organization and management of emergency incidents. It is a proven management system based on successful business practices.

Senate Bill 1185

Senate Bill 1185 was signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on July 15, 2008, allowing developers to build already approved subdivisions as soon as financing becomes available by extending the expiration date for specified subdivision maps. The bill allows a one-time, automatic 12 month extension of approved tentative subdivision maps, providing assurance to project applicants through the continuation of previously approved entitlements.

Police Canine Competition

On July 12, 2008, some of the Elk Grove Police K-9s participated in the South Lake Tahoe Police Canine Competition. Officer Josh Magdaleno and K9 "Rocco" took first in protection and fourth overall (out of 40 dogs). Detective Ryan Elmore and K9 "Radar" took first in vehicle search, third in building search and second overall (out of 15 dogs).

Western States Police Motorcycle Training and Skills Test

The Elk Grove Police Department will be hosting the annual Western States Police Motorcycle Training and Skills Test on August 22-23, 2008. The event is an opportunity for all currently employed Police Motorcycle Officers to compete and share training ideas. This event will be held at Elk Grove Regional Park. The public is invited to attend the competition.

National Night Out – August 5, 2008

The 25th Anniversary of National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. This event is all about strengthening neighborhoods, increasing crime prevention awareness and developing partnerships between the Elk Grove Police Department, the City and members of the community. It is also a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and have fun. Don't miss out on this year's festivities. For more information or to learn how to participate, contact Denise Costello at 478-8117.

Charter Commission

From selection of the Mayor to campaign finance reform, Elk Grove residents have an opportunity to shape the future of their city. The Elk Grove Charter Commission is embarking on an extensive public outreach effort as part of their research in creating a charter for consideration by the Elk Grove City Council. The Charter Commission will soon be conducting a telephone survey to gather the public's input on a variety of issues, including selection of the Mayor, form of governance, and number of Council Districts.

Flapjack Forum

The Flapjack Forum is set for this Saturday, July 26, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Hall. This is an opportunity for residents to meet their Council Members, new City Manager, and have a free pancake breakfast. We are expecting a great turnout.

As a reminder, the August 13, 2008, City Council meeting is cancelled as part of the annual recess, per Resolution No. 2007-150.

I remain available to answer any questions you may have regarding this report.

