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To: Elk Grove Mayor and Council

From: Laura S. Gill, City Manager *Laura S. Gill*

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for March 25, 2009**

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.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) into law on February 17, 2009. Approximately one month later, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) mobilized and completed an exhaustive selection process, identifying high priority road and transit projects that could quickly use the economic stimulus funding.

The projects selected by SACOG needed to create jobs, to be delivered quickly, and to support regional transportation principles including access and mobility, environmental quality and sustainability, and smart land use. Amongst the projects approved by SACOG were critically needed transit and road projects in the City of Elk Grove. With the City's excellent track record in delivering transit and roadway projects, the City was successful in securing \$7.68 million from SACOG in economic stimulus dollars.

The City of Elk Grove projects that will result in improved transit service and road mobility are:

- e-tran Bus Replacement: \$4,000,000
- I-5/Elk Grove Boulevard: \$200,000
- Intelligent Transportation System: \$1,000,000
- Road Rehabilitation: \$2,483,000

Interagency Forum Held

On Thursday, March 19, the City of Elk Grove in partnership with the Building Industry Association (BIA) and the Sacramento Builder's Exchange (SBX), hosted a staff-level interagency forum to discuss development related governmental functions in Elk Grove. The purpose of the workshop was to collaboratively discuss development related processes as well as identify strategies that could enhance development practices. Focus areas that emerged during the discussion included development review processes, fee levels, and design standards related to new development. Participants agreed to continue meeting on a quarterly basis to discuss these issues and identify productive solutions. The next session is scheduled for May 7.

Spring Cleaning 2009 Update

The Community Enhancement and Code Compliance Division has been combing the streets of Elk Grove for three weeks working proactively with the community to look for violations of the City's codes and educating property owners to encourage voluntary compliance. The division currently has a total of 283 open cases, whereas 147 cases have been brought to compliance. The total number of cases generated through spring cleaning is 430.

Community Enhancement Field Inspectors will continue to proactively look for possible violations through spring in order to continue to keep Elk Grove a great place to call home.

Census Bureau Canvassing

The Census Bureau will be conducting Address Canvassing in Elk Grove April 6 – July 19, 2009 to update their address and map database to ensure that it is accurate and current in preparation for Census 2010. Census workers will be conducting this operation during daylight hours, seven days a week. Residents can easily identify census workers by their official white and blue badges, their special hand-held computers and black canvas bags with the Census Bureau logo. More information is available at www.census.gov.

Integrated Waste Green Events

Integrated Waste will be taking the lead and participating in three green events during the month of April:

- Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Collection Program

To celebrate Earth Week, the City is participating, for the second time, in the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Collection Program. All shoes collected will be converted into material used to make basketball courts, tennis courts, athletic fields, running tracks and playgrounds. Allied Waste will award \$1,000 to the top Elementary and Middle/High schools that collect the most shoes. The program kicks off on April 13.

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- Compost Workshop

The Integrated Waste Division of Neighborhood Services is offering a learn-how-to compost workshop on Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. – 12:00 pm at the Elk Grove Community Garden. If interested, please contact Cindy Nelson, Commercial Integrated Waste Coordinator, at (916) 627-3452.

- Creek Week Clean-up

Creek Week is a Cosumnes Community Services District (CCSD) organized event scheduled for April 25. During Creek Week, Elk Grove residents volunteer to help pick-up trash and debris at one of seven designated Elk Grove creeks. Integrated Waste and Drainage Divisions of the City will both be present at the event.

I remain available to answer any questions regarding this report.

