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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

FROM: **CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP**

DATE: **APRIL 4, 2014**

SCHEDULES:

April 4th: Corning Senior Center's 7th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (I have already RSVP's for the Mayor, Councilwoman Smith and the City Manager.)

May 28th – June 3rd: City Clerk/Adm. Assist. Lisa Linnet will be out of town to attend a family wedding.

EVENTS:

May Madness Car Show: Friday & Saturday, May 2-3, 2014.

Lucero Olive Oil's 4th Annual Spring Bloom: Saturday, May 10th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2120 Loleta Avenue, Corning. (See attached information)

CITY MANAGER:

Solar Power at WWTP:

As you know, the City previously entered and extended a Lease Option with a company called EcoPlexus to utilize property at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for the production of solar energy. That Lease Option expires in April of 2015. If the installation of that equipment occurs, we will receive annual lease payments for the use of up to 20 acres of vacant WWTP property. That could provide $24,000/year for the life of the lease and those funds would be applied to the Sewer Enterprise Fund. That arrangement would be a simple lease that, from the City's perspective, is not tied to a specific program administered by the California Energy Commission. However, the lease has not been activated yet since there is a lengthy entitlement process through the California Energy Commission and PG & E for solar facilities that would tie directly to the "electrical grid". The project currently remains in sort of a state of limbo. We are anxious to do something to offset our energy costs at the WWTP that amount to about $80,000/year, as well these costs at other City facilities.

We contacted EcoPlexus about other solar energy programs that might be available. They responded with a "Power Purchase Agreement" (PPA) proposal. Also, coincidentally, another company stopped by City Hall and provided their proposal to Public Works Director Patrick Walker. PPA's are long term agreements; typically for 20 to 25 year durations. For that reason, representations regarding future "on-grid" electrical cost increases can paint a skewed picture regarding energy cost savings provided via a Power Purchase Agreement. Patrick and I are currently reviewing the proposals to determine if one would be more advantageous to the City.

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Martini Plaza Update:

We are seeking claims information to ascertain whether the entire fire-damaged sight-proof wall on the east side of Martini Plaza will be covered by our insurance provider, or if only the portion within the restroom building will qualify. If the sight-proof wall is covered, we can have it reconstructed with minimal effect to our budget. If not, we'll have to reconsider our replacement plans.

West Side I-5 Development Meeting:

Planning Consultant John Stoufer, Building Official Terry Hoofard and I met with Mr. Kurt Conley of Voit Real Estate Services from Roseville. The subject of discussion was the vacant property on the west side of the Freeway south of Solano Street. There is currently an approved Tentative Commercial Subdivision Map affecting this site. We discussed the potential development of the subdivision and the anticipated costs of extending water and sewer services across the freeway.

2014-2015 Budget Schedule:

Roy Seiler and I have put together a Tentative Schedule for the preparation and adoption of the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Budget. Highlights include presentation of the CIP on May 13th, Budget presentation on June 10th and final adoption on June 24th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Pot Holes:

With the amount of rain from last week's storms, there are now numerous potholes throughout town. Crews will be filling potholes for the next week.

City Wells:

The California Department of Public Health has made an appointment with the City to perform inspections of the City Wells. This inspection will be done on April 18th. These inspections are done every year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 154 calls for service, a total of 39 officer reports were taken and there were 131 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 11 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests, 76 traffic stops and issued 24 citations of which 0 were felonies, 12 were misdemeanors, 9 were infractions, 2 were parking and 1 was unclassified during the period of March 26 through April 2, 2014.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

CALIFORNIA OLIVE GROVES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lucero Olive Oil

Fourth Annual- Spring Bloom Event & Case Sale

Grab your picnic baskets and join the Lucero Family for a day at the Mill

Corning, CA – March 25, 2014 Lucero Olive Oil proudly announces their Fourth Annual Spring Bloom Event on Saturday, May 10th. Come out and celebrate the olive bloom with a picnic and a tour of the groves guided by Dewey and Bobby Lucero. Visit with friends and family and learn more about the olive bloom. If you've never seen an olive tree in bloom, here is your chance. This year's event will see the return of the wine garden with over 10 local wineries from around Northern California.

The event starts at 11 AM at the Lucero mill and tasting room and will wrap up at 5 PM. In addition to tours of a heritage olive grove, there will be wine tasting, local artisan food vendors, a Mother's Day raffle, kids' zone, and family picnic. During the festivities Lucero Olive Oil will be hosting their annual Case Sale, where guests can purchase the last of Lucero Olive Oil's 2012 award winning harvest for as much as 75% off its original retail prices. The discounted product is in limited supply, so be sure to show up early for the best selection.

Grove tours start at 11:30pm and leave every hour following the first departure. Dewey and his father will explain the bloom and answer questions about olive culture. There will also be a guided tour of a Super High Density grove north of Corning. Tours will begin at the mill, travel to the groves by bus, then return to the mill at the end of the tour. Heritage olive grove tours are priced at $2 per person. Super high density tours are priced at $4 per person. Space is limited, so make your reservations early by calling (530) 824-2190.

The picnic with the Lucero Family starts at noon, and two local artisan food producers will be offering food for purchase. The wine tasting garden will feature local wineries from 11:00am-4:30pm, and is sponsored by Slow Food Shasta Cascade (additional fee for wine tasting). The band, Driver, will be filling the air with live music between noon and 4:30pm. Event parking will be available off-site at the Love's Travel Stop at 2120 South Avenue and Linnet's Tire Shop at 1090 99W with shuttle bus service to and from Lucero Olive Oil. The shuttle service will begin at 11AM from each location at designated Lucero shuttle pick-up locations. The shuttle service will conclude at 5:30pm.

Lucero Olive Oil is the result of three generations of olive heritage in Tehama County, producing some of the most award winning extra virgin olive oils in California. The mill and tasting room are open 7 days a week 9am-5pm and are located at 2120 Loleta Ave, just off Highway 99W between Corning and the Truck Stops. During your visit, sample our 14 olive oils on tap and 9 balsamic vinegars, along with a tasty assortment of tapenades, table olives, and mustards. Saturday, May 10th will be packed with activities, and the Lucero family hopes you can join them.

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FOURTH ANNUAL
SPRING
BLOOM
EVENT
Case SALE
Join us for a day of grove tours, wine tasting, food, live music, our annual case sale, local vendors and olive oil tasting.
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