



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP** JLS  
**DATE: JUNE 21, 2013**

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### CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

#### **Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

John Stoufer and I spoke with Karen McCready of the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) regarding the comments they provided on our draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. John will make the revisions we discussed so that we can gain Cal EMA approval prior to submittal to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for their certification.

#### **Change Order for New Park:**

We've made some changes to the park plans as the construction has progressed. We've eliminated some retaining walls, changed the parking lot to protect some existing trees, added some pedestrian access ramps, etc. We've been awaiting the final cost accounting of those changes from the Contractor. Kendel Trent has now provided those and City Engineer Ed Anderson is completing the Change Order. We'll present it at the July 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

#### **Lunch Meeting:**

I met with County Administrator Bill Goodwin, Red Bluff City Manager Rick Crabtree and County Superintendent of Schools Larry Champion at a lunch meeting here in Corning on Wednesday. We spoke about a number of issues affecting the County and our Cities and Schools.

#### **Rodger's Theater:**

As Roy Seiler and I completed the Resolution for the formal adoption of the Budget, Roy noted that we'd made a mistake on the draft budget data sheets for Rodger's Theater-Dept. 6125. We've prepared both a new narrative and a new budget sheet for the Theater that reduced the funding for the upcoming fiscal year from the \$14,200 shown on the draft budget sheet to \$2,700. That will be included with the Budget Resolution staff report.

As you know, we used several sources of funding for the work we've completed to date on the Theater; including Park Bond funds, Energy Efficiency Grant funding, McConnell Foundation Grant funds, and some funds collected by the Friends of the Theater Group. With those funds we've accomplished shoring up the roof structure, replacing the roof, installing new HVAC (Heating, ventilation and air conditioning), a new underground electrical connection, we've replaced the restrooms, we've abated the asbestos containing materials, and some lead painted materials.

We've reported earlier that the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation is withholding the 20% retention of the Park Bond funds pending completion of the Theater restoration. We still have considerable work to complete before the Theater can be made available for public use, including stage and auditorium floor replacement and interior improvements. We have until June 30, 2015 to complete the work and recover our retained funds. Unfortunately, we have exhausted the grant funds and much of the collected donations.

Staff at the Department of Parks and Recreation is scheduled to visit Corning in the near future to view progress on the new park. We hope to speak with them about the Theater at that time as well. Staff will continue to seek other funding sources to complete the Theater work.

**Other Community Budgets:**

I had the opportunity to look at the budget documents prepared for the Cities of Orland and Willows this week. Their budget formats have some advantages that we may incorporate into our next budget document. It was also interesting to note the differences in our revenues. Corning's sales tax exceeds both Orland's and Willows', while their property taxes exceed ours.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

**Safe Routes to School:**

The sidewalk is almost complete on Marguerite Avenue, only one small 5 foot section remains to be completed in that area. The drainage at the end of Fig Lane is almost completed.

**Swimming Pool Certification:**

Assistant PW's Director Steve Lindeman, Maintenance Worker Brett White and Pool Manager Nate Boer attended a 2 day Certification for Pool Operators class on Monday and Tuesday. This course provides national certification for Pool Operators. NCCSIF (Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund) offered the course at no cost to the City. This certification enables our Public Works Crew to be knowledgeable in the maintenance of the City Pool.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 181 calls for service, a total of 36 officer reports were taken and there were 96 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 3 felony arrests, 8 misdemeanor arrests, 46 traffic stops and issued 20 citations of which, 4 were felony, 11 were misdemeanors, 4 were infractions and 1 was unclassified during the period of June 12, 2013 through June 19, 2013.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Fire Response:**

Calls for service for the month of May consist of:

- Corning Fire 97,
- Orland Fire 59, and
- Capay Fire 4.

Under the mutual aid agreement and Cal-Fires request, Corning Fire responded to the fire on Sale Lane in Red Bluff with one Engine and 3 personnel. The Engine and crew of three assisted with initial attack and structure defense and were released after 7 hours.

**Weed Abatement:**

Weed Abatement is winding down, most properties are cleaned up and the department is working on smaller threats and brush piles around town.

**Alley Clean-up:**

Corning Fire, with the assistance of the Corning Police and Public Works Departments, is supervising probation department personnel in cleaning and removing high weeds and debris from City alleys. This Program is one of a handful in the State that utilizes people on the ground working within the community. It appears to be a "Win, Win" for all parties involved. The individuals working are guided by Probation Personnel and learn and obtain work skills, and the City benefits through the removal of potential fire hazards and clean alleys. The City appreciates the hard work of these individuals.