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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

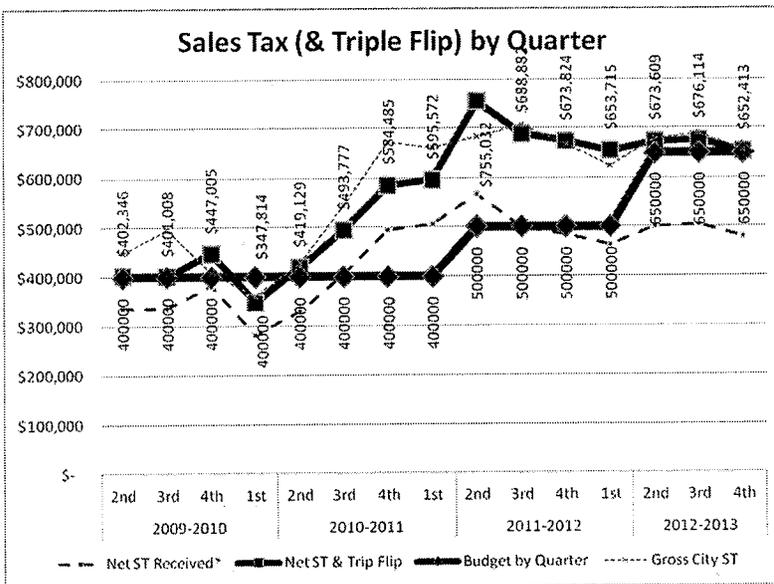
TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP *JLB*
 DATE: MARCH 22, 2013

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

Fourth Quarter Sales Tax:

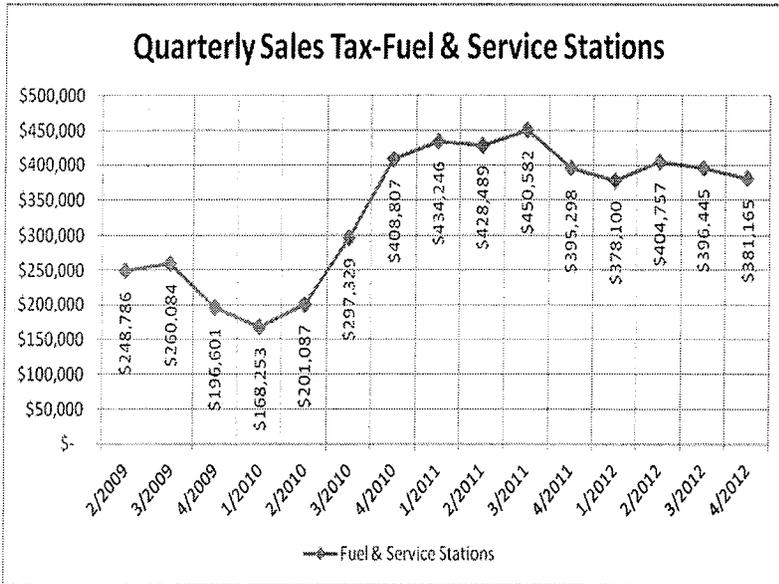
HdL has provided preliminary sales tax data for the 4th Quarter of 2012 (Oct-Nov-Dec). The total received for the quarter is \$655,797. We refer to that amount as the "Gross Sales Tax". However, that doesn't mean that's what we'll ultimately receive. There are deductions for the State's Triple Flip, the County Tax Share Agreement, and State processing fees that affect what we eventually receive; i.e. our "net Sales Tax" revenue.

We use that "Gross Sales Tax" data to make projections regarding our net sales tax revenues and then can project trends. We utilize two separate mathematical methods to try to "zero-in" on what the "net sales tax" will be. The two estimates are \$480,067 and \$488,758 respectively, and are within \$8,691, or within 1.8% of one-another.



In the chart to the right, we then used the most conservative of the two "net sales tax estimates" and add in one-fourth of the "Triple Flip" allotment as projected by the County Auditor. The sum is the "Net Sales Tax and Triple Flip" amount shown as the heavy line connecting the squares. Of course the historic numbers on the chart are real; while the most current is just an estimate at this time. I'm due to speak with HdL the first week of April where they will provide the final fourth quarter sales tax data.

The budget line is the heavy line connecting the diamonds, and amounts to \$2.6 million represented as \$500,000/quarter for this fiscal year. The numbers show that we're continuing to meet our budget projections, albeit without much of a "cushion" above our budget projections.



Fourth quarter Fuel Sales are down 3.6% over the same quarter a year ago. During the same period, fuel sales in the state increased by 2.1%. This continues the divergent trend we previously identified. Still have no explanation for that trend. But, the fuel aisle construction work at the travel centers is now complete. So, perhaps at least that contributing factor is over.

We plotted gross fuel sales tax revenue since the second quarter of 2009. That way we can readily track the subsequent sales. Note how the line

replicates our overall sales tax line presented in the Sales Tax (& Triple Flip) by Quarter chart shown above.

Airport Sign Collision:

We took a phone call on Monday morning regarding an accident at the Airport that occurred on Saturday. A taxiing airplane apparently hit a runway marking sign and knocked it off its base. So far as we know, this was a minor incident with no injuries. Public Works Director Patrick Walker has since made contact with the reporting party to gather insurance information. Patrick will order the replacement parts.

Airport Lights:

Airport Commissioner Tony Miller reported some navigational lights were out at the runway end. This is not related to the accident noted above. We've determined some bulbs need replaced. We'll get the lighting repaired.

NCCSIF Meeting:

I'm meeting with Susan Adams of Alliant Insurance Services on Thursday afternoon to discuss our anticipated Liability and Workers Compensation costs for the next fiscal year.

Park Pre-Construction Meeting:

On Wednesday, Ed Anderson, John Stoufer, Pat Walker, Terry Hoofard, Dawn Grine, Landscape Architect Tom Phelps and I joined Kendel Trent and his Sub-Contractors at City Hall for a preconstruction meeting for the first phase of the new Park. Our Consultant for Stormwater Pollution prevention (Eihnard Diaz, AICP) has recommended some minor plan revisions to avoid some impacts to Jewitt Creek. The revisions will also help us avoid some rather onerous regulatory requirements administered by the Army Corps of Engineers, California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (formerly Fish and Game) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

City Manager's Vacation Schedule:

I'm scheduled to take a week's vacation the third week of April. I'll be out of town from the 13th thru the 16th, then around the house the remainder of the week and returning to work on April 22nd.

Also, my Wife and I normally take our annual vacations in late September. We use this schedule to avoid the crowds that usually affect summer travel. This year, we'll modify our plans in order to attend my Stepson's wedding in Colorado Springs in September (21st), and some accompanying time off. For that, I'll ask the Council's authorization to be absent from the second September City Council meeting (9/24).

CITY CLERK:

April 19th League of CA Cities, Sacramento Valley Division Membership Meeting in Truckee, CA:

Meeting will take place on Friday, April 19, 2013 in Truckee, CA from 3-7 p.m. beginning with a tour of the Town of Truckee Public Service Center. A shortened membership meeting will start at 5 p.m. and include a guest speaker. Dinner is \$30 per person. Please RSVP to Lisa prior to April 14th if you wish to attend so that she can make the necessary arrangements. (See attached information.)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

New Park:

City Staff met with Kindle Trent from Trent Construction and his Sub-Contractors this week for a pre-construction meeting for the new City Park. This meeting was important to ensure everyone is on the same page before construction begins.

Prevailing Wage Seminar:

Public Works Director Patrick Walker and Public Works Administrative Secretary Dawn Grine attended a Prevailing Wage Seminar in Sacramento last Thursday. The seminar will help with compliance relating to certified payrolls submitted by the Contractor when construction begins on the City's new park, as well as with other current and future projects.

Rodger Theater:

Rodgers Theater bathrooms are now complete. Terry Hoofard will conduct a final walkthrough inspection with Lance Jones to ensure that everything is complete.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 189 calls for service, a total of 32 officer reports were taken and there were 118 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 9 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests, 67 traffic stops and issued 20 citations of which 8 were misdemeanors, 9 were infractions, 2 were parking and 1 was animal related during the period of March 13 – March 20, 2013.