



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP**  
**DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2015**

### Schedules:

**City Hall will be closed next Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

**Nov. 23 – Dec. 2, 2015:** Administrative Assistant/City Clerk Lisa Linnet will be on vacation.

**Nov. 23 – Nov. 25, 2015:** Fire Chief Spannuas will be on vacation.

### CITY MANAGER:

#### **Labor Negotiations:**

Lisa Linnet and Labor Negotiator Bill May participated in State sponsored Mediation discussions with two of the City's four Labor Units on Monday.

#### **General Fund Ad Hoc Committee:**

The Committee directed Staff to forward four separate recommendations for reducing expenditures or generating new General Fund revenue. We will be presenting those recommendations at an upcoming City Council meeting.

#### **Meeting with HdL:**

I met with Brice Russell of Hinderliter, de Llamas & Associates (HdL). The Sales Tax numbers he provided were pretty much as expected for the 2nd Quarter of 2015. Overall, our Sales Tax receipts were down by 8.5% as compared with the same quarter in 2014. Fuel Sales were down about 18.5% in the same period due to low fuel costs. Staff has kept the City Council abreast of this matter. The General Fund Ad Hoc Committee Staff Report for November 10th included detailed information regarding the anticipated Sales Tax/Revenue shortfall.

Mr. Russell referred me to an article in a nationwide economic magazine regarding oil prices and summarized the article as explaining the global forces that are affecting oil prices. Those include OPEC and their efforts to suppress oil prices in an attempt to undercut the costs related to oil fracking to eliminate competition. However, technological improvements in that process continue to reduce production costs. The article suggests that crude oil prices will remain low for some time. If that's correct it means continued lower fuel prices and lower sales tax revenue for the City of Corning-potentially affecting several additional budget cycles.

#### **Lunch with Managers:**

Kristina Miller joined County Administrator Bill Goodwin, Red Bluff City Manager Rick Crabtree and I for lunch on Thursday in Red Bluff.

#### **Appeals Board Hearing:**

Mr. Tim Schromm has requested a postponement of the Appeals Board hearing that we'd scheduled for Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>, as his agent will be out of town. We are working to reschedule that meeting with our Appeals Board Members for Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

### **Drought Announcement:**

At the November 16<sup>th</sup> AB3030 TAC, Tehama County Flood Control/Water Resources Manager Ryan Teubert recapped information delivered by the Governor regarding the Emergency Water Conservations Regulations issued in April to achieve a 25% reduction in water usage across the State. The water conservation numbers for September have been released and California continues to conserve above the 25% requirement between June and September 2015.

The City of Corning conserved 30% water usage between June and September 2015 when compared to water pumped from City wells between June and September 2013.

Another agenda item of interest would be the requirements set by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The SGMA requires local agencies and/or others to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA's) to manage its water resource. One task of the GSA will be to prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (TCFCWCD) have taken the lead role regarding groundwater management within the boundaries of Tehama County. The TCFCWCD has filed its Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to become a GSA for all eleven groundwater subbasins located within Tehama County. The notice was posted by the DWR on November 13<sup>th</sup> and if no other NOI is filed within the 90-day waiting period the TCFCWCD will become the designated GSA. The 90-day waiting period ends February 12, 2016.

### **Fall Leaf Pick Up:**

Public Works will begin fall leave pick up mid-November as time allows. All residents are requested to place leaf piles one foot away from the curb as not to obstruct street gutters and allow proper drainage during periods of rainfall. No burning of leaves is allowed on City streets or within street gutters. Leaves will not be picked up if the pile contains tree branches, brush or other debris.

### **Community Events:**

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church submitted a request to temporarily close Solano Street from the Toomes Avenue intersection through East Avenue for their annual parade and celebration. This event will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 from about 10 a.m. until noon.

### **Public Works Director Meetings & Training:**

Tehama Utilities Council Meeting meets at Noon on December 1st at the Cozy Diner in Red Bluff. This meeting is hosted by the Tehama County Public Works Department.

Tehama County Landfill Task Force meets at 4:00 p.m. on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Tehama County Courthouse Annex, Room E located at 444 Oak Street, Red Bluff.

Tehama County Transportation Commission meets at 1:30 p.m. on December 11th at the Tehama County Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 727 Oak Street, Red Bluff. The Agenda and Minutes can be found at [www.co.tehama.ca.us](http://www.co.tehama.ca.us).

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

### **Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 189 calls for service, a total of 30 officer reports were taken and there were 70 officer-initiated incidents, including 47 traffic stops. Officers made 16 misdemeanor arrests and 2 felony arrests, and issued 38 citations of which 16 were misdemeanors, 9 were infractions, 10 were parking-related, 2 were animal-related, and 1 was unclassified during the period of November 11, 2015 through November 18, 2015.

### **Personnel:**

The Corning Police Department would like to announce the promotion of Kylee Stroing to the position of Police Sergeant. This promotion becomes effective November 22, 2015.