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Yuba Highlights:

- CalTrans Celebrates State Route 70 Improvements
- Naumes Harvests Pears after Devastating Fire
- 130 Homes Renovated and New Child Care Center for Beale AFB
- Completion of 29 Miles of Levee Improvements Slated for 2011
- \$66.6 Million to Finance California County Broadband Connectivity
- Yuba County Airport Runways and Aprons get \$1.275 Million in Improvements

Highway 70 Improvements Nears Completion CalTrans Celebrates in Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Local officials, including Board Chair Mary Jane Griego and Assemblyman Dan Logue, gathered in a field beside the highway September 1 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony with CalTrans to celebrate the impending completion of an \$82 million State Route 70 expansion and improvement project. The project should be completed by the end of 2010, one year ahead of the original construction schedule.

The completion of the highway 70 expansion project will mark the first time Sacramento regional traffic going to and from Marysville will flow freely on separate, dual lanes, greatly enhancing driving safety and significantly reducing commuter drive times. Major components during construction included a new bridge over the Bear River, several highway



overpasses, and a bypass around the town of East Nicolaus. Easing trucking and transportation routes should prove to be an economic boon to local carriers and for regional goods and services.

and for the discovery of our incredible recreational opportunities,” said Griego.

For more information, visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/projects/Sut99.

“We know money follows the highway, and one day the commute will reverse because of the great opportunity in Yuba County due to the industrial explosion we will have here





“Yuba County was instrumental in assisting Naumes to get up and running in the aftermath of an extremely devastating fire. Without that assistance our ability to continue our agricultural season this year would have been greatly jeopardized.”

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Naumes Recovery Quick Facts

- 21- Days from fire to pear packing season
- 17,000- Tons of Asian Pears packed each season
- \$2,000,000- Amount spent on first month of repairs
- 125- New jobs for Cleanup

Yuba County Business Spotlight: Naumes’ Disaster Recovery on the Right Track



Shaking off a devastating fire at their 3792 Feather River Boulevard facility June 25, Naumes quickly responded to what could have been a business-ending tragedy by mobilizing key personnel from their Medford, Oregon based headquarters to assess the damage and prepare temporary facilities for an impending pear picking and packing season.

With 240 seasonal agricultural jobs in jeopardy, Yuba County officials formed a quick-response team with Naumes and local contractors to remove tons of burned and damaged debris and to begin the process of reconnecting electrical panels and cleaning salvageable assembly line equipment. Naumes had three weeks to clean up a major disaster and prepare their property for an intensive pear harvest season.

In a herculean effort assisted by the County Community Development and Services Agency (CDSA), Naumes had removed fire debris and damaged inventory, installed temporary tents, facilities and trailers, and were picking, packing, storing,



and shipping tons of delicious Bartlett and Asian pear varieties within a month of the fire.

Experts from the Yuba County 1-Stop Center assisted in locating local contractors and rental equipment to efficiently clean up numerous burned structures that included cold storage equipment, twisted steel, melted concrete and damaged agricultural material. The widespread destruction included a packing warehouse, cold storage units, machinery shop, employee lunchroom and break room, and a shipping office. While the fire raged, three firefighters from the Linda County Water District held the line at an open doorway saving a large warehouse from burning down. It was racked from floor to ceiling with fresh fruit.

“I remember working for Naumes as a teenager,” reminisced Board Chair Mary Jane Griego as she viewed the damage shortly after the

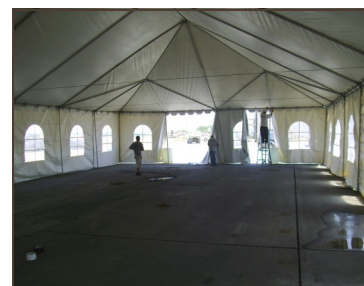
tragedy. “Helping Naumes get back on track quickly will be of paramount importance for all of our staff.”

Despite the widespread damage to numerous facilities, Naumes officials are committed to keeping the decades-old agricultural processing business operating in Yuba County. “We will begin new construction of facilities in 2011 and hope



to have most of the new permanent buildings ready for work by the Summer harvest season,” said Robert Boggess, General Counsel.

For more information, please visit Naumes’ online website at www.naumesinc.com.



Beale Air Force Base to Upgrade Housing

\$20 Million in Construction Contracts Awarded



Beale Air Force Base will be receiving major upgrades to 130 on-base housing units through two contracts of \$4.8 million and \$5.2 million awarded to Allied Industries. Most of the funding is being provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The residential upgrades will feature

window and door replacements, painting, mold removal and bathroom renovations. The improvements will occur in two phases to be completed in September 2011 and 2012.

The \$9.7 million design and construction of a LEED certified 37,000 square-foot child development center that will accommodate 280 children was awarded to

the Korte Company in October 2009. A groundbreaking ceremony was held June 2, 2010 and completion of the center is expected in September 2011.



Levee Improvements Nearing Completion

Program Proves Bright Spot for Local Economy



More than \$400 million has been invested in improvements to 29 miles of levees protecting Linda, Olivehurst, Arboga and Plumas Lake. Recently, these levee improvements were accredited by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), ensuring property owners are able to maintain access to low-cost, voluntary flood insurance and allowing Yuba County to implement its General Plan for these areas without costly restrictions.

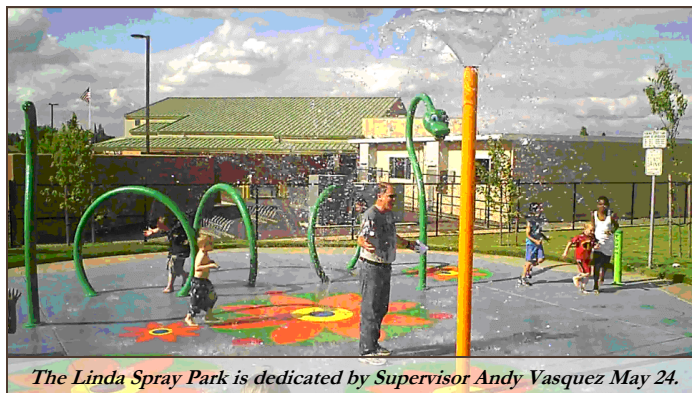
The levee improvement program has been a bright spot for the construction trades

industry during a time when overall construction spending has decreased significantly. Over the last year, about 330 jobs have been created and the local economy has benefitted from an infusion of construction-related spending.

In Spring 2011, TRLIA will break ground on the

last of its planned levee improvements – the Upper Yuba Levee Improvement Project. Slurry walls and seepage berms will be installed providing local residents with stronger flood protection.

The Project is slated for completion in 2011. Learn more online at www.trlia.org.



The Linda Spray Park is dedicated by Supervisor Andy Vasquez May 24.

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County of Yuba

Strategic Plan Statement

Yuba County is Committed to Providing Responsive, Innovative and Sustainable Services that Enhance the Quality of Life and Uphold the Public Trust and Interest.

-Fall 2010 Library Lineup-

- *September 25: Marysville Flood History, 3-5 p.m.*
- *October 5: National Library Snapshot Day*
- *October 24 –31: Genealogical Archives Month*
- *November 9-20: Charles & Mary Covilland Display*
- *November 20: Mary Covilland Birthday*

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Yuba County Boosts Broadband Capabilities Internet Onramps Increase Business and Residential Access

Yuba County and 17 other California counties will benefit from \$66.6 million in broadband and fiber optic installations for improved Internet connectivity. Projected timelines and planned infrastructure installations were discussed in a full-day workshop coordinated by the Corporation for Educational Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) September 23 at the Yuba County Government Center.

“We are continually upgrading our infrastructure and it will help in economic development efforts,”

said Supervisor John Nicoletti. “The first step towards prosperity is through literacy, and this is a great time to move towards that.”

CENIC is focused on providing a fiber optic backbone to serve libraries, offices of education and community colleges and is supporting efforts by the Central Valley Independent Network (CVIN) to connect 1,400 miles of fiber optic lines by installing 720 miles of new fiber to existing networks.

CVIN announced it has been awarded \$46.6

million of stimulus funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), \$13.3 million funding by CVIN affiliates, and a \$6.6 million grant from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF). Completion of the CVIN network is scheduled for Spring 2013.

Open Range Communication has placed a wireless broadband service in Linda, Marysville and Olivehurst along with a fourth generation Sprint-Nextel WiMAX cell phone system which started service August 13.

Yuba County Airport Awarded FAA Grant \$1.275 Million Grant Improves Runways and Drainage

The Yuba County Airport is receiving a \$1.275 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which will be used for significant improvements to the facility’s main apron and aircraft hangar taxi-lanes.

“We aggressively went after these funds because they offer a great opportunity to enhance the quality of our airport,” said Airport

Manager Mary Hansen. “Those who fly in and out of here will truly appreciate the changes that are coming.”

The federal grant money will be used to reconstruct the tie-down apron where aircraft are parked and taxi-lanes that access the airport hangers. Plans also include improvements to pavement drainage and overall operational safety.

The Yuba County Airport is a general aviation airport serving the Yuba-Sutter area and surrounding counties. More information can be found online at www.yubacoairport.com.

