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Project engineer GEI Consultants, Inc. and Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) accepted a Flood Control Project of the Year Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) at an awards ceremony held in Sacramento February 24, 2009. ASCE Region 9 represents over 18,000 members in four regional sections throughout California, including the metropolitan areas of San Diego, Los Angeles, San

Francisco and Sacramento.

The "Project of the Year Award" was presented for the Bear River Setback Levee Project, which is being constructed along the Yuba County side of the Feather River and will greatly enhance flood protection levels within the South County area. ASCE national



Paul Brunner, TRLIA Director, and Levee setback engineering team accepts state award

president-elect Blaine Leonard assisted with the awards ceremony.

New Pharmacy Opens in Olivehurst

A full-service Rite Aid held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce January 22, 2008. The 17,340 square-foot pharmacy is one of the leading national drugstore chains operating more than 4,900 stores in 31 states.

The Olivehurst Rite Aid, located at 5075 Olivehurst Avenue, provides over 40 new jobs.



Yuba Highlights:

- TRLIA Receives ASCE Award for Setback Levee Engineering
- Rite Aid Opens New Store in Olivehurst
- Roger Abe Assumes new Role in District 4
- County Receives "StormReady" Certification
- Emergency Staff Receive National Credentials



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Stimulus Funding and Pending Roads Projects

Yuba County’s Public Works Department has prioritized road projects to potentially receive stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) approved by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate February 13, 2009.

Yuba County may receive about \$2.5 million in ARRA funds. The County roads selected for improvements are La Porte Road, Willow Glen Road, Challenge Cut-Off Road, McGowan Parkway and Jack Slough Road, based on time and environmental constraint parameters within the new Act. At least half of ARRA funds must be allocated by California within 120 days of the bill’s signing (June 16, 2009), or the funding could be transferred to other areas.

In addition, Public Works

is completing a contract to design a new interchange at Highway 70 and south Feather River Boulevard. The County will begin construction on the interchange approximately one year after the State completes the widening of Highway 70, estimated for 2010.

CalTrans has approved a Project Study Report (PSR) for the Yuba River Parkway Interchange, an important first step in the project’s timeline. The Yuba River Parkway represents a major collector east of Maryville connecting Highways 70 and 65 to Highway 20. The PSR will coordinate planning between the County and the State, assist in identifying funding needs for the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase, and for subsequent development

phases. The PSR does not establish the ultimate alternative route, which will be selected at a later date, for the Yuba River Parkway.

Public Works has also received funding through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to do design studies for improvements to the intersection at Olivehurst Avenue and Powerline Road in Olivehurst.

The design studies will address various improvement alternatives including a circulation roundabout and a traffic signal. SACOG’s grant will be used to design intersection improvements. Additional funding sources will be identified to complete the proposed road construction projects.

New Supervisor Sworn In for 4-Year Term

Freshman supervisor Roger Abe was sworn in as Yuba County’s newest supervisor along with incumbents John Nicoletti and Mary Jane Griego in the Yuba County Government Center Board Chambers Monday, January 5, 2009.

Abe was elected in June 2008 and will be representing District 4. Nicoletti and



Mary Jane Griego, John Nicoletti and incoming Roger Abe elected as Supervisors

Griego were re-elected to Districts 2 and 3. All three will serve four-year terms.

Supervisor Stocker is mid-term in representing District 5 constituents in the Yuba County foothills.

The remaining vacant District 1 seat vacated by Assemblyman Dan Logue will be appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.



Yuba County Certified as "StormReady"

Yuba County's programs to weather severe storms through its established communications plans and safety programs are now certified by the National Weather Service. The Yuba County Board of Supervisors was presented with a "StormReady" certification January 20, 2009, only the sixth California county to receive such a distinction.

Representatives from the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services and the Sheriff's Department were also on hand to receive the certification. The Weather Service also presented two Department of Transportation-approved road signs announcing the county's designation.

"This is a notable accomplishment," said Kathy Hoxsie, Warning

Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service. She said an evaluation of Yuba County's readiness for a severe storm "indicates that by the high standards prescribed by this national program of the National Weather Service, you and your partners have made a commendable effort to ensure that your county is as prepared as possible."

To achieve the certification, Yuba County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Sheriff's Department had to demonstrate an effective partnership for establishing communications and safety programs.

Programs in place include a 24-hour "warning point" and an emergency operations center,

established programs for receiving severe weather forecasts and warnings, and the means to quickly get information out to the public.

"This certification really validates the hard work done in Yuba County to make sure we are ready for any severe storm that may come in the future," said Aaron Ward, director of the Yuba County OES.

"We are constantly preparing for any event, which ultimately elevates the safety of people who live in this county."

Department Focus

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Aaron Ward, Deputy County Administrator, Yuba County Office of



Left to right: OES officer Scott Bryan, Sheriff Steve Durfor, Supervisor John Nicoletti, Deputy County Administrator Aaron Ward and Meteorologist Dan Keeton

Emergency Staff Receives National Credentials

Deputy County Administrator Aaron Ward and Emergency Services Officer Scott Bryan became the first two individuals in the State to receive Emergency Responder Credentials from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA). The program was designed to pre-identify key personnel during significant emergencies; promote the

establishment of common performance competencies and comply with National Incident Management System credentialing standards.

Based on Aaron and Scott's experience they were each credentialed in multiple Incident Command System (ICS) positions which will allow them to augment State and local management resources at an incident

site. Only 100 emergency responder/management staff will be credentialed as part to this pilot program.

On hand to present the credentials were Cal EMA program manager for Training and Exercises, Curry Meyer; Cal EMA acting Inland Region Administrator, Jim Brown and Cal EMA Emergency Services Coordinator, Jerilyn Anderson.

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Yuba County Fast Facts

- Yuba County's population increases 16.3 percent, 2000-2008, CA Department of Finance
- Taxable Sales increase 40.2 percent, 2001-2007, Board of Equalization
- Highest percentage increase of California counties in household retail spending, 2005-2006, U.S. Census Bureau
- Average Daily Highway 70 weekday Traffic through highway-frontage commercial properties in Linda and Olivehurst exceeds 37,000, ADT, January –September 2008, CalTrans

Yuba County Region
California's #1 Small Place For Business
Forbes Magazine/Milken Institute, 2001, 2002

Some People Do Lunch Yuba County Does Business

"There's a reason Forbes magazine chose Yuba County as the #1 small place to do business in California. It's all about attitude! Yuba County will put your project on the fast track, leverage your capital with a hefty back-roll of tax credits and provide access to low interest loans. Take it from me—you can bank on Yuba County."

READY TO INVEST IN YOUR BUSINESS

The cat's out of the money bag . . .
Relocating or expanding in small places pays dividends. Yuba County is the #1 small place in California to do business. Locating in one of the county's premier business parks is easy and affordable. The costs of living and doing business is among the lowest in the state. Major highways, railways, and an international airport and seaport are only minutes away.

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You'll call Yuba County home.

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Bok Kai Festival Features Oldest Parade

Touted as California's oldest-running Chinese cultural parade, Marysville kicked off the Bok Kai Festival with the colorful "dance" of the Bok Eye dragon Lung Huang along D Street Saturday, March 28, 2009. The 129th Bok Kai Festival highlighted the Chinese immigrants who lived in Marysville and worked in gold mines and on the railroads in the 1800s. The two-day event also featured a pancake breakfast, 5K run/walk and

a variety of multi-cultural displays and entertainment.

The Bok Kai Temple, located on First Street since 1880, was recently listed as one of the country's 11 most endangered historic places by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and has been the focus for extensive renovation.



The Bok Eye dragon is led down Marysville's D Street assisted by Beale Air Force Base volunteers