

City Manager's



Weekly Update Friday, February 27, 2009

Riverbank repair: The California Conservation Corps completed the temporary riverbank repair near Pigs Lake. The work consisted of placing 10-millimeter thick plastic sheets folded in half and draped over the bank, affixed by nylon twine to stakes driven into the top of the bank. Sandbags were placed inside the sheets as anchors, as well as along the top of the bank to keep the sheets secured after the Woodbridge Irrigation District begins raising its dam on/about March 15. Two fences were installed on either sides of the repaired area in the hopes park visitors will stay off the repaired section, which is not part of the park's official trail system. The project cost \$5,000. We're hopeful the repair will last until we obtain grant funding for a permanent fix.

Sidewalk art: Project Lodi Art has sent invitations asking the public to judge which sidewalk art designs will be included in the East Lodi Avenue project. The medallion-style entries will be viewed between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6, at Hutchins Street Square.

Stimulus funds: The League of California Cities recently held a conference call for City officials regarding federal stimulus funds. It appears there will be two main conduits for funds to cities – one for State agencies to dole out stimulus funds to cities, and the other through previously established grant programs, such as the federal Department of Justice's COPS grant programs. All our City departments are closely monitoring those elements of the stimulus package that may benefit the area of the City they are responsible for.

Library renovations: The library renovations are proceeding on schedule, with the move back to Locust Street scheduled for the last two weeks of April and an early May reopening.