

## City Manager's



## Weekly Update Friday, August 24, 2007

### Notes of Interest:

**White Slough:** Public Works staff has been working closely with engineers at West Yost for a line-by-line response to the State Water Resources Control Board's investigation of groundwater degradation at White Slough. The City's proposed discharge permit is scheduled for consideration by the Regional Board September 13th and 14th in Fresno. Staff feels the State Board investigation overlooked many key factors, including some raised by City studies in 2004 and 2006, and that many of the State Board's conclusions are erroneous.

The state board's investigation was at the request of a peach grower west of the city. The report was written without consulting either city staff, the regional board that regulates the treatment plant, or the city's engineering experts. Declining groundwater quality in the region can be attributed to many factors, such as overpumping and the intrusion of brackish water from the Delta, and farming practices.

The city's response is online at [www.lodi.gov](http://www.lodi.gov).

**Commuter rail:** Although a long way off, a Stockton-to-Sacramento commuter rail line could be in the region's future. Staff has been investigating the route options that could be selected, and local rail and government officials are behind the one that includes stops in Lodi and Galt. Track owner Union Pacific, however, would prefer commuter rail use the line to the west of the City. The head of the Sacramento-based lobbying group, the Train Riders Association, said last week that it makes no sense to use a route other than the one that generally follows the Highway 99 corridor.

**HSS ticket sales:** The Community Center is only now beginning to sell tickets for its 2007-2008 season and one of its first acts is off to a fast start. Jim Rodems, Hutchins Street Square director, says Sons of Champlin sold 180 tickets before the season brochure was printed.

**Lodi Lake vandalism:** Two three-yard dumpsters and three 55-gallon trash containers were sitting in Lodi Lake on Monday after a weekend vandalism spree. The Parks division is trying to locate a crane that would help pull out the dumpsters. Additionally, the alarm at the lake maintenance shop sounded three times (nothing missing) and the park attendant vehicle was broken into.