

# Yreka City Newsletter

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## Utility Rate Increase

October 1, 2010, marks the third year of a 5-year rate increase on water and wastewater utilities. The 5-year plan was adopted by the City to cover the cost of operations and make much-needed repairs to the water and wastewater systems. A detailed report of the utility rate study is available at City Hall. As a result of the new rate structure, the City has received \$10 million in grant and loan funds from the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, for the water treatment and distribution system. (See Fall Creek article on page 2.)

<b>WATER SERVICES CHARGES:</b>		<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>10/01/10 Rate</b>
<b>CONSUMPTION CHARGES (\$/1000 GALLONS)</b>			
<b>Single/Multi Family Consumption Monthly Rate</b>			
101 - 10,000 Gallons		\$1.38	\$1.59
10,001 - 35,000 Gallons		\$1.52	\$1.75
over 35,000 Gallons		\$1.66	\$1.91
<b>Non-Single Family Consumption Monthly Rate</b>			
over 100 Gallons		\$1.38	\$1.59
<b>MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE (\$/Month)</b>			
5/8" meter		\$23.40	\$26.90
3/4" meter		\$28.03	\$34.97
1" meter		\$31.12	\$40.35
1 1/2" meter		\$51.20	\$75.32
2" meter		\$69.73	\$107.60
3" meter		\$193.28	\$322.80
4" meter		\$285.95	\$484.20
6" meter		\$394.06	\$672.50
8" meter		\$548.50	\$941.50
<b>WASTEWATER (SEWER) CHARGES:</b>		<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>10/01/10 Rate</b>
Single Family Monthly Service		\$34.50	\$38.00
Lifeline Single Family Monthly Service		\$32.50	\$36.00
Multi-Family Flat Rate Per Unit		\$34.50	\$38.00
Non-Residential (see City Hall - Utilities Dept)		-----	-----

### Important Numbers

City Hall/  
Water Division  
(530) 841-2386

Fire Dept  
(530) 841-2383

Police Dept  
(530) 841-2300

Public Works  
(530) 841-2370

Senior Program  
(530) 841-2365

### Elected Officials

Rory McNeil  
Mayor

David Simmen  
Mayor Pro Tempore

Robert Bicego  
Councilmember

Bryan Foster  
Councilmember

John Mercier  
Councilmember

Liz Casson  
City Clerk

Rhett Hogan  
City Treasurer

## Public Works Receives Project of the Year Award

The Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) recently notified the City of Yreka Department of Public Works that it won a 2010 Project of the Year award for its \$5 million Stormwater Attenuation and Floodplain Restoration Project. The project will reduce future flood damages in the community by completing many of the large projects recommended in the City's Master Plan of Drainage and will improve water quality in the sensitive Klamath River watershed.

Public Works staff attended an awards luncheon in Sacramento on August 19th to accept the award and presented the award plaque to the City Council at its meeting that night. This is the largest single grant received by the City and its largest grant project to date. This Project of the Year award is in the Environment Category, Construction Division, \$2-\$10 million, Agency Size: Small. This award recognizes excellence in management, administration, design, construction, and community relations. It also celebrates the partnership between

City staff, the funding agencies, engineers, consultants, and contractors who worked together to complete the Public Works project.



The Public Works Department and the Yreka Creek Committee, a volunteer advisory group, partnered on this project to mobilize an impressively wide array of support. These volunteers were critical to the project's success and also obtained additional project funding from the California Urban Streams program, the California River Parkways program, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. A link to the Yreka Creek Greenway (continued on page 2)

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## Public Works Award

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website as well as the full list of the project's supporting organizations and other partners can be found at the City's website: [www.ci.yreka.ca.us](http://www.ci.yreka.ca.us). The Director of Public Works, Steve Neill, stated "This project was successful because of our partners, including our local volunteers and the state and federal agencies that funded this project and worked with City staff on much of its implementation." He also commended the work of the City's staff; in particular, the dedicated work of Jeannette Hook and Darrell Hook who had major roles in the grant and construction management of the project.



## Summer of 2010 Chip Sealing

Many streets in Yreka were rehabilitated last summer with a chip seal because the City received \$400,000 from Proposition 1B approved by California voters in 2006. A chip seal is placed to extend the life of paved streets. It seals the existing pavement against water intrusion and provides a new wearing surface that can extend the life of the pavement for 5 to 8 years or more, depending on the volume of traffic and the condition of the street.

### Streets in Yreka that received a chip seal include:

Comstock Drive  
Nugget Way  
Moonlit Oaks Ave  
Campus Drive  
Anderson Road  
Florentine Blvd  
Lawrence Lane

Evergreen Lane  
French Street  
Gold Street  
Juvenile Drive  
State Street  
Annie Street

Sunset Street  
Raymond Street  
Howard Street  
Burgess Street  
Virginia Street  
Lane Street

Sherman Street  
Fairchild Street  
Dewitt Way  
Cedar Street  
Terrace Drive  
Northridge Drive

Hillcrest Drive  
Quarry Court  
Quarry Circle  
Limestone Circle  
Broadway Street  
Miner Street

## Fall Creek Water System Improvements

The City recently opened bids for the Fall Creek Water System Improvements that will make critical improvements in the water supply, treatment, and distribution facilities in order to meet new regulations. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the City Council authorized a contract with the lowest bidder, T & S Construction from Sacramento, who will be using some local subcontractors for parts of the work. Work will begin soon and will take approximately 2 years to complete.

A \$6.8 million loan and a \$3.2 million grant that includes funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) has been received from the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. This funding would not have been approved without the recent increases in utility rates. Among other things, the project will replace deteriorated supply mains, install a new storage tank, add a recycling system, and upgrade the treatment and supply systems to more reliably provide high-quality water to serve residents. Questions may be addressed to Rob Taylor, Water Manager, at 841-2327 or Jeannette Hook, Administrative Assistant, at 841-2336.



## Red Scarf Society Concert

Returning to Yreka by popular demand two years after his near sold-out concert, Franc D'Ambrosio sings the Best of Hollywood Movie Songs. Mr. D'Ambrosio starred as the *Phantom of the Opera* for five years during its San Francisco run. The Red Scarf Society is delighted to present him in concert at the Yreka Community Theater on Friday, October 22 at 7:30 pm. A reception following the concert gives the audience an opportunity to meet with this engaging tenor. Tickets are \$20 for adults/\$5 for students. Tickets are available in Yreka at Nature's Kitchen, the Chamber of Commerce, Surroundings, and Shoppe Serendipity. They will also be sold at Village Books in Mount Shasta & Scott Valley Drug in Etna. Please call Mary Ellen Bryan at 842-4656 for more information.