

# City of Willits

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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 8, 2010  
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From: Paul Cayler, City Manager  
Subject: Administrative Progress Report

The following developments may be of interest to you and the community-at-large. Please contact me at (707) 459-4601, if you have any questions.

### **LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES STARTS INITIATIVE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE**

On December 22, 2009, the League of California Cities announced that signatures are being gathered for a state-wide initiative to qualify for the November 2010 ballot. The measure is called "Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act". The purpose of the measure is to prohibit the state from taking, borrowing or redirecting local taxpayer funds dedicated to public safety, emergency response and other vital local government services (including redevelopment). The measure would close loopholes to prevent the taking of local taxpayer funds currently dedicated to cities, counties and special districts. It would also revoke the state's authority to borrow local government property tax funds or divert local redevelopment funds.

### **SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION FEE REDUCTION**

Effective January 1, 2010, solid waste and recycling collection fees charged by Solid Wastes of Willits to Willits City residents decreased by 2.79%. That's right. The fees went down! Most of the rate decrease results from the automatic expiration of the temporary fuel cost increase approved by the City Council in 2009. The rest of the rate adjustment came from consumer price index and pass-throughs of regulatory costs. No action is needed by the City Council to implement the rate decrease.

### **H1N1**

I received an email for the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency that H1N1 flu vaccine is now available to the general public (six months and older). A vaccination clinic is planned for Sunday, January 31, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Baechtel Grove Middle School.

## **CITY FISCAL MATTERS**

The City's Financial Statements for June 30, 2009 have been completed by the Auditor. We expect to schedule a review of the audit at the City Council meeting of January 27, 2010 along with the mid year financial report. The most recent Sales Tax data indicates a Fiscal Year to Date drop in revenues of 20.7% from Fiscal Year 08/09 to Fiscal Year 09/10. The Sales Tax Revenue Forecast for the Fiscal Year 09/10 is approximately \$141,000 below budget. This is distressing news that undoubtedly demands further austerity.

## **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

I have temporarily moved my office down to the Engineering and Public Works office at the City Yard, because I am serving at the Interim Public Works Director. I am splitting my time between City Hall and the City Yard.

## **ASSISTING THE CITY OF LAKEPORT**

The cities in the region have a long tradition of helping each other and cooperation. In that spirit, I volunteered to assist the City of Lakeport on Monday, January 11, 2010, by sitting on an interview panel for the new Lakeport City Manager.