

**CITY OF NEVADA CITY  
2010 ANNUAL STATUS REPORT  
TO CITY COUNCIL AND  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)**

Below is a listing of updates and improvements by City departments relative to infrastructure and improvements during the year of 2010:

**CITY ENGINEER:**

1. Completed and submitted applications for water system grant in the amount of \$650,000. Monies will cover costs of pipeline improvements and distribution improvements. Grant award announcement in Spring of 2011.
2. Awarded "Safe Route to Schools" project for Zion Street and Doane Road in the amount of \$152,000. Construction completed Spring/Summer of 2010.
3. Awarded "Hirschman's Trail East" contract in amount of \$61,000 for disabled walking trail from Cement Hill Road to Hirschman's Pond (1/2 mile of 2 mile trail).
4. Completed water rate study with new water rates effective January 1, 2011.
5. Continued City mapping with sewer, water, planning updates.
6. Mentored Jonathan Lehman, City Engineering Intern, during summer. Jonathan provided presentation to Commission and Council regarding potential sites for benches and bicycle racks throughout the City.

**CITY MANAGER:**

1. Senior Volunteers compiled water rate study; approved by Council November 10, 2010
2. Fee study compiled by Senior Volunteer and will be presented to Council in March, 2011.
3. Strategic Planning Workshops continue to be held.
4. Acquisition of Sugarloaf Mountain. Secured \$379,255 in State Prop 40 funds and a bridge loan from the Nevada County Land Trust to fund acquisition
5. Positive progress on keeping the Courthouse on present site.
6. Nominated and selected to the Administrative Office of Courts Project Advisory Group for the Courthouse.
7. Working on Financial Feasibility Study with Nevada Irrigation District to connect to treated water

8. Police Dispatch Services Study.
9. Brownfield's Grant administered with EPA and Friends of Deer Creek.
10. A-87 indirect cost allocation completed.
11. Amgen Tour of California bike race begins in Nevada City; worked with Duane Strawser.

**FINANCE:**

1. City received an "unqualified opinion" on 2009/10 Fiscal year.
2. City has adopted the 2010/11 budget on time.
3. Passage of ordinance for tiered water rate structure.
4. Implemented credit card payment program for utility payment.
5. Successful payroll conversion to a third-party vendor.
6. Continuation of business retention program, with City Manager and Finance Director meeting with businesses quarterly.
7. Worked with the County on this year's Funds Transfer, replacing the TRAN for \$905,000 which was originally used to save money by paying off PERS side fund debt. Current year rate at .42% vs. 7.75% on PERS with rate adjustment quarterly.
8. Implementation of two tiered pension system with new retirement formulas and changed employee paid member contributions.
9. Development of a three-year revenue and expenditure financial projection.
10. Rehired a contracting back with part-time City Engineer and part-time Police Chief for salary and benefit savings.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

1. Successful in implementing a \$330,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security for the purchase of a new Wild land/Urban Interface engine.
2. Currently working with CalFire on vegetation management projects in the Deer Creek canyon.
3. Working with Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and Grass Valley City Fire Department on a fire service review committee to provide better Fire/EMS service to the three agencies.

**PARKS and RECREATION:**

1. Hirschman's Trail 80% complete.
2. Vision and Planning Study for Hirschman's Pond adopted by City Council.
3. Converted an unused volleyball court into a rentable, picnic area.
4. Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) upgrades have been made to swimming pool.
5. Progress on Tribute Trail (although not a City-project).
6. Applied for County Recreation funds to pay of bridge loan for acquisition of Sugarloaf Mountain.
7. Awarded three Brownfield's clean-up grants.
8. Completed Brownfield's Assessment grant.
9. Adopted No Smoking Ordinance on city properties.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

1. Approved two new second units. Abated two illegal second units.
2. Provided Tree Presentation to Planning Commission about trees in City and those that need to be removed.
3. Planning Commission recommended approval of rezoning applications of two properties, totaling 3.0 acres, to new "R3" Multiple High Density Residential with density of 16 units per acre (to meet Housing Element and State affordable housing mandates.
4. Begin updating of Design Guidelines for ease in public's understanding of City planning standards.
5. Participated in California Preservation Conference held in Nevada City. Planning Commission members and staff participated in historical architectural review session and signage session.
6. Processed proposed Bed and Breakfast ordinance which would allow former B&Bs that were issued use permits to reinstate the use by obtaining another use permit.
7. Began processing ordinance that would permit raising of backyard chickens in residential neighborhoods.
8. Worked with various groups regarding trail interpretative signage for Tribute Trail and way-finding signs through the City.

9. Processed extension of ordinance through Commission and Council which prohibits conversion of ground floor space to office use within the “GB” General Business zoning.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

1. Administered the \$510,000 grant received in 2009. Hired two police officers and one police records clerk.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

1. Paved Broad Street from Union to the Methodist Church, as well as York and one block of Pine Street. Costs of \$111,000 were ARRA funds.
2. Purchased new Allanz 3000 Street Sweeper with CMAQ Funds (\$178,000).
3. Created 21 ADA-accessible curb cuts in the downtown and 7-Hills District.
4. Safe Route to School Project for Zion to Brock and Doane Street was designed, funded, bid and constructed.
5. Well and water system installed at 115 Cement Hill City-owned property.
6. Hirschman’s Pond trail 80% complete with an AB1600/Recreation Trail Program Grant (\$115,000)
7. Sidewalks replaced and/or added on Walrath and Sacramento Street for cost (\$9,500).
8. Bridge Street planters and landscaping installed.
9. Replaced water services to 24 properties on Broad Street (\$47,000).
10. Replaced water services on West Broad and Coyote (\$9,500).
11. Completed water meter installation (\$30,600)
12. Various sewer line/manhole replacements (\$29,500)
13. Measure “S” paving on various streets (\$81,234)

**WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

1. Installed and brought 2 new 50 HP Blowers online to replace aging critical equipment at the wastewater plant.

2. Purchased and installed a new chlorine analyzer for better control and monitoring of our effluent discharge.
3. Installed Stream monitoring gauge and equipment on Deer Creek to better monitor river data at the point of discharge.
4. Modified our sludge processing system that allowed us to take a 40HP Blower offline. This reduced the plants electrical consumption by approx. 25%. This in conjunction with a cogeneration plant that was installed on our effluent discharge has reduced our electrical bill by about 40% over the last 6 months.
5. Ongoing work with Stantec Engineering to meet our more stringent effluent requirements set to go into effect in June
6. Repaired our perimeter fencing around the entire plant fixing some breaks in the fence due to construction, and downed trees.

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

1. Replaced cracked 12" elbow on B side BW water inlet line.
2. Two new B side sludge line actuators installed.
3. Dam face erosion control project complete. (seasonal)
4. Security fencing repair project complete.
5. Security lighting project complete.