

# City of Gridley

To: Mayor Hall and City Councilmembers  
From: Paul Eckert, City Administrator  
Subject: City Services Weekly Update  
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Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the Gridley community!

This Weekly Update is intended to provide useful and timely updates to the Gridley Community, Visitors, our Elected Officials, and our City Coworkers. We regret if we have inadvertently omitted useful items from this report. As always, your input and guidance are appreciated. Please send any response to me directly and do not "copy all."

## City Administrator/City Council/Information Technology

- Record Property Valuation Increases – June’s Building Permit valuations were the largest since the market crash. Eagle Meadows continues to construct new homes at the fastest pace since the boom years. They are currently completing 8 homes and filed and paid for permits for an additional 10 homes. Plans are underway for the remaining 17 lots in Heron Landing. There are also three in-fill residential construction projects currently underway.

GRIDLEY - Permits Issued - Summary by Type			
Butte County Date Range Between 6/1/2018 and 6/30/2018			
PERMIT TYPE	NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	VALUATION	FEES CHARGED
ETRAKIT	4	\$28,236.00	\$681.28
HVAC FRNC HT PMP HVAC CHNG OUT TO 100K BTU	2	\$18,342.00	\$340.64
REROOF RESIDENTIAL	2	\$9,894.00	\$340.64
MECH ELECTRIC PLUMB	2	\$3,600.00	\$475.28
ELECTRIC PANEL RES	2	\$3,600.00	\$475.28
NRES NON RESIDENTIAL	1	\$5,000.00	\$1,313.06
B OFFICE TENANT IMP	1	\$5,000.00	\$1,313.06
RESIDENTIAL	11	\$2,539,528.67	\$36,286.50
SFD-CUSTOM/MODEL	11	\$2,539,528.67	\$36,286.50
SOLAR ONLINE	1	\$34,068.00	\$482.42
SOLAR ROOF-RES	1	\$34,068.00	\$482.42
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$2,610,432.67</b>	<b>\$39,238.54</b>

- New Councilmember Orientation - Councilmember Lofing’s orientation started on June 5<sup>th</sup> and included an extensive series of orientation meetings lasting over a month with most all of our City staff. Hundreds of pages of relevant information including Brown Act, Council Conduct Protocols, fund accounting and local governmental finances, and Gridley Budget information were provided. We appreciate the commitment of Councilmember Lofing as well as all the various City staff participating in the extensive educational process. Special thanks to Daryl Dye and the Electric and Public Works operations; City Attorney Tony Galyean; Fire Chief Norton and the CalFire Headquarters personnel and the Gridley CalFire Fire Department; IT Director Mike Hensley; Chief Price and the Police, Dispatch, and Animal Control staff; Finance Director Juan Solis and his Team; and Jodi. All of the Team especially valued the opportunity to overview our people and facilities.
- Rio Pluma Discharge Permit – The Sewer Discharge Permit was issued to Rio Pluma for the 2018/19 fiscal year.
- Economic Development - The City Administrator is currently working with several prospects and the State Economic Development Office, congressional representatives, local economic development leaders, site selectors, and property owners, regarding the marketing of the Cannery area properties. Another follow-up showing is planned for next week.
- Arco AMPM – The project is moving smoothly. Demolition of the former McConnel Chevrolet building will be completed in early July. Construction will start following the demolition of the current buildings.
- Tuesday Night Farmers Market – Visitors are highly complementary of our Gridley Tuesday Night Farmer’s Markets. The market has great live music entertainment, water slides for the

kids, and an array of produce, foods, and hand-crafted items. Please check it out and share the word.

- Nuisance Abatement – An array of important efforts continues including: 1) the completion of a highly successful Community Clean-up and Dump Day on June 2<sup>nd</sup> including record loads of trash, appliances, and indoor furniture that had been stored outdoors; 2) very recent completion of our highly successful Annual Weed Abatement Program; and 3) identification of vacant unsafe homes and buildings to be brought to the City Council on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Engineering/Planning/Building/Code Enforcement**

- Engineering Update - City Engineer Trin Campos is coordinating our Team efforts for sewer, water, and road grant funding applications. Trin's also been active with several new projects and continues to focus on developing plans for street improvements.

**Finance**

- The Finance Department is active with the development of a wide array of budget development activities; grant responsibilities; payroll and benefits improvements; worker’s compensation cases; and organization of all work areas and file systems. Emphasis will be placed on complying with the City’s records retention policy.
- Adopted Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan – The FY 18-19 Citywide Operating budget was shared with the City and the Public at four public meetings and was adopted on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We greatly appreciate the City Council’s commitment to Gridley’s fiscal well-being. The entire public budget document will be provided in early August.
- The Finance Department, Information Technology, City Administrator, and Electric and Public Works Leadership are currently working to improve our utility billing processes.

**Electric Utility**

- Gridley 12KV Maintenance – Crews completed 70 General Order 95 corrections for the City of Gridley. The infractions may vary including construction standards, missing labels, hardware, broken cross arms, etc. Crews changed out a set of dead-end insulators that were found to have melted and were coming apart, creating possible safety issues for the residence and staff. Electric service was re-routed and replaced at 1820 Magnolia. Crews also changed out a meter at 1845 Vermont Street to a solar (NET) meter. The Electric Department is currently planning a job on Spruce Street and Washington Street including replacing four power poles that have been inspected and tested “not fit for service”. Crews will be pulling in new conductor over the railroad tracks.
- Service Calls – Crews were dispatched to Vermont Street for a customer concerned that the (NET) meter was not working properly. Upon inspection it was found to be in working order and the customer was notified. Crews were also dispatched to Bridgeford to restore power to the customer after being disconnected for non-payment.
- Contributions - City Hall reported the handicap entrance button on the exterior of the building was not working properly and appeared to be tampered with. Crews responded and made corrections to the unit.

<b>Electrical Department Activity</b>	<b>Gridley</b>	<b>Biggs</b>
Street Light Repairs	0	1
Nonpayment Shut-off/turn on	0	0
USA’s	10	2
Sets & Outs	11	0
Service calls	1	0
Trim/Remove tree	0	0
Discrepancy Report Items	0	0
After Hours Call out’s	1	0
Solar Read	0	0



- Utility Reads – Our Utility Meter Technician completed weekly tasks and also assisted the Public Works and Electric Department with various duties. The Technician is being trained on Underground Service Alerts (USA’s) and how to use the locator.
- Substation and LR Inspections - Biggs and Gridley Substations were inspected and Line Recloser inspections were also completed this week.
- Biggs 12 KV maintenance – Crews finished General Order 95 inspections for the City of Biggs and replaced a 45’ pole located at 2899 W. Biggs Gridley Road found to be in poor condition. Crews are currently preparing to replace 10 more power poles for the City of Biggs. A street light at Tenth and F Streets was repaired. Crews also assisted Biggs Public Works and an A/C contractor in changing out the A/C unit at Biggs substation.



**Fire**

- The July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday was a safe one in Gridley. Firework Stands were inspected and found to be in compliance.
- Last week there were 2 water rescues throughout the county where Rescue Support 74 and the boat responded.
- Engines 274 and 376 continue to be rented out frequently. Engine 376 was rented to the State station coverage in Butte on Sunday 6/24 and returned Thursday 6/28. Engine 376 was rented out on 6/29, and has been out since. With the current fires developing throughout the state and the Butte unit resources committed on fires, it’s expected to be utilized for some time. Engine 274 is available to be rented.
- Station personnel spent time at the Gridley Library reading with children.
- Station personnel attended a multi-company training at Openshaw Training Grounds. Personnel trained on vehicle extrication utilizing hydraulic spreaders, cutters, and rams to gain access inside a vehicle to extricate the patient, as well as rescue 42 struts which are used to stabilize the vehicle making the working area safe for personnel to work around.
- Fire Volunteers Wanted – If you know of anyone who may want to get involved and make a difference by helping neighbors and friends, please encourage them to become a Gridley Volunteer Firefighter! The City of Gridley is a combination Fire Department with full-time CAL FIRE Firefighters and Gridley area resident Volunteer Firefighters. Our Volunteers meet regularly for training. Training is conducted cooperatively with Butte County Fire and includes all basic firefighting skills: first aid, ladders, breathing apparatus use, hose streams, vehicle extrication, etc. This ongoing training is in addition to the initial basic operations training course. For more information about becoming a Gridley Volunteer Firefighter, go to [www.joinbcfd.org](http://www.joinbcfd.org) and submit a Volunteer Firefighter Interest Form.

<b>Gridley Emergency Responses</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>County</b>
Medical Aids	11	3
Traffic Collisions	0	2
Structure Fires	1	1
Vegetation Fires	2	3
Vehicle Fires	0	1
Public Assist	2	2
Cover Assignments	0	4
smoke checks, hazardous conditions, control burns, etc.	1	4
Technical Rescues	0	0

**Police**

- The Department continues in its goal to provide quality service in all aspects of public safety to the citizens we serve. Police patrol was active in both communities of Gridley and Biggs. The Department served several local arrest warrants during the week.

- Officers increased traffic enforcement efforts in both communities to promote safe driving habits.
- Catalyst and Catalyst Advocate Chasidy Walker recognized individually and separately Police Officers; Alberto Rodriguez, Jim Roberts and Tony Lara for directing victims of domestic violence to services and resources during their law enforcement responsibilities. Catalyst Advocate Walker provided letters of commendation for each officer for their professionalism, empathy and commitment to assisting victims of domestic violence. We congratulate each officer on their exceptional performance.
- Police personnel attended the monthly North Valley Gang Information Network meeting in Chico. The attendees discuss gang trends and enforcement efforts in Butte County. Police Administration attended the monthly Butte Narcotics Interagency Task Force meeting and the Law Enforcement Administrators meeting in Oroville.
- Gridley Police personnel joined the Fire Department in Gridley Little League's 911 Challenge Softball Game. Police and Fire battled it out against the Gridley Little League coaches in this annual fundraiser for the little league.
- Animal Control continues to provide proactive patrol and compassion for lost/stray animals. Animal Control personnel are encouraging our community canine owners to license their dogs. This provides a great record for any pet owner if they should lose their dog and enables Animal Control staff to find and return their pet.

City of Gridley - Police Activity	May 2018	2018 YTD	2017 Year Totals
Adult Arrests	48	240	660
Juvenile Arrests	7	21	23
Misdemeanor Arrests	44	227	584
Felony Arrests	6	34	91
Felony Crimes Reported	7	58	154
Misdemeanor Crimes	58	279	653
<b>Total Police Incidents*</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>6,156</b>	<b>13,894</b>
Battery	14	62	130
Burglary	6	40	77
Deceased Person	0	4	14
Vandalism	14	52	75
Stolen Vehicle	1	7	25
Robbery	0	1	3
Public Intoxication	8	14	53
Patrol Request	17	50	385
Medical Aid	13	65	300
Area Checks	99	515	1,595
Pedestrian Checks	71	311	657
Disturbing the Peace	53	220	343
Total 911 Calls	295	1,375	3,400
Total Traffic Collisions	5	32	81
Name Exchanges – Traffic Accidents	2	4	12
Total Traffic Citations	76	345	632
DUI Arrests	3	13	20
Traffic Stops	146	862	2,012
Extra Help Hours	140.25	1,847.25	3,961.75
RSVP Hours	18.00	82.00	220.00
<i>"Police Incidents" are those Police responses originating from telephone calls to the Dispatch Center, walk-ins at the Police lobby, Police Officer self-initiated activity and email or social media communications.</i>			

**Public Works**

The Public Works Department Leadership and Crewmembers are responsible for a broad array of important duties including: Water Distribution; Water Production; Sanitary Sewer Collection; the Wastewater Treatment Plant; Street and Sidewalk Maintenance; our Maintenance Districts; Parks Maintenance; City Building and Facility Maintenance.

- Public Works Crews completed the storage building at the Sewer Plant.
- Removal of damaged curb, gutter and sidewalk on Spruce Street has begun.
- Crews have started deep ripping in the percolation ponds and have started disking in front of the sewer plant to help with weed control.
- Pothole patchwork continues throughout the City.
- Public Works Crews overlaid the 900 block of Magnolia Street.
- A pump quit working at the Eagle Meadows sewer lift station. Crews pulled the pump and found debris wrapped around it. The debris was removed and the pump was placed back into service. Hwy 99 sewer lift station had the same issue so the pump was removed, cleaned and put back into service.
- Crews cleaned up weeds at the north end of Washington Street and the Heron Landing Maintenance ditch and improved the planter areas at the Heron Landing entrance on West Biggs Gridley Road.

Department of Public Works Activity	
Water Leaks Repaired	1
Water Encoder Receiver Transmitter installed/Replaced (ERT's)	0
Sewer Plugs	0
Tree Removal/Trimmed	1
Water Related Service Calls	2
Sewer Related Service Calls	0
Under Ground Service Alerts (USA's)	4
Park Related Service Calls	0
Other Service Calls	0

Production Well	Volume Pumped	Calc. Fl	Calc. Chlor
Eagle Meadows	35.930 M.G.	.71 mg/l	.2881 mg/l
Spruce	00.000 M.G.	.00 mg/l	.0000 mg/l
Wilson	00.000 M.G.	.00 mg/l	.0000 mg/l
Little Ave.	00.000 M.G.	.00 mg/l	.0000 mg/l
Liberty	16.014 M.G.	.71 mg/l	.2991mg/l
Parkside	00.272 M.G.	.13 mg/l	.0000 mg/l

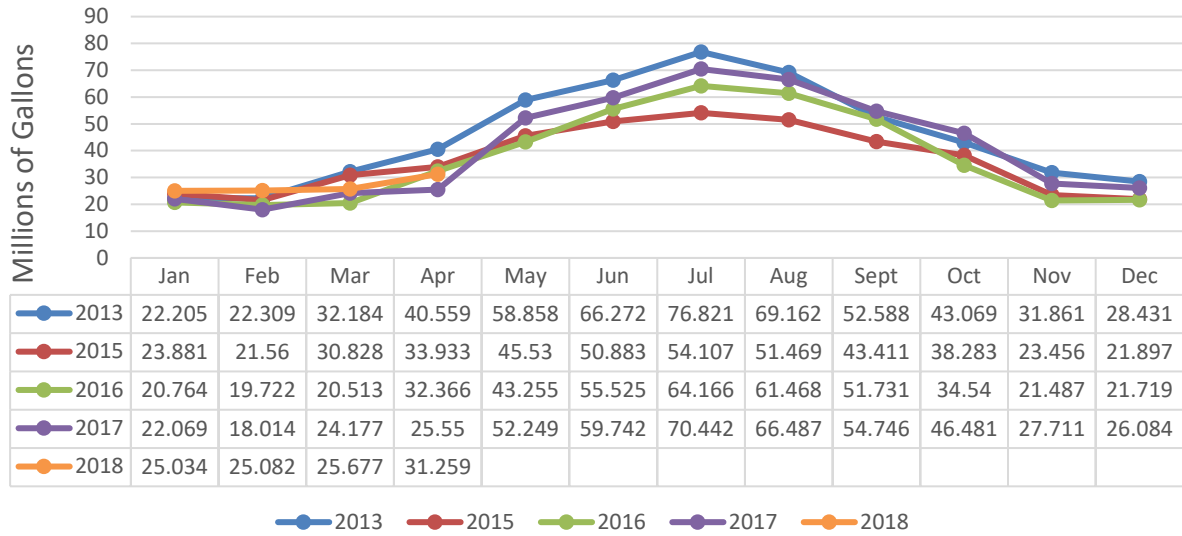
Monthly Water Production	
Total water pumped to system:	52.216 M.G.
Ave. chlorine residual in the system:	.21 mg/l
Ave. tested fluoride in the system:	.74 mg/l
Lab tested fluoride in the system:	.9 mg/l

**Past Month's Flow's at the Waste Water Treatment Plant**

Total flow to the Plant was 45.327 M.G.

Flow from Butte County Housing Authority was 726,100 gals.

## Comparative Water Usages for 2013 - 2018



### Recreation

- Recreation is currently working to enhance the usefulness and overall appearance of the Recreation Center. A new stove has been added to the Center and the large recreation room has been painted.
- Late Soccer registration remains open. Additional information available <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/departments/recreation-services/>
- The Recreation Division has added several exciting new Summer Programs including: Tumbling; Legos; and Baking. Check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/120025737091/> for more information.
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- The Recreation Community Center meeting rooms are available for rent on evenings and weekends. The rental fee is \$100 per room, with an additional refundable \$50 cleaning deposit.

### City Council Formal Calendar

- The City Council will hold its next Regular City Council meeting on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at City Hall.
- The Butte County Board of Supervisors Agenda for the 9:00 am meeting on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in Oroville can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.buttecounty.net/boardofsupervisors/BoardMeetings.aspx>

Thank you for your ongoing support and guidance.

Respectfully,

Paul