



*"Raising Expectations"*



**Joint Meeting**  
**Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees/Visalia City Council**

Tuesday, January 29, 2008 - 5000 West Cypress Avenue  
5:00 p.m. Dinner - C4 (Elected officials and senior staff)  
**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meeting - Board Room**

City of Visalia  
Mayor: Jesus J. Gamboa  
Vice Mayor: Bob Link  
Council Member: Greg Collins  
Council Member: Donald K. Landers  
Council Member: Amy Shuklian

Visalia Unified School District  
President: Juan Guerrero  
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Board Member: Larry Jones  
Board Member: Michael Lane  
Board Member: Donna Martin  
Board Member: Jim L. Qualls

**AGENDA**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS**

**CITIZENS REQUESTS** - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Unified School District Board/Visalia City Council. The Board Members and Council ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. The Board/Council members cannot legally discuss or take official action on citizen request items that are introduced tonight. In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes or a total of 20 minutes per topic. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your address.

*(Additional written materials, if any, will be made available at the meeting)*

1. VUSD Mid-Year Facilities Update – Randy Groom, Administrative Services Director, VUSD
2. Civic Facilities Authority Update – Jerry Walkowiak VUSD
3. Update on Gang Intervention Efforts – Police Chief Bob Carden

4. Possible impacts of the State Budget on local resources – Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services VUSD; Christine Statton, CFO VUSD; Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director City of Visalia
5. Visalia Community Growth Data – Assistant City Manager Mike Olmos, City of Visalia
6. Update of the Traffic Signal at Walnut and Pinkham – Eric Bons, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Visalia
7. VUSD “Program Improvement” Status Update – Stan Carrizosa, VUSD Superintendent

## **ADJOURNMENT**


### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

- Monday, February 11, 2008 Special Session 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Work Session 4:00/Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, February 25, 2008, Joint City Council/Planning Commission 4:00 p.m. – Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. 1

Joint Board/City Council Meeting Date of January 29, 2008

TO: Board of Education, Visalia City Council  
FROM: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent  
PREPARED BY: Randy Groom, Director – Administrative Services  
APPROVED BY:  Robert Groeber, Assistant Superintendent – Administrative Services  
PRESENTED BY: Randy Groom, Director – Administrative Services

**AGENDA TITLE: VUSD Mid-Year Facility Update**

**AGENDA SECTION:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Recognition/Proclamations/ Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Student Learning: Presentation/ Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
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**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

The Visalia Unified School District Administrative Services Division has been involved in numerous facilities construction, repair, refurbishing, and upgrade projects over the past several months. At this point mid-way through the school year, we take this opportunity to update the Board of Education and the Visalia City Council on the status of the many projects recently completed or now underway.

**CONTRACT CHANGES:**

None

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Informational update only – no formal action required.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None



Visalia Unified School District

Winter  
Facilities Projects  
Update

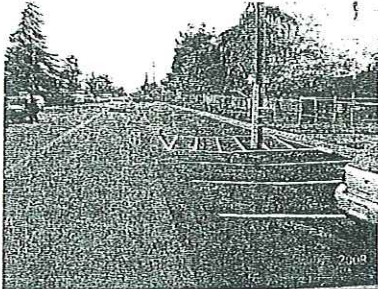
2008

Maintenance projects were conducted at 35 VUSD sites over the winter break. These projects covered the full range of:

Painting  
Plumbing  
Fencing  
Electrical  
HVAC  
Concrete Paving  
Roofing  
Gutters/Downspouts

Asphalt Paving  
Asbestos Abatement  
Flooring  
Interior Renovations  
Indoor Air Quality  
Sewer Repair  
Door Hardware Upgrades

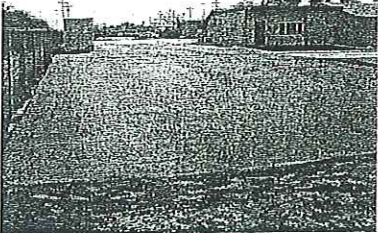
# Asphalt Paving Projects



Ivanhoe Parking Areas

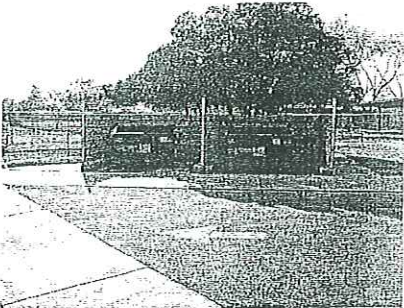


Valley Oak Middle School

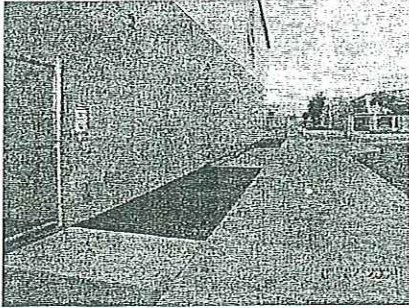


# Concrete Paving Projects

- Adult School
- Crowley Elementary
- Hurley Elementary
- La Joya Middle School
- Mountain View Elementary
- El Diamante High School

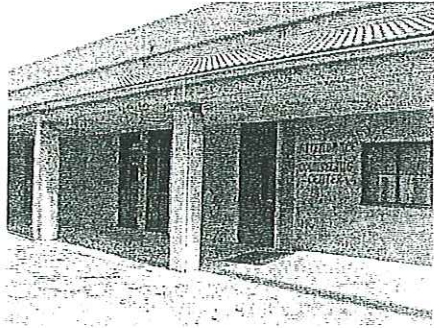


Mt. View Trash Enclosure



El Diamante High School

## Painting Projects



### Golden West High School

Window Frames, Doors,  
Door Frames across the  
campus

### Sequoia High School

Office Interior

## Electrical Projects

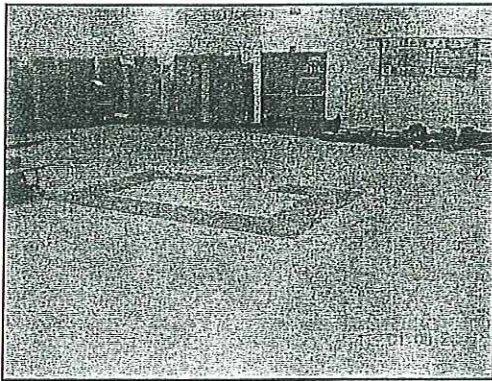
### Updates to 12kv switchgear at:

Mt. Whitney High School  
El Diamante High School  
Ed Complex

### Electrical Panel/Breaker Replacement at:

Goshen Elementary  
Highland Elementary  
Mineral King Elementary  
Pinkham Elementary  
Sequoia High School

## Flooring Projects



Conyer Elementary

Conyer Elementary  
Multi-Purpose Room

Redwood High  
School – Room 70

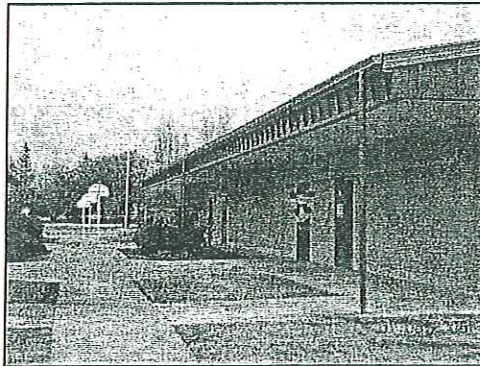
Sequoia High School  
– Staff Restrooms

## Roofing and Related Projects

Sierra Vista (RHS Annex) – Building 3

Crowley Elementary School - Buildings 8 & 9

Gutters/Downspouts at Pinkham Elementary





## Plumbing Projects

Sewer or Gas Line Replacements at:

Washington Elementary School

Golden West High School

Sierra Vista (RHS Annex)

## HVAC Projects

Package unit replacements at:

Crestwood Elementary

Charter Alternative Packwood

Boiler/Chiller System Upgrades at:

El Diamante High School

## Miscellaneous Projects

### Interior Renovations:

Green Acres Middle School  
Boys Locker Room/Restrooms  
Goshen Elementary Cafeteria

### Indoor Air Quality Improvements:

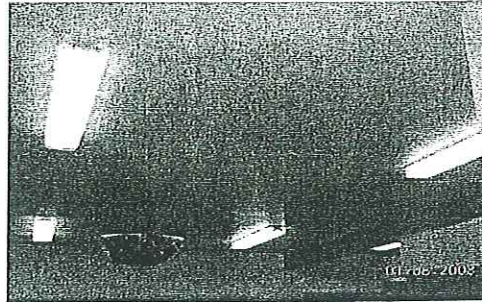
Fairview Elementary  
Charter Alternative Packwood

### Improvements to planters at:

Golden West Gym

### Door hardware upgrades at:

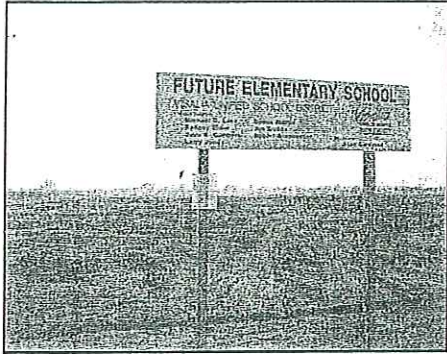
Mt. Whitney High School  
Redwood High School/Sierra Vista



Green Acres  
Boys Locker Room

# NEW CONSTRUCTION

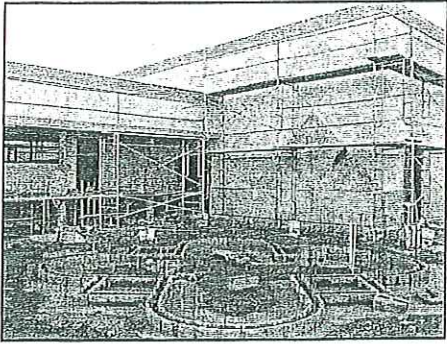
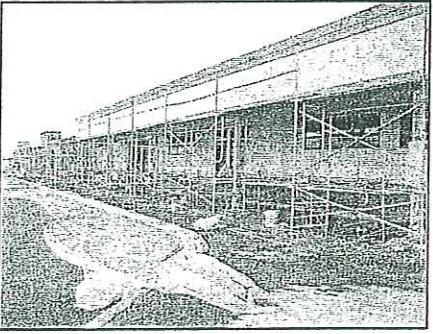
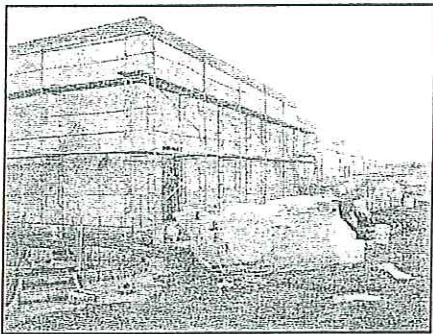
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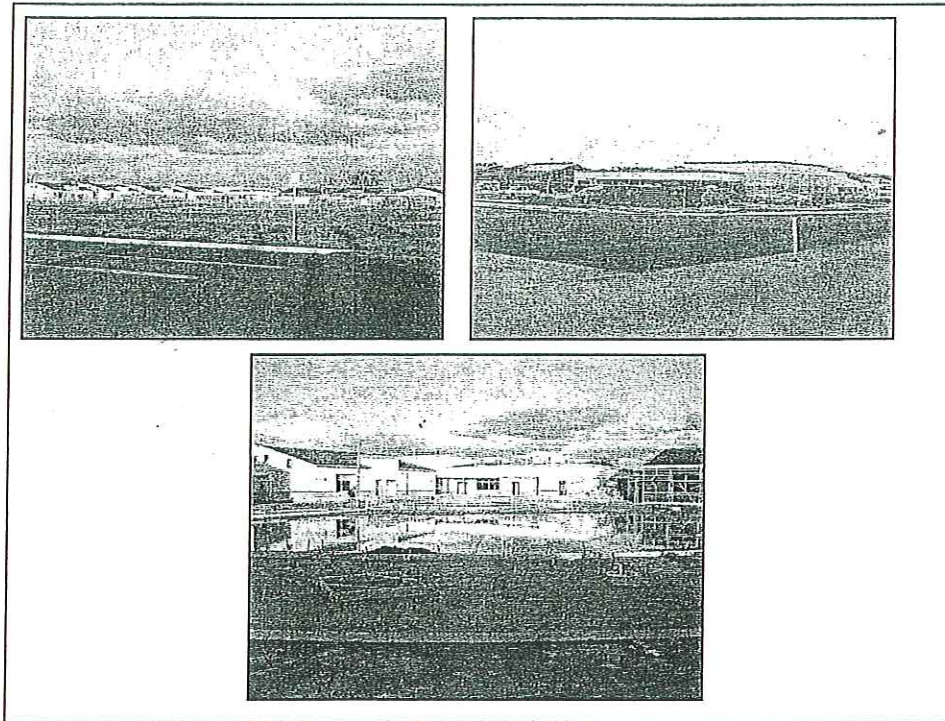


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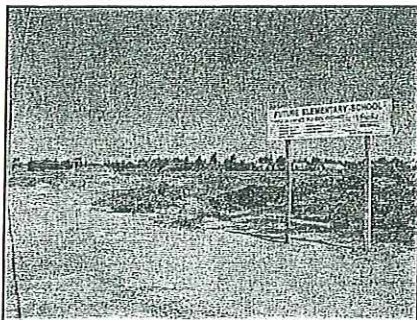


January 2008

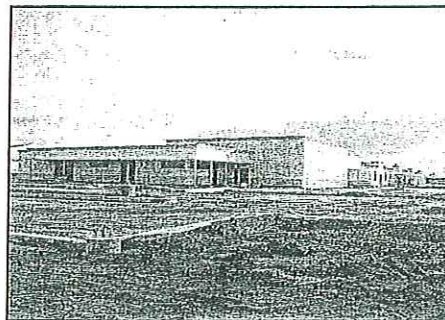




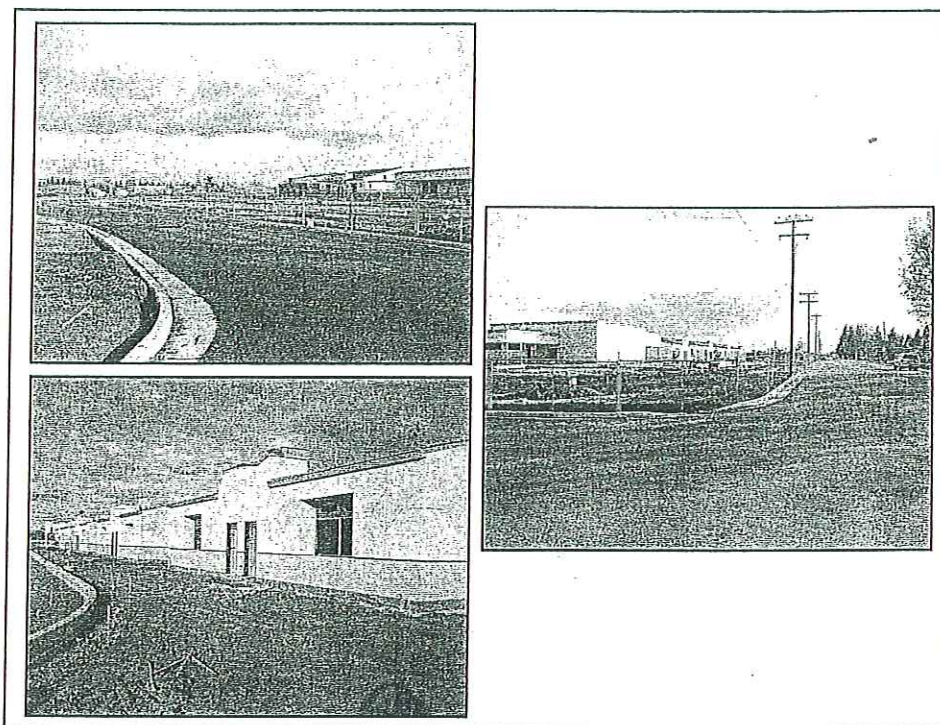
## Annie R. Mitchell Elementary Construction Underway



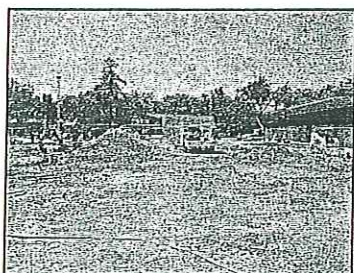
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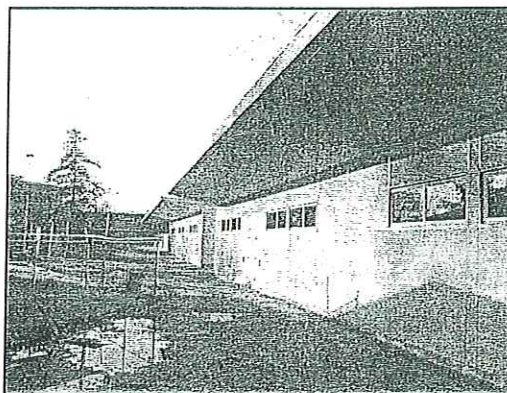
## Construction of Mt. Whitney High School Classrooms Nearly Complete

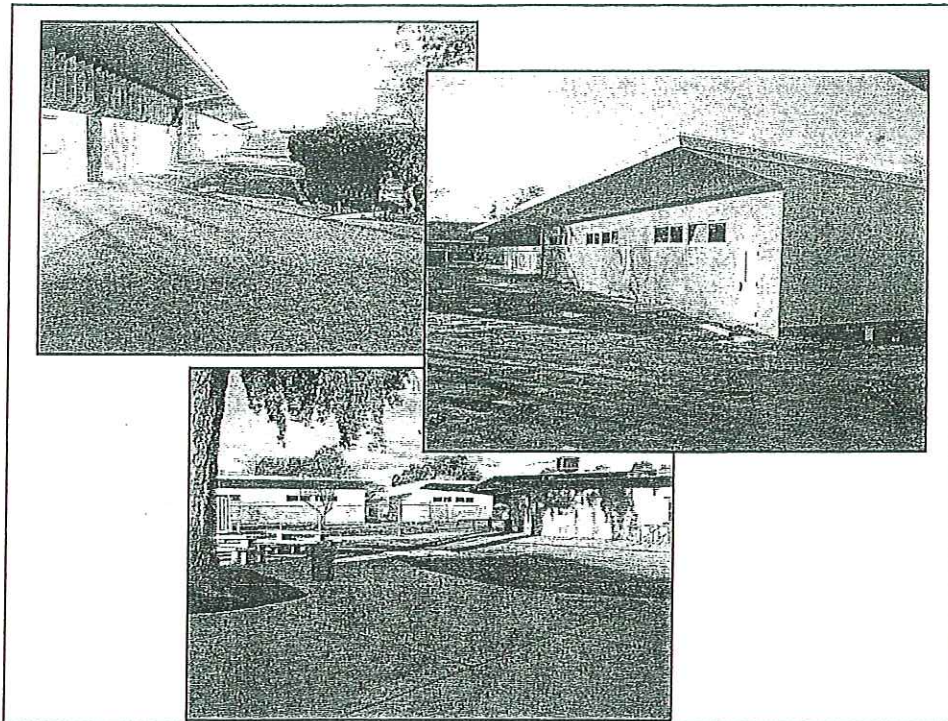


August 2007

- Four new standard classrooms
- New facility for dance instruction
- Two rooms on north side of campus refurbished to complete provision of six total classrooms

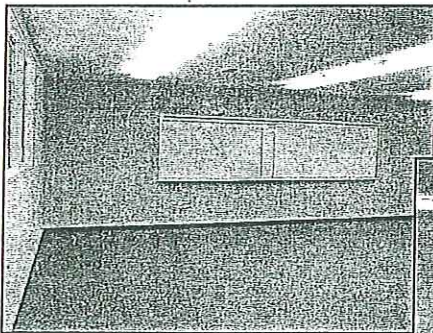
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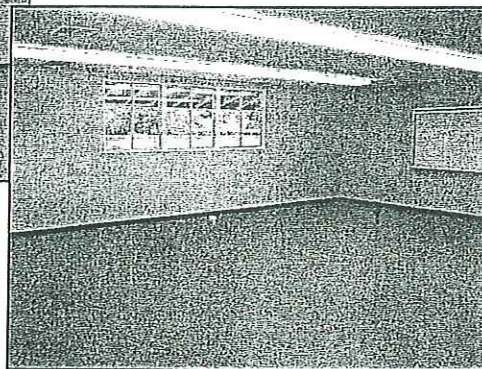


## Mt. Whitney Classrooms

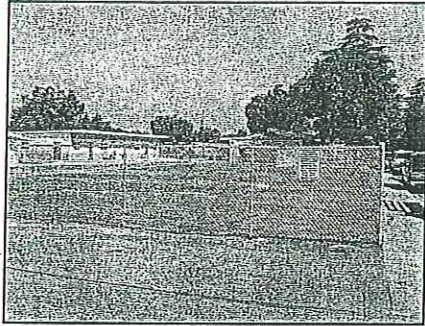
Two Older Rooms Refurbished



- New lighting
- New tackboard
- New whiteboards
- New carpeting

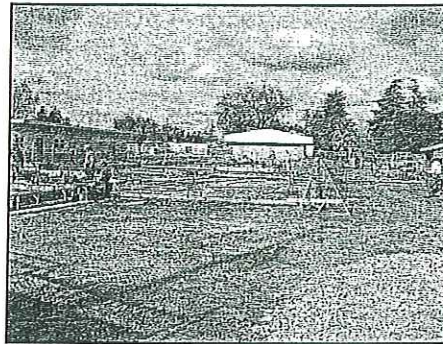


Highland Elementary School  
New Administration/Multi-Purpose Building  
Construction Underway

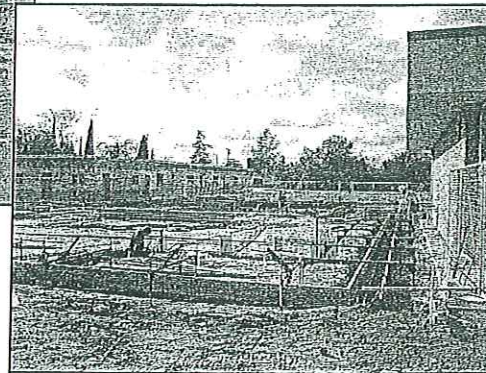
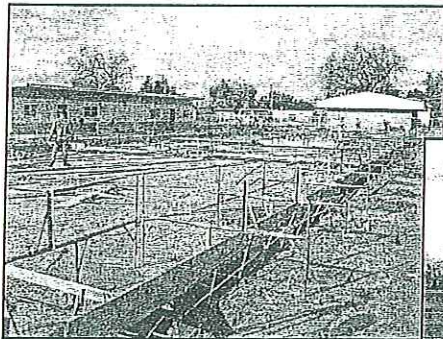


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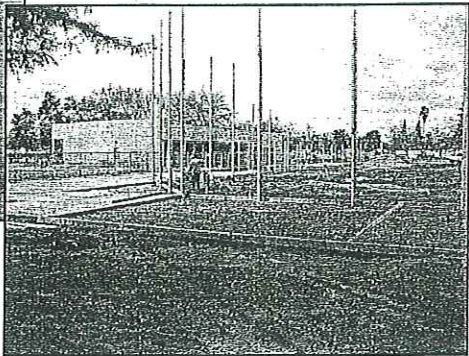
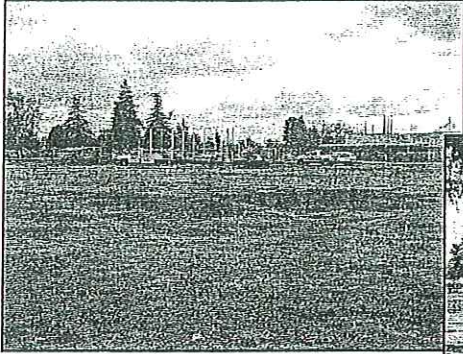
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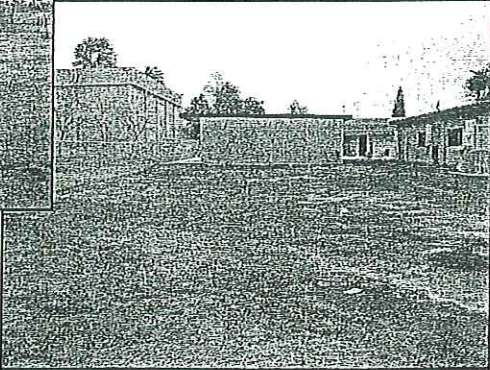
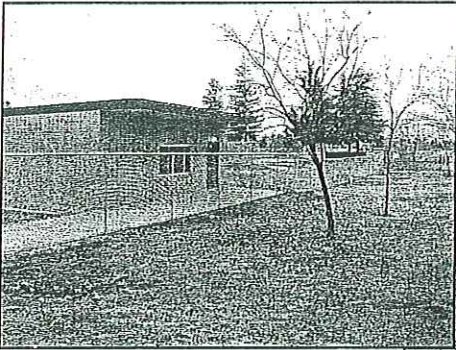
Highland Elementary School  
New Administration/Multi-Purpose Building  
Construction Underway



"Royal Field"  
New Redwood High School JV Baseball Field  
Located next to Royal Oaks Elementary  
Construction Underway



Golden West High School Fitness Room  
Site Development Soon to Begin -  
Modular Building Under Construction






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Encl. No. 2

Joint Board/Council Meeting Date of January 29, 2008

TO: Board of Education and Visalia City Council  
FROM: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent  
PREPARED BY: Jerry Walkowiak, Director, Administrative Services  
APPROVED BY:  Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent – Administrative Services  
PRESENTED BY: Jerry Walkowiak, Director, Administrative Services

AGENDA TITLE: Civic Facilities Authority Update

AGENDA SECTION:

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BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Visalia Civic Facilities Authority is a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between Visalia Unified School District and the City of Visalia. The facilities under the jurisdiction of the JPA include the LJ Williams Theater, the Rotary Theater, and the El Diamante Theater. This presentation will provide an update on the 2006-07 operations, as well as completed and planned facility upgrades.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A



# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: January 23, 2008

To: Visalia Unified School Board Members

From: Chief Bob Carden

Subject: Visalia Police Department Gang Suppression & Intervention Efforts

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At the recent Visalia City Council Retreat, a formal presentation, including this report, was provided to members of City Council for their review and consideration. It is anticipated that the members of the Visalia School Board will also find the information contained within this document beneficial. The primary focus is the Visalia Police Department's gang suppression and intervention efforts accomplished during 2007, and upcoming efforts for 2008. The Police Department continues to work closely with Visalia Schools as a partner to address this critical issue.

During this past year, the Police Department has engaged in a practice of continuous evaluation of our response to the gang issue. These evaluations have resulted in redeployments that are intended to use our resources as efficiently and effectively as possible. These evaluations have also resulted in the strengthening of our working relationships with all aspects of the community from faith-based, education, health services, allied law enforcement agencies, and others. The relationships that have been forged along the way are building on our belief that a comprehensive approach of intervention, prevention, and suppression is necessary to break the cycle of gang violence in our community.

During 2007, the number of validated gang members increased from 883 to 928. It is possible that the increase in the number of validated gang members may be the result of increased enforcement and identification efforts. A trend that was noticed in 2006 is that gang members have become savvy to the validation efforts that are required in order to obtain gang enhancements on court convictions that result in stiffer sentences. As a result, validation of gang members has become increasingly challenging as fewer gang members admit their membership outright, requiring more investigation to validate gang members. Efforts have been made since that time to improve our identification efforts.

There were twelve homicides in 2007, six of which were believed to be gang related, an increase of 3 from 2006 levels. The City, however, experienced a 14% decrease in the number of gang-related attempted murders and assault w/ deadly weapon reports in 2007 compared to 2006. There was also a 12% decrease in the number of drive-by shootings.

## **Visalia Police Department 2007 Gang Efforts**

### **Suppression Efforts**

#### ***Special Enforcement Bureau / Gang Suppression Unit***

Gang violence in 2007 seemed to occur very sporadically during the course of the year, with a majority of the events occurring in early spring (April-May) and during the summer (July-August). A redeployment of resources occurred in order to more effectively and efficiently address the gang issue. As a result of these efforts, the Special Enforcement Bureau was created and the name of the Special Enforcement Unit was changed to the Gang Suppression Unit. The Narcotics Unit was moved from the Support Services Division to the Operations Division and is now also a part of the Special Enforcement Bureau as is the G.R.E.A.T. Officer (Gang Resistance Education And Training) who transferred from the Youth Services Unit to the Special Enforcement Bureau in the Operations Division. These deployments are intended to increase sharing of information and resources that are used to conduct directed and focused enforcement measures on Visalia's gangs.

Increased suppression efforts by the Visalia Police Department's Gang Suppression Unit, with assistance from MAGNET (Multi-Agency Gang Network Enforcement Team), Visalia Police Patrol, and the Tulare County Gang Suppression Task Force resulted in 179 arrests during a five-week period; 99 of those arrests were felony arrests. Efforts by the Gang Suppression Unit in 2007 resulted in a total of 495 gang arrests and the recovery of 56 firearms.

#### ***MAGNET***

The Visalia Police Department has maintained its commitment of two Gang Suppression Officers to MAGNET, our joint enforcement partnership with the Tulare County Sheriff's Department. MAGNET focuses its enforcement efforts in the greater Visalia area to include Cutler-Orosi, Ivanhoe, Goshen, Linnell Camp. MAGNET is comprised of officers from the Visalia PD, TCSO, Tulare County DA's Office, CHP, State Parole, Tulare County Probation. The partnerships formed between these agencies has resulted in greater sharing of information and a combined multi-agency effort to impact gangs in Tulare County.

#### ***Tulare County Gang Task Force***

Officers of the VPD Gang Suppression Unit continue to work with and participate in gang details with the Tulare County Gang Task Force, which is facilitated by the Tulare County District Attorney's Office and acts as a rapid response unit to gang issues anywhere in the County.

### **Intervention & Prevention Efforts**

#### ***L.O.O.P.***

The L.O.O.P. (Local Organization Outreach Program) was implemented in June of this past year and has proven to be a successful venture by providing safe means of transportation from Visalia neighborhoods to Youth Centers throughout the City of Visalia. Total ridership for the L.O.O.P. program since its inception (June – December) was 6,573.

### ***G.R.E.A.T Program***

The GREAT Program continues to be taught in Visalia Unified School District elementary schools between grades 2-6. Officer Rob Zieg spends time with students daily discussing the dangers of gang involvement and the importance of making good decisions in their lives. Officer Zieg also conducts classes that are aimed at informing and educating parents and the community about gangs and how to identify gang involvement in youth and intervention methods.

### ***Youth Services Unit***

The Visalia Police Department Youth Services Officers work closely with the Visalia Unified School District to address gang issues on school campuses. During the summer months of 2007, Youth Services Officers were assigned to work at the various Community Centers in the City of Visalia where they connected with neighborhood youth and provided a safe environment at the centers. Youth Center representatives reported that having the Officers at their centers during the summer months made a difference in incidents occurring at the centers compared to years past.

### ***Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force***

The Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force and the Tulare County Gang Prevention Task Force (City of Visalia & County of Tulare) partnered together and sponsored the "Step Up" Tulare County Gang Summit on December 6, 2007, at the Visalia Convention Center. The Summit was host to more than 1,400 attendees who heard keynote speakers from local and State authorities and attended break-out sessions designed to inform and engage participants in the aspects of gang intervention, prevention, and suppression. The Gang Summit received very positive marks from the community and has sparked other community efforts to become more involved in the gang issue. A Youth Summit and Faith-Based Seminar are in the planning stages and should contribute to the momentum on gang intervention and prevention.

Members of the Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force applied jointly for State funds from the Cal-GRIP Program in an effort to receive State funding to expand the Neighborhood Youth Counselor Model in the greater Visalia area by adding seven NYC's in order to reach more at-risk youth and connect them to resources available from task force members. The grant application has been submitted and is awaiting review.

### ***P.A.L. Unit***

The Visalia Police Department Police Activities League continues to thrive through its leadership programs, sports programs, mentoring, and relationship-building with youth in Visalia and Police volunteers. In the year 2007, P.A.L. served a total of 2,500 kids in various P.A.L. programs such as P.A.L. Boxing, P.A.L. Jr. Giants baseball, P.A.L. Honor Camp, P.A.L. BBQ, P.A.L. Trash a Thon, P.A.L. Easter Egg Hunt, & P.A.L. Christmas party. Currently, the P.A.L. Unit is working to renovate and move into the new P.A.L. building at the old Cal-Trans facility on East Race Street in 2008.

### ***Tulare County Probation***

The Gang Suppression Unit is in the process of completing an MOU with the Tulare County Probation Department that would bring a Probation Officer into the Gang Suppression Unit to work closely with our officers. While this certainly provides the Gang Suppression Unit with a valuable resource to target known gang offenders, the goal of this relationship is to increase the

number of quality home visits conducted by probation and gang officers in order to prevent gang activity and seek to intervene with known gang offenders.

## **Upcoming Prospective Programs & Strategies**

While the Visalia Police Department has made strides in a positive direction during the course of 2007, we remain true to our practice of constantly evaluating the effectiveness of our approach and the need to be innovative and proactive against gangs. The following paragraphs highlight some of the programs that are on the horizon in our gang efforts for the upcoming year.

### **Suppression Strategies**

#### ***Gang Strategic Plan***

The Special Enforcement Bureau is in the process of developing a gang strategic plan that will address the available resources through the Department and other City, County, and State resources to attain maximum impact on Visalia's gang activity. The Special Enforcement Bureau will seek to implement more directed and focused enforcement measures aimed at core gang activities.

#### ***Special Enforcement Bureau***

The strategy of the Special Enforcement Bureau for 2008 will be to conduct directed and focused enforcement measures and investigations at known gang offenders within the City of Visalia to reduce their ability to impact activity in the city. This strategy will employ narcotics investigations, search warrants, surveillance, warrant details, probation and parole searches, multi-agency cooperation, code enforcement, sector officer involvement, etc., to reduce the effectiveness of gang leadership and known offenders within the city. It is our intent to impact gang violence in Visalia by minimizing the impact of known offenders.

#### ***Gang Injunction***

The Visalia Police Department Gang Suppression Unit is actively working in conjunction with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office in obtaining a civil gang injunction to target some of the most violent gangs in the City of Visalia. The civil gang injunction will arm the officers of the Visalia Police Department with an effective enforcement tool intended to create a safer environment for intervention and prevention efforts to take root.

#### ***Evaluate Code Enforcement Options***

The Visalia Police Department is exploring the possibility of developing a unit that would include adding a Code Enforcement Officer to the Special Enforcement Bureau as a resource to address nuisance residences or residential complexes that generate excessive calls for service due to gang activity.

#### ***Local Auto Theft Task Force***

In conjunction with the California Highway Patrol, the Visalia Police Department intends to participate and support a local agency Auto Theft Task Force.

## **Intervention & Prevention Strategies**

### ***Neighborhood Youth Counselors***

The City of Visalia has applied jointly with members of the Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force for State Cal-Grip funding to expand and enhance the neighborhood youth counselor model currently being used at the Visalia Youth Centers. Neighborhood Youth Counselors are reformed gang offenders who mentor and develop relationships with at-risk youth to steer them away from the gang lifestyle.

### ***Gang Watch Program***

The Gang Watch program has been created by the Visalia Police Department based on the G.R.E.A.T program. The intention and design of the Gang Watch program is to educate members of the community in recognizing, identifying and reporting gang activity. Members of the Visalia Police Department have been given training and will utilize the information they have received to instruct community members. The program is designed to be taught in small group settings like Neighborhood Watch meetings to allow ample opportunity for questions and open discussion.

### ***Truancy Partnership with VUSD***

Visalia Police Department Youth Services Officers will work closely with the Visalia Unified School District to develop a strategy to reduce truancy in an effort to reduce juvenile crime and gang involvement.

### ***Jobs for Youth***

Jobs for Youth is a training program designed to help at-risk youth from becoming involved in gang activity. It is a collaborative work experience program involving businesses, youth, education and government agencies for at-risk youth. At-risk youth receive life skills training and work experience while paired with mentors.

### ***Youth & Faith-Based Intervention Options***

The Visalia Police Department is supporting efforts to conduct a County-wide Youth Summit targeted to occur in Fall 2008. This is a cooperative effort amongst members of the Tulare County Gang Prevention Task Force. The Visalia Police Department and the faith-based community are also partnered in developing a faith-based seminar to mobilize resources of the faith-based community to address the issue of gangs.

### ***Tattoo Removal Assistance***

The Visalia Police Department is exploring participation of local businesses to offer “tattoo removal” assistance to aid former gang members in their efforts to leave the gang lifestyle.

### ***Family Intervention Task Force***

The Visalia Police Department is exploring the possibility of creating a Family Intervention Task Force to identify and assist at-risk families by connecting them to resources available through the Multi-Agency Gang Task Force.

### **Conclusion**

While the Police Department continues to be concerned about the level of gang violence impacting our community, we are encouraged by the progress that was made over the course of this last year on the issue of gangs. Overall crime decreased in the City of Visalia by 17% with an 8% decrease in violent crime and a 19% decrease in property crimes. The Visalia Police Department Gang Suppression Unit logged 534 total arrests, 495 of those being gang arrests and recovered 56 firearms. It is believed that these gang efforts taken during the course of this last year had an impact on those overall crime decreases. This progress was accomplished not only by the Police Department and the City of Visalia, but the community as a whole. The success of the L.O.O.P. Bus program, the growth of youth participating in P.A.L., the attendance of the Gang Summit, the relationships being forged through the gang task forces and with other local agencies, as well as the media attention, are all promising examples that this community is willing to partner with the Visalia Police Department to claim ownership of this program and to “step up” and be involved. It is imperative in this upcoming year that we continue to build on those relationships and remain focused on the goals of intervention, prevention, and suppression. Positive strides in areas of intervention, prevention, and suppression all stress the message of anti-gang, but even more importantly, pro-youth, pro-family, pro-community.

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# Visalia Police Department



Joint VUSD Board /  
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January 29, 2008

*Presented by Chief Bob Carden*

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## Overview

- *Active Gangs in Visalia*
- *Gang Demographics*
- *Gang Violence in Visalia*
- *Multi-Agency Efforts*
- *Department Realignment Strategies*
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## Active Gangs in Visalia

	2007
Total Active Gangs	12
Total Validated Gang Members	928
Female	36
Male	892
Gang Related Arrests	495
Recovered Firearms	56

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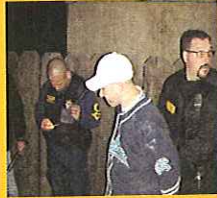
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## Gang Demographics

### Visalia Gangs:

Norteno	539
Sureno	202
Asian	104
Crip	31
White Supremacist	46
Prison	6




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## Gang Violence in Visalia

Offense	2005	2006	2007
Total Homicide / Gang Related	10 / 80%	8 / 38%	12 / 50%
Total ADW / Gang Related	287 / 28.5%	321 / 24%	337 / 20%
Total Shootings at inhabited dwelling / Gang Related	78 / 100%	89 / 100%	78 / 100%

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## Multi-Agency Efforts

- M.A.G.N.E.T.
  - Multi-Agency Gang Network Enforcement Team
  - VPD, TCSO, DA's, Parole, Probation, & CHP
- Tulare County Gang Task Force
  - V PD, TCSO, Probation, Parole, CHP, Tulare PD, Woodlake PD, Lindsay PD, Dinuba PD, Farmersville PD, Porterville PD, Exeter PD, DA's Office
- Tulare Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force
  - City Council, VPD, COV Parks & Recreation, TCSO, DA's Office, Probation, VUSD, TCOE, Reaching Youth
- Tulare County Probation & VPD Partnership
  - Intense supervision program
- District Attorney's Office & VPD Partnership
  - Court Liaison / Case filing program

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## Department Realignment Strategies

- Formation of Special Enforcement Bureau (S.E.B.) consisting of:
  - Gang Suppression Unit - 9 Officers
  - Narcotics Unit - 5 officers
  - G.R.E.A.T. Officer (Gang Resistance Education and Training) – 1 officer

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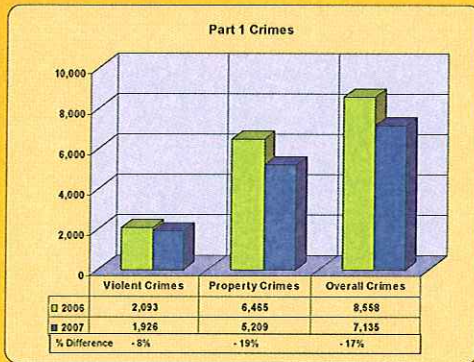
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## Crime in 2007




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## Prevention & Intervention Strategies



- G.R.E.A.T. Program
- PAL
- L.O.O.P.
- Youth Services Officers Presence at Community Centers
- Gang Summit 2007

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## Upcoming Prospective Programs

- Gang Strategic Plan
- Neighborhood Youth Counselors
- Explore Truancy Partnership w/VUSD
- Evaluating Code Enforcement Options
- Jobs for Youth
- Youth & Faith Based Intervention Options
- Tattoo Removal Assistance
- Family Intervention Task Force
- Local Auto Theft Task Force w/CHIP
- Gang Injunction
- Gang Watch

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## Questions?

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. 4

Joint Board/Council Meeting Date of January 29, 2008

TO: Board of Education; Visalia City Council  
FROM: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent  
PREPARED BY: Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer  
APPROVED BY:  Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services  
PRESENTED BY: Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

AGENDA TITLE: VUSD 2008-09 State Budget Update – Governor’s Proposed Budget

AGENDA SECTION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Recognition/Proclamations/ Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Student Learning: Presentation/ Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Comment/Public Interest Announcements/Status Reports/Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Routine Action
<input type="checkbox"/> General Agenda: Review/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Panel Recommendations/ Action

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The state of California is facing a current budget crisis affecting 2008-09, and possibly impacting 2007-08 (current year). This presentation will provide a review of the Governor’s proposed State Budget for 2008-09 as proposed in January. Highlights of Visalia Unified’s 2008-09 budget development will also be discussed in relation to the state budget.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

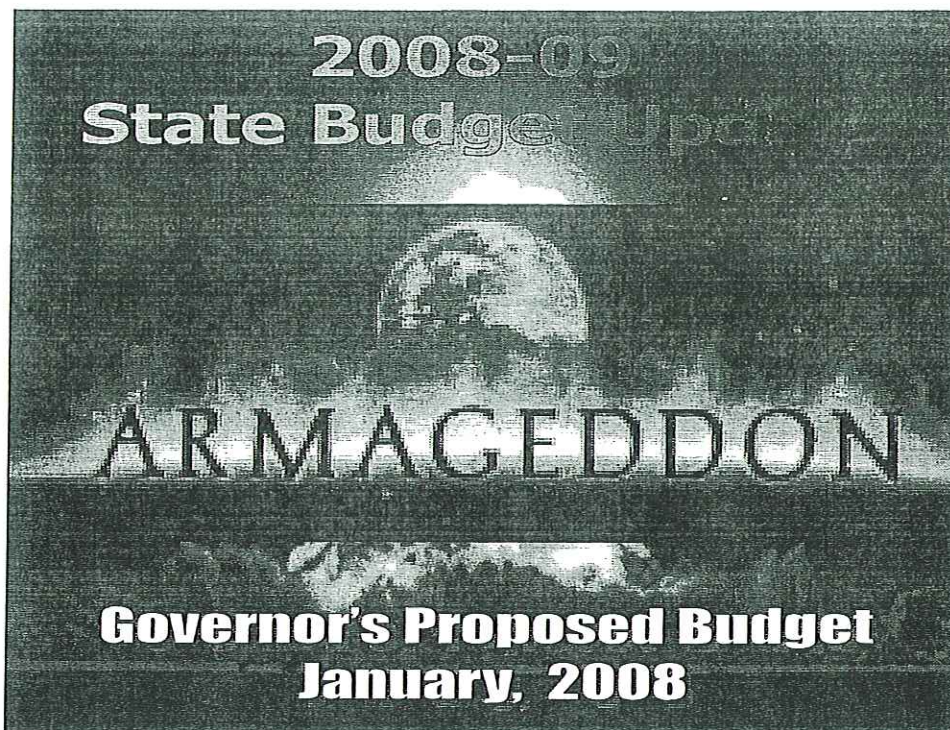
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

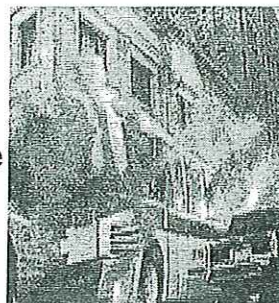


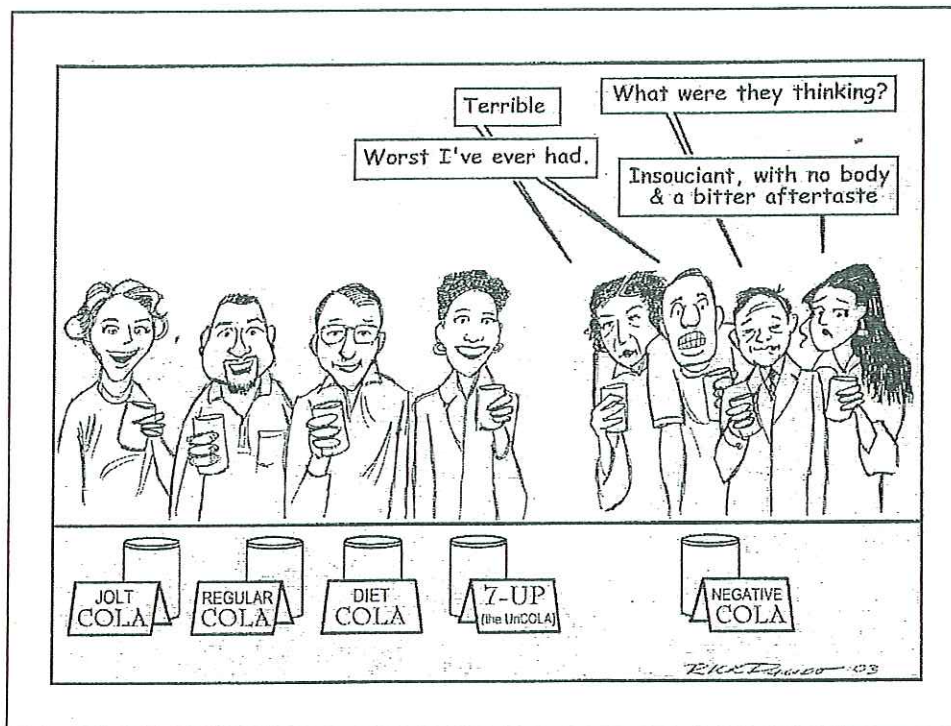


## **Governor's Approach to 2008-09**

Governor continues to deal with \$14.5 billion problem

- Across-the-board cuts in all areas of government
- Suspension of Proposition 98
  - Needed to make a \$4+ billion cut to education
- Dramatic cuts in all areas also have an impact on children and families
  - Social services
  - Health services

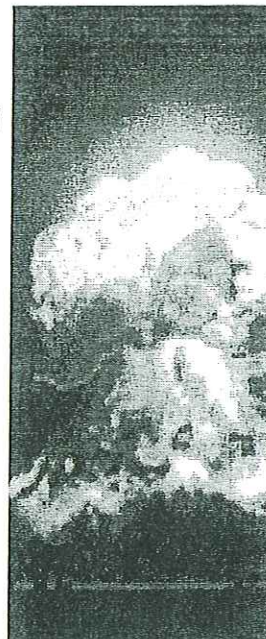




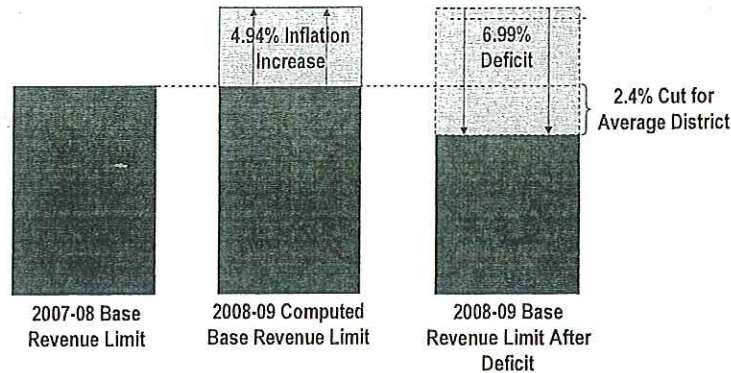
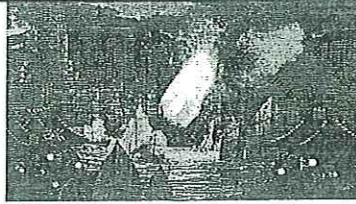
## Governor's Budget – 14B Deficit!

A 6.1B deficit for 2007-08 leads to a 14.5B deficit for 2008-09!

- No mid-year cuts in 07-08 in General Fund Unrestricted–
- OR** - .5% mid-year cut to General Fund? Reduce prop 98 by 400m in 2007-08
- Statutory COLA formula generates a 4.94% increase
- Cash shortfall dictates possible 6.99% deficit factor.
- Leads to an overall reduction to revenue limits for 2008-09 of about 2.4% below current year
- No funding for equalization aid
- Possible suspension of Prop 98



## 2008-09 K-12 Revenue Limits



Caution: Impact of deficit depends on district-specific revenue limit

\*Assumes mid-year cuts are absorbed by other means

## Governor's Budget, continued



- Categorical programs are expected to share the pain
  - funding for 2008-09 reflects 4.94% COLA, but 10.9% cut
  - for net decrease of 6.5% below 2007-08 level
- Similar to City Special Revenue funds losing 6.5% of the funding in all Special Revenue Funds, except that 90% of our costs are in people!



## VUSD Budget History

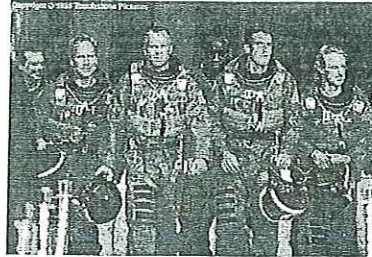
The State of California will be facing another budget crisis for 2008-09.

2002-03 brought mid-year revenue limit cuts to all districts, suspension of prop 98, and deferred revenue receipts.

The difficult financial years, which included program and Class Size Reduction cuts, lasted until 04-05.

AREA OF REDUCTION	2002-03 MID-YEAR CUTS	2003-04 REDUCTIONS	2004-05 REDUCTIONS
Central Administration	1.2 M		
Central Warehouse	90K	310K	
Board/Supt	13K	76K	
Central Staff Development	10K	30K	117K
Central Admin Supplies	100K		
Central Facilities Department	130K		
CSR Grade 9		121K	
CSR Grade 3		822K	
Reduce AP Work Year 7-12		220K	
Reduce PIAP Work Year K-6		125K	
Advisory Period 7-8		700K	
H.S. Print Shops		157K	
H.S. Libraries		247K	
D.A.R.E.		80K	
Health Teachers 4-6			550K
Independent Study 9-12			500K
Admin Svcs Class Mgmt			240K
K-6 Asst. Principal Positions			213K
Centralized Classified Services			182K
YRE Centralized Savings			122K
Reduce Work Year Student Svcs.			50K
Central Maintenance			267K
Reduce Central Svcs/Oper.			400K
Mgmt Health Premium Payment		80K	80K
<b>TOTALS (7,232,000)</b>	<b>1,543,000</b>	<b>2,968,000</b>	<b>2,721,000</b>

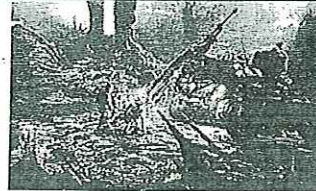
## Staff Response



### Protect programs and services/avoid employee layoffs

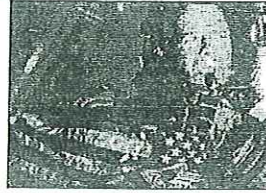
- Reduce current year budgets to help with future year costs
- Await additional information from legislators in the next few weeks
- Buy one year's time with use of one-time monies (reserve; any other budget savings)
- Immediate strategies implemented in 2007-08:
  - No immediate decreases to school site funding

## Staff Response, continued



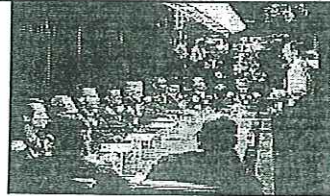
- Immediate actions for centralized services
  - Soft Freeze:
    - 1) All hiring – review all vacancies
    - 2) Overtime – review all assignments
    - 3) Materials & Supplies – 10% reduction of remaining budgets
    - 4) Consultant Service Contracts – review general fund
  - Hard Freeze:
    - 1) All travel & conference – General Fund & Categorical (including school site budgets)
    - 2) Capital Improvements – furniture and equipment
  - Prepare for 2008-09
    - 1) "Line-by-line" budget gleaning and encumbering of all one-time and ongoing available general fund revenues.

## How to balance



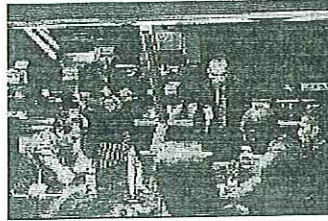
- Identify and re-appropriate all available gleanings/contingency funds/savings from 2007-08 budget line item by line item
- The general fund reserve beyond 3% is available (currently 4.75%), but should be used as a last resort, as it is one time funds
- Negotiate through Collective Bargaining to fund increases in employee health insurance costs

## How to balance



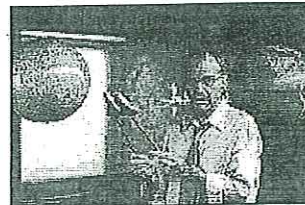
- If COLA is zero (with no additional cuts):
  - Results in a 5.1M deficit
  - Salary increases are unlikely in light of the probable zero (or negative) COLA
  - Projected increases in employee health insurance still outpace all revenues without further cuts to the general fund
  - Our District may have a "qualified" certification from the county until we achieve a balanced budget

## How to balance



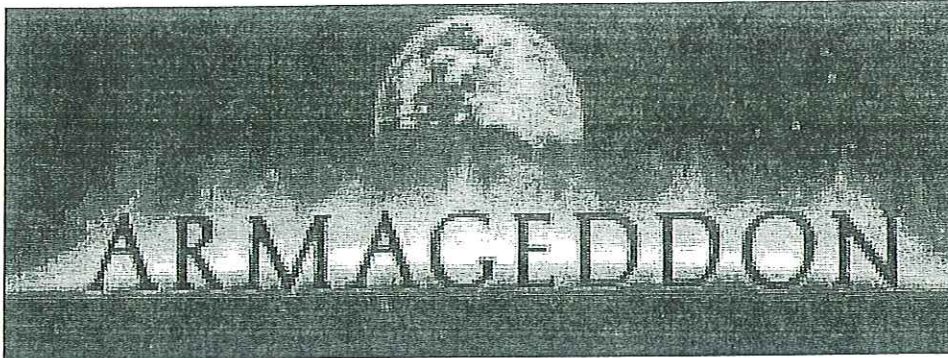
- If COLA is reduced beyond 2007-08 funding levels by 2.4%
  - Results in a 9.1M deficit (4.M cut)
  - Our District will have a “qualified” budget certification until necessary cuts are made (for 2009-10)

## How to balance



### In either case:

- Buy one year's time with use of reserves, savings, and contingencies
- Allows us to analyze further cuts based on an *actual* state adopted budget, rather than just speculation



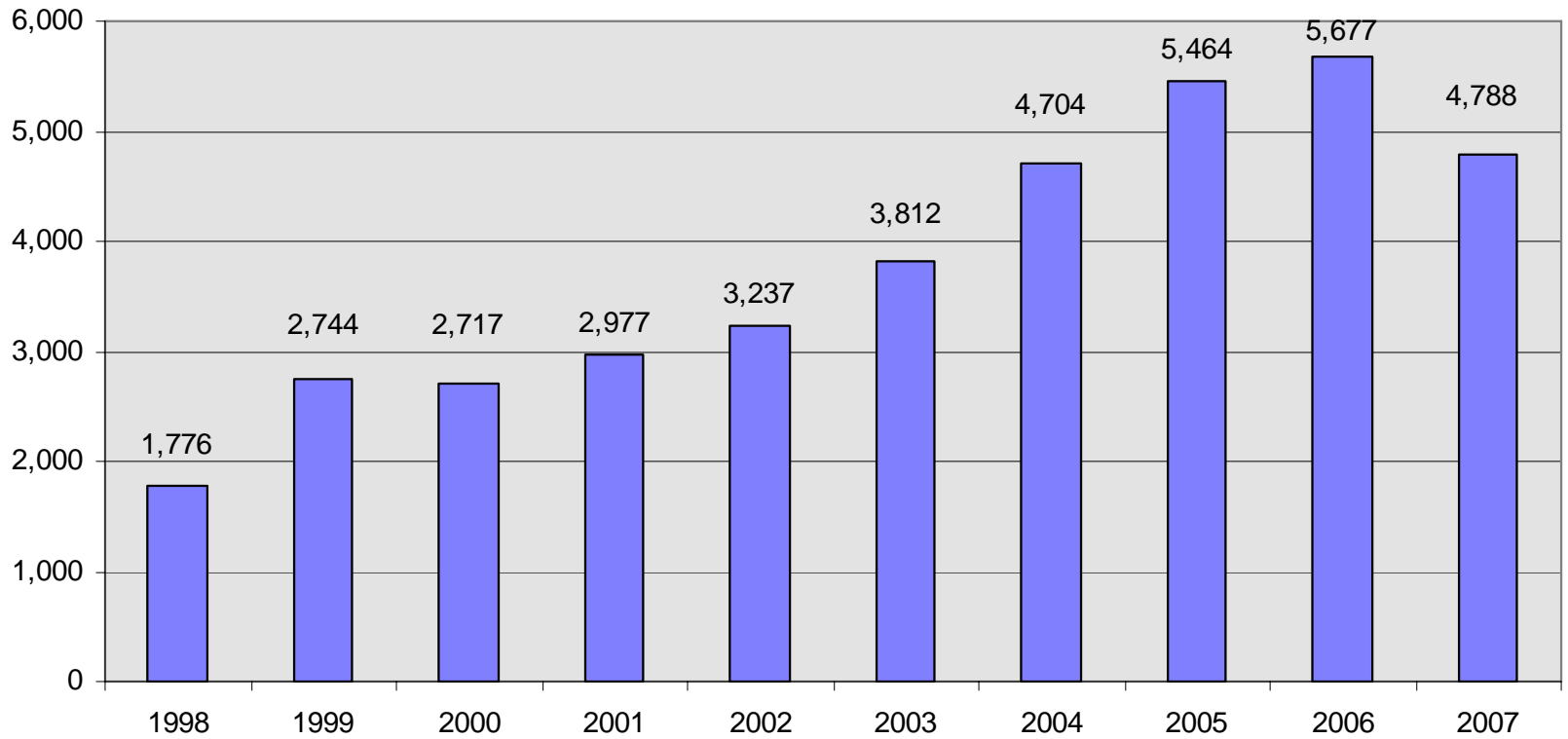
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# **CITY OF VISALIA BUILDING PERMIT STATISTICS**

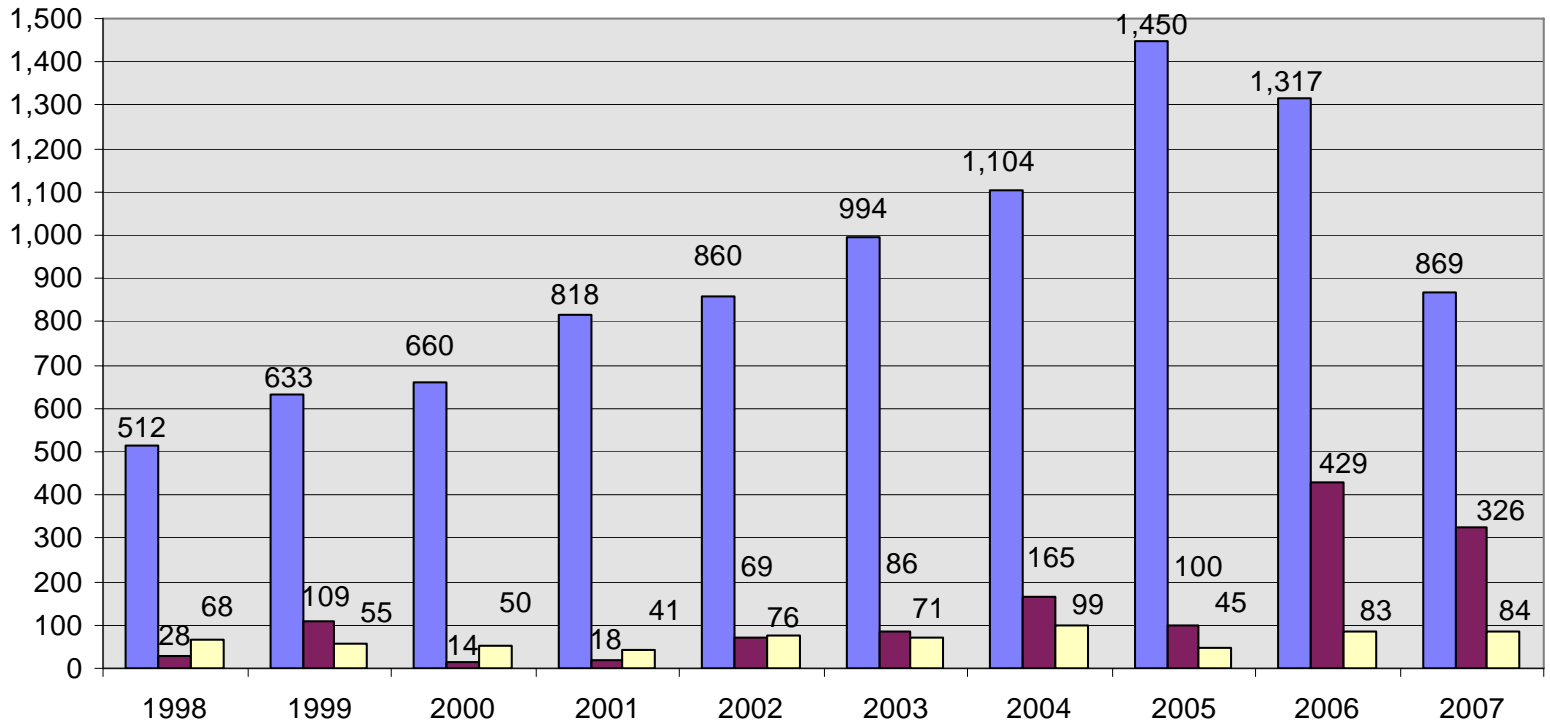
## TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS BY YEAR



## NEW CONSTRUCTION PERMITS BY YEAR

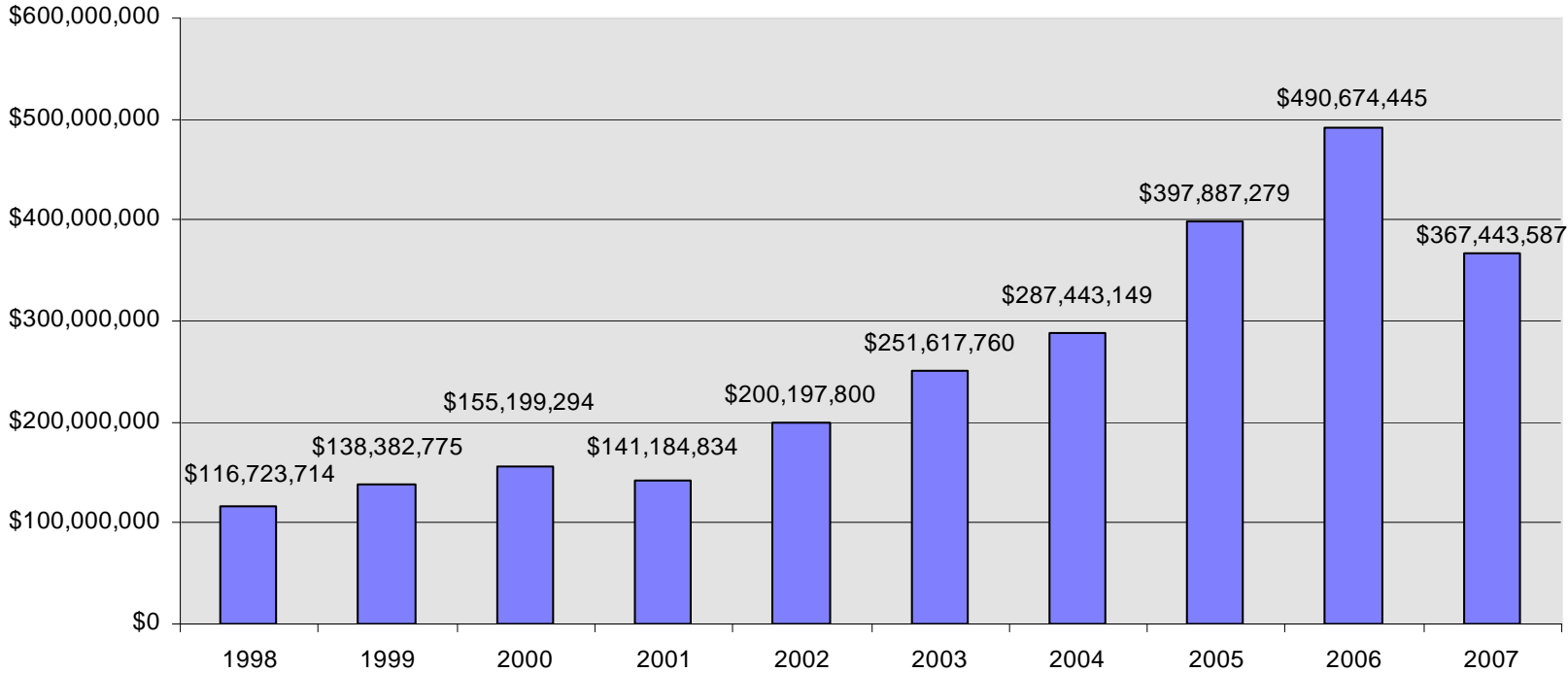
■ SFD UNITS ■ MFD UNITS ■ COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

**BLDGS**





### TOTAL PERMIT VALUATION BY YEAR



## City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

**Meeting Date:** January 29, 2008

**Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk):**

**Agenda Item Wording:** Status report for the intersection of Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue.

**Deadline for Action:** Not Applicable

**Submitting Department:** Public Works Department,  
Traffic Safety Division

**Contact Name and Phone Number:**

Andrew Benelli, Public Works Director, 713-4340  
Eric Bons, Senior Civil Engineer, 713-4350

### Background

The City of Visalia staff recently performed a traffic study of the intersection of Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue and it was determined that an all-way stop is warranted. The warrants for a traffic signal were also satisfied and staff installed the all-way stop on August 28, 2007 in advance of the intersection being signalized.

The signalization of the intersection will help the vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow on Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue associated with the new elementary school south of the intersection.

City staff has executed a professional services contract with a traffic engineer to design a fully actuated traffic signal for the intersection of Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue. The plans and specifications are 75% complete and the City is in the process of receiving quotes for the City to purchase the poles and mast arms. The table below shows the relative time frame associated with the different phases of the overall project.

The City of Visalia is in the design process for a traffic signal at this location. Once the design and construction documents are completed, then the City can advertise for the construction of the traffic signal. The construction of the traffic signal is estimated to take five months to complete. A preliminary schedule is shown below for the different phases of the traffic signal project.

**For action by:**

City Council  
 Redev. Agency Bd.  
 Cap. Impr. Corp.  
 VPFA

**For placement on which agenda:**

Work Session  
 Closed Session

**Regular Session:**

Consent Calendar  
 Regular Item  
 Public Hearing

Est. Time (Min.):   2  

**Review:**

**Dept. Head** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials & date required)

**Finance** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Atty** \_\_\_\_\_

(Initials & date required or N/A)

**City Mgr** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials Required)

If report is being re-routed after revisions leave date of initials if no significant change has affected Finance or City Attorney Review.

<u>Task</u>	<u>Estimated Duration</u>
Plans, Specifications and Estimate of Traffic Signal Documents	February 2008
Advertise and Award Contract	February 2008 through March 2008
Construction of Traffic Signal	March 2008 through July 2008

Staff will continue to work on this project for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue. The traffic signal can be constructed within the existing right of way.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

**Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected):** Not Applicable

***Financial Impact***

**Funding Source:** Gas Tax Fund (1111) 1111-9804

**Budget Recap:** Total Estimated cost: \$225,000 New Revenue: \$  
Amount Budgeted: \$225,000 Lost Revenue: \$  
New funding required: \$ 0 New Personnel: \$  
Council Policy Change: Yes \_\_\_\_ No X

***Environmental Assessment Status***

**CEQA Review: No**

**NEPA Review: No**

**Tracking Information:** (Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)

None



VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. 7

Joint Board/Council Meeting of January 29, 2008

TO: Board of Education & Visalia City Council

FROM: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent

PREPARED BY: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent

APPROVED BY: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent

AGENDA TITLE: VUSD "Program Improvement" Status Update

AGENDA SECTION:

Public Recognition/Proclamations/  
Action

Focus on Student Learning: Presentation/  
Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action

Public Comment/Public Interest  
Announcements/Status Report/Action

Administrative Panel Recommendations/  
Action

Routine Action

General Agenda: Review/Public  
Comment/Board Discussion/Action

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Assistant Superintendent Carlyn Lambert and Superintendent Carrizosa will give an update on the status of VUSD as a Program Improvement (PI) District under the state and federal school accountability systems.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A