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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

**Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report
December 10, 2025**

Illumination Festival Recap

Saturday's Illumination Holiday Festival truly lived up to its name drawing our biggest crowds yet. According to PlacerAI, our reporting resource that tracks cell phone data, attendance grew from 5,900 visitors in 2024 to 8,300 this year. When factoring in young children without cell phones, total attendance is estimated to be closer to 10,000 guests. About half were Elk Grove residents (50.8%), while 49.2% traveled in from outside the city. Businesses near District 56 got a nice boost from visitor traffic before and after the event too. Staff is currently gathering feedback and developing ideas to keep the celebration safe, welcoming, and even brighter in 2026. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported this year's fourth annual festival.

Spreading Holiday Cheer: Elk Grove Toy Project

The Elk Grove Police Department and Cosumnes Fire Department will bring holiday cheer to over 130 families and approximately 350 children through their annual Holiday Toy Project. New, unwrapped toy donations are being accepted at the Police Department and at Cosumnes Fire Department stations through December 18.

Light Up Elk Grove

The Chabad of Elk Grove will host their 4th annual Light Up Elk Grove Chanukah event this Sunday, December 14 from 2-5 p.m. at the Old Town Plaza (9615 Railroad Street). Festivities will include the lighting of a 9-foot LED Menorah, latkes, doughnuts and other delicious food and drinks, and activities for the family. This is a free event sponsored by the City.

Scholarship Supports Future Community Leaders

The City of Elk Grove is proud to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to help local students take the next step toward a career in public service. Working with the Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation, applications are now being accepted. High school seniors living in Elk Grove and planning to attend a four-year university or community college as a full-time student may be eligible to apply. Details and the application can be found on the Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation website.

Holiday Service Schedule

Council will be in recess on Wednesday, December 24 and City facilities will be closed December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and December 31 and January 1 for the New Years holiday. Trash service will operate on a delayed holiday schedule.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE *Updated as of Wednesday, December 10, 2025*

District56

Description: The City is developing a multi-phased recreational campus on 56 acres just east of Big Horn Boulevard and south of Civic Center Drive. The site is known as District56 to honor the suggestion of "District" during the public naming process and 56 for the number of acres on the site. Individual projects are described in detail below. The Elk Grove Aquatics Center, the Center (including Senior Center and Veterans Hall), The Avenue of the Arts/Commons, Veterans Grove and the Preserve Nature Area are complete and operational. Future planned phases include a library and performing arts center.

The District56 website has been launched and can be found at: <http://www.district56elkgrove.com/>.

Amenity: Library and Performing Arts
The City has finalized a plan for the future Library and Cultural Arts Center (including a Performing Arts Center). Recommendations were presented to the Council on August 22, 2018 and were well received. The cost estimate (prepared in 2018) for the facility is between \$82-\$113 million depending on the program size and additional amenities desired.

Project Elevate: An Elevated Retail, Dining, and Entertainment Experience for Elk Grove

Description: The City owns a 20-acre property at the southeast corner of Elk Grove and Big Horn Boulevards, just north of District56 (the Civic Center/Aquatics Center). The City has evaluated future development opportunities for the site and has determined that a development project consisting of a mixed-use town center-style development that includes retail, dining, entertainment, office, a hotel, and potential residential is the preferred project at the site. The objective of the project is to elevate the level of retail, dining, entertainment, and hospitality amenities in the City, while at the same time developing the site with enhanced design elements that promote pedestrian activity and include central, public gathering spaces. For these reasons, the City refers to the project as Project Elevate.

Update: On June 25, 2025, the City Council authorized a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City and developer CenterCal. Under the terms of the Agreement, CenterCal will purchase the property from the City for \$4 million and will develop a project consistent with the City's vision. The project will consist of a minimum of 100,00 SF of new-to-market elevated retail and dining, a four-story 100 room boutique hotel, and 10,000 SF of second floor uses that could include office, retail, or residential. The project could include market-rate and affordable residential units, as well.

Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Association (JPA)

Description: The Five agency Joint Powers Authority (City of Elk Grove, City of Folsom, City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento, County of El Dorado) are working to develop a connector road linking Hwy 50 in El Dorado County at the future Silva Valley Interchange in El Dorado Hills with Interstate 5 at the Hood Franklin Interchange.

Update: Sheldon Area

The Grant Line Road Precise Roadway Plan Study that focused on the 2.7-mile Segment C of the Connector was presented to City Council on August 24, 2022 where Council agreed with the recommended Roundabouts versus Signals and the inclusion of an additional intersection between Sheldon Road and Calvine Road to reduce out of direction travel. Direction to initiate further analysis of the Wilton Road Intersection alternatives, and the incorporation of the preferred intersection controls into the Rural Area Community Plan of the General Plan as part of a future General Plan Update was also provided. Project WTR091, Grant Line Rd. and Wilton Road Operational Improvements is in Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) with AECOM Engineering. Dokken is concurrently working to complete the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane. This process is expected to be completed by spring of 2026.

Update: Kammerer Road Extension

The City is preparing the 65% design package for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville. Design continues to progress, and right-of-way acquisition activities have begun. An offer has been made to the full acquisition parcel and the property owner has requested their own appraisal before continuing to proceed with right-of-way negotiations.

Library Relocation

Description: In 2006, the City facilitated the relocation of the Elk Grove branch to 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard. This facility, at the time, provided more space for the library and placed it at a prominent corner entering Old Town. As documented in a 2018 study, the community has outgrown this site and a new location is needed for the Elk Grove branch. In early 2021, the City acquired the former Rite Aid building at 9260 Elk Grove Boulevard. The new location needs renovations before the library could move in. The project will include a full interior renovation, parking lot improvements, new landscaping and other new amenities.

Update: Council awarded this project on January 8, 2025, to SC Builders. The contractor has started the second order of work which includes all the construction activities. Construction completion is anticipated in the summer of 2026.

ATTACHMENT B

UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

Updated as of Wednesday, December 10, 2025

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Old Fashioned Christmas	December 12-13-14 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Elk Grove Historical Society 8841 E. Stockton Blvd
5 th Annual Holiday Food & Craft Fair	December 13 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation 9040 High Tech Court
Light Up Elk Grove	December 14 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Trails Committee Meeting	December 15 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Disability Advisory Committee	December 17 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Planning Commission	December 18 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Old Fashioned Christmas	December 19-20-21 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Elk Grove Historical Society 8841 E. Stockton Blvd
City Council Recess – No Meeting	December 24	
<i>City Hall Closed Observance of Christmas</i>	<i>December 24-25</i>	
<i>City Hall Closed Observance of New Years</i>	<i>December 31-January 1</i>	

ATTACHMENT C

STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Updated as of Wednesday, December 10, 2025

The following is a status report of matters requested by the City Council during prior Council meetings.

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
6/12/24	Bring back a discussion of potential service rate reductions/discounts/benefits for residents with limited means that may benefit from financial assistance.	This item was heard on May 14, 2025. Program areas selected will return to Council as they are ready for budget adjustments or further discussion and direction.
2/20/25	Explore options for supporting employees with childcare needs.	Staff is preparing this item for a future memo back to the Council.
2/20/25	Would like an item returned regarding having a discussion of exploring a Pro-Housing designation.	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.
9/10/25	Would like an item returned regarding electric vehicles (bikes, scooters, etc...) and how excessive speed and safety issues are of concern.	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.
9/10/25	Would like an item returned regarding data on traffic/parking enforcement near schools throughout the City.	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.