# APPEAL-DEMOCRAT

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# He has vision for mall

### Peach Tree may be transformed

Jean-Pierre Cativiela Appeal-Democrat

Linda's Peach Tree Center has a future-but probably not as a mall.

Instead, 39 year old Colorado consultant Kyle Cascioli thinks that in the modern world of retail, the place once called the Peach Tree Mall is a dinosaur

"It's run its course as a retail mall. It's no longer a mall," Cascioli said Thursday. Instead he's pitching a plan to convert much of the center to office or light industrial space.

Size alone merits comparison to the brontosaurus - with 430,000 square feet looming before the passing traffic on North Beale Road, the center is the largest building in Yuba and Sutter counties.

But it is also one of the biggest symbols of an ailing economy.

Opened to fanfare in 1972, the mall was devastated by the 1986 Linda flood Repairs and cleanup quickly ensued, but only a fraction of the businesses returned to the mall after the disaster.

Today, just a quarter of the building's floor space is occupied by long-term tenants about 60,000 square feet is a Food 4 Less warehouse style grocery store, with another 60,000 going to Yuba County social and welfare offices.

The center also has a furniture store on a short-term lease and a discount movie theater, but some 300,000 square feet remains available - that is uncommitted to businesses with long-term leases.

Few hold out hopes that retail will make a comeback.

But for Cascioli, who peppers talk of the center's future with optimistic aphorisms, the open space is an opportunity-especially for him. He's



Consultant Kyle Cascioli stands inside the main entrance to the former Peach Tree Mall Thursday. Dave Nielsen/Appeal-Democrat

made a niche for himself converting "dinosaur malls" of the 1960s and "70s into revenue-producing property.

"What can you do with 300,000 square feet of available space? The answer is anything," he said.

For Cascioli, president of Barrett Associates of Denver, Colo., anything might include converting much of the former mall into a telecommunications workplace, where as many as 3,000 employees could answer customer service calls to 800 numbers from tightly placed cubicles.

"As I see it, it's the most competitive source of job creation in the Yuba Sutter area," he said.

He also likes the notion of converting it to a center for fire fighter training and dispatch or satellite research offices for a university.

Cascioli said he's early on in the search for the "highest and best use" of the property. It's a task that the property owners- Cleveland based First Union Management Inc., a publicly traded real estate trust have given him about a year to investigate.

Retail is the last place he'll look

"We've turned over every retail rock in the last decade," Cascioli said. "If (they) came to us and said, let's put a Target there, we'd do it in a second. But nobody's calling.

To make the search for non-retail alternatives official, the mall's name

was legally changed to the Peach Tree Center two years ago. The center's main sign was changed last year, and in recent weeks, most of the remaining signs were replaced.

Yuba County Supervisor A1 Amaro said Cascioli's plans merit attention.

"I always wanted us to bring retail back into that mall, and sales tax dollars," Amaro said Thursday. "But he's right. For whatever reason, retail has moved out of malls. Obviously, there's other things we can do and I agree with him. I think he's got some good ideas."

Amaro said he plans to aid First Union's efforts in any way he legally can. Cascioli said he's also gotten a warm reception from Yuba Sutter Economic Development Corp. executive director Gregg Goodwin.

For Cascioli, the project is not entirely new ground. In 1995, he helped ink a \$6 million lease with TeleTech, Inc., a "teleservicing company" whose employees answer customer questions for giant clients such as Apple Computer and AT & T.

That deal brought some 700 jobs to the North Valley Center, a once dilapidated mall in Thornton, a suburb of Denver. First Union spent millions to refurbish the mall into an office and light industrial complex.

Cascioli likes to describe his plans for the Peach Tree Center with the help of a laptop computer, displaying dozens of before-and-after color images of remodeled North Valley Center.

Though the economy here is different than in the metropolitan Denver suburbs, he sees parallels.

The building itself is similar, huge, unimaginative in design but functional. He also believes some employers would be attracted by the area's "trainable" labor force. He said the key is seeking companies that need semiskilled, but not highly skilled employees.

He also said the multicultural background of the community could be a plus, because teleservicing centers often need operators who can speak several languages. In particular, he noted that many Hmong immigrants can speak several Asian languages.

Other pluses: the center is in an enterprise zone, making it eligible for some government incentives, and there is more parking than normal for most office facilities, making it attractive to large employers.

For now, ideas are just ideas, And Cascioli understands why everyone may not share his optimism.

"It's not going to happen overnight," he said. "In deference to the people, it's awfully hard to look at something like that, for long as they've looked at it, and keep a positive attitude."

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Monday, August 26, 1996

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# Airport connected to growth

#### Yuba County seeks money for study

#### **Harold Kruger**

Appeal-Democrat

Yuba County's underused airport holds the key to revitalizing the underused Peach Tree Center.

The airport's 6,000-foot main runaway is too short and too brittle to handle 737s that would be flying in to service new businesses at the former mall, so improvements are needed.

The price tag will be determined in a study which Yuba County offcials hope to pay for with \$35,000 from the state.

County supervisors last week agreed to apply for the Community Development Block Grant monies.

"The board has to determine and make the decision whether we do want industry to come into the area, Supervisor Al "A" Amaro said. "If we do want the industry to come into the area, we need to be looking at the infrastructure of this county and improving that infrastructure."

Barrett Associates Inc., which is trying to lure new tenants to the mostly vacant Peach Tree Center, is looking at companies that recycle computer printer toner cartridges. And that's where the airport comes in



Kyle Cascioli
"Airport's a
diamond in the
rough"

"The importance of air travel to the county, in my opinion, commercially speaking, is significant because of the weak ground transportation links," said Barrett's Kyle Cascioli. "You do not have Interstate 5 going through here."

Cascioli said the Yuba County Airport is a "diamond in the rough." All economically competitive commutities have a commercially active airport. Although your airport is active, it is not as active as an airport of that size should be. To steal a mantra from the Army, Yuba County is not all it can be right now, given that airport's underutilization." Cascioli said the airport's main runway should be lengthened by 1,000 feet and strengthened to handle the frequent flights of larger planes, such as the 737.

#### **GROWTH:** Up to county

#### From B4

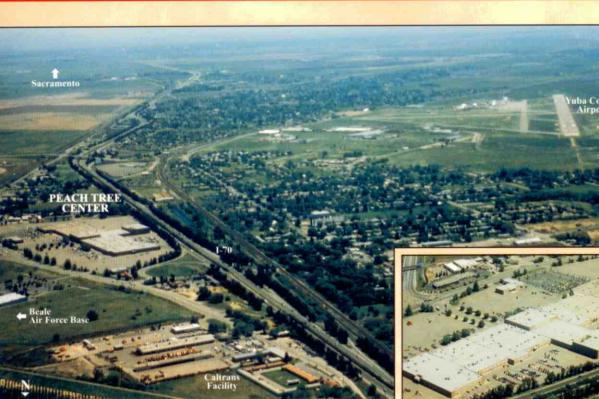
"When you are marketing a difficult, private redevelopment project in an economic community that is not on par with, say, a Sacramento, or a San Francisco or a Fresno or a Stockton or any of those kind of communities, in order to get the attention of decision-makers in the private sector, you have to deliver to them a comprehensive and integrated presentation and opportunity that address all of their concerns," Cascioli said

He said the study, if it's funded, will be a beginning for the airport and could require the county's financial participation. "It will be up to the county to further underwrite, petition the (Federal Aviation Administration) for funds and explore the use of revenue bonds and the like in order to finance those infrastructure improvements, " Cascioli said. "If the county is not prepared to pursue that, this study, in and of itself, will accomplish nothing."



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## PEACH TREE CENTER

This combined office
and light industrial
facility redevelopment
provides an optimal
North Sacramento Valley
Location. Strategically
located on California
Highway #70 at the
North Beale Road exit
in Marysville, the Peach
Tree Center is just 40
miles north of Sacramento
in the Yuba-Sutter
Bi-County area.

#### PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Total Project Size: 435,856 Sq. Ft.

Location: 6000 Lindhurst Ave., Marysville, CA (Site fronts northbound California Highway #70 between the Earl and North Beale Road exits)

Bi-Counties: Yuba/Sutter

Parking: Surface Area - 6.6 Spaces: 1,000 Sq. Ft.

Lease Rates: Competitive

**Expenses**: Base Year

T.I. Allowance: Negotiable - Full Turnkey Available

Total Available Sq. Ft.:

Aggregate: Approximately 300,000

Largest Contiguous: Approximately 300,000

#### PROJECT FEATURES

- Landmark Yuba County Location
- Outstanding Freeway Access
- Located in Enterprise Zone
- High Density Parking Capable
- On-Site Property Management
- Yuba County Airport Located 1.5 Miles from Site (Airport's 6,000+ foot runway accommodates larger aircraft)
- Yuba Community College Located 1.75 Miles from Site (College can design specialized training programs for third parties)
- On-Site Bus Service Provided by Yuba-Sutter Transit

#### **BUILDING FACILITY FEATURES**

- Masonry Construction
- Loading Dock Capable
- Bi-Counties' Largest Building Facility
- Impressive Common Area Atrium Center Court
- Functional Architectural Design can Accommodate
   Multiple Big Block Contiguous Ground Level Floor Plates



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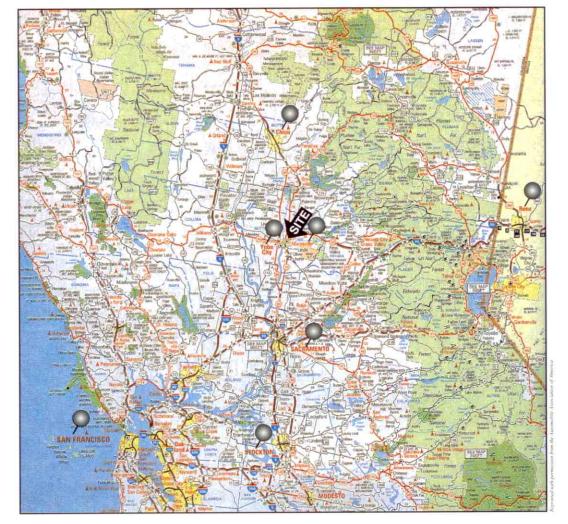
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#### SUMMARY

TOTAL GLA 435,856 SF 2,880 PARKING SPACES SITE SIZE 43 Acres BUILT IN 1972



Management Inc.

#### SITE PLAN

Barrett Associates Inc.





December 16, 1996

Kyle Cascioli Redevelopment Barrett Associates Inc. Peach Tree Center 6000 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, Ca. 95901

#### PEACH TREE CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Dear Kyle,

In response to the material you sent me regarding Peach Tree Center Redevelopment. The written material, the videotapes and our number of discussions, clearly show your intent of a toner cartridge recycling facility for Hewlett-Packard at your center in Marysville, California.

As the Solid Waste Manager for both Cupertino and the Palo Alto Site's I cannot, however, give public endorsement for Hewlett-Packard. Privately, of course, I know this project has potential to expand HP's toner cartridge recycling program. Also, the economic impact to Maryville, and Yuba County area would greatly contribute to the community.

In supporting your efforts, I'am recommending that you contact Terry Baldwin (208) 396-3326, at our HP Boise, Idaho Site to discuss your project. Terry has been my primary contact for HP's return program.

I wish you and the community the best on this project. Please continue to inform me of your development on this project.

Sincerely, Bill andrews

Bill Andrews

Solid Waste Program Manager



August 19, 1996

Barrett Associates, Inc.

William Andrews Hewlett Packard 19111 Pruneridge Mail Stop 41A5 Cupertino. CA 95014

Commercial Real Estate
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today regarding our interest in exploring further the idea of *turnkeying* a specialized *toner cartridge recycling facility* for Hewlett Packard at our Peach Tree Center (PTC) redevelopment project in Marysville, California.

Both First Union and I are moving forward in our effort to convert the former Peach Tree Mall from its historic exclusive retail use to a commercial mixed-use facility. We intend to accomplish this in much the same way that we did with the former North Valley Mall in Denver. Colorado - piease refer to the enclosed literature on that redevelopment success story.

Given the PTC's access to the freeway system, its proximity to the Yuba County Airport, its on-site service by the Yuba-Sutter Transit System, its site positioning in an enterprise zone, the Bi-Counties competitive and available labor force, and the most competitive turnkeyed facility leasehold economics in the country today includes some of the reasons many Fortune 1000 companies will seriously consider this project for any of their appropriate North Central California facility expansion or relocation requirements.

Strategically located on California Highway #70 in Marysville, this facility is just 40 miles north of Sacramento, 125 miles east of San Francisco, and 125 miles west of Reno, Nevada. With ready access to the North Sacramento Valley, our prospective tenant-clients' ability to both access a more competitive labor market and expand their capacity to do business can be greatly enhanced by expanding operations to include a PTC operation.

This project's present physical plant comprises nearly 450,000 square feet, and can accommodate most any office or light-industrial space users specific facility requirements.

Bill, thank you for your consideration, and I will be in touch with you soon to exchange more detailed information with you regarding this concept, and the comparative advantages it would represent to Hewlett Packard.

Best regards.

Barrett Associates, Inc.

By

· PEACHTREE CENTER

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### Marysville Joint Unified School District 1919 B Street Marysville, CA 95901 [916] 741-6000 • FAX (916) 742-0573

November 20, 1996

William Andrews Hewiett Packard 19111 Pruneridge Mail Stop 41A5 Cupertino, CA 95014

Dear Mr. Andrews:

I am writing in reference to a letter you received from Kyle Cascioli pertaining to the Peach Tree Center Redevelopment Project—Marysville, California.

I am superintendent of the school district in Marysville and I wish to convey to you my support of this project to redevelop a critical resource in our community. I have lived and worked in this community for almost twenty-five years. Even though it is the poorest county in California, we are truly seeking a greater future through the improvement of our educational system. However, this improvement is incomplete when our successful high school graduates have to leave the community to find employment. We are desperately in need of a presence and a commitment from a large forward-thinking corporation such as Hewlett Packard. The future of Yuba County and all its potential can only be realized through an economic change.

I would encourage you from both a business and social investment standpoint to give serious consideration to expanding your operations into the Yuba County area. The payoff would be mutually beneficial and Hewlett Packard would have contributed to the renewal of a struggling community.

I look forward to hearing that Hewlett Packard is interested in investing in the future of Yuba County.

Sincerely,

Peter W. Pillsbury Superintendent of School

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cc: Kyle Cascioli



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COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET



#### House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0502

January 20, 1997

Col. Dorothy Klasse District Engineer U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 1325 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Col. Klasse:

I am writing on behalf of Kyle Cascioli of Barrett Associates, Inc. in Marysville. Prior to the January floods, Mr. Cascioli was working closely with the Marysville community in the redevelopment of the Peach Tree Center. This center was previously known as the Peach Tree Mall which suffered greatly during the 1986 Linda flood.

I am very much aware of the limited resources now being experienced by the Corps since the January disasters. However, in assessing the work to be completed in and around the Marysville/Linda area, the timing may be most appropriate to share with Mr. Cascioli the Corps' plans to undertake and improve the measured level of protection for future levee improvement projects. This information would be very beneficial in realizing the redevelopment of the Peach Tree Center. This project in and of itself may bring the much needed economic relief to this flood ravaged area.

I am certain Mr. Cascioli would appreciate the opportunity to discuss further the Corps plans for this area. He may be reached in Marysville, 742-8278. Please feel free to have a member of your staff contact him directly.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincere

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September 8, 1997

Hal Stocker
Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors
Yuba County Courthouse
Third Floor
215 Fifth Street
Marysville, CA 95901

#### Chairman Stocker:

Several weeks ago I received a "Proclamation" honoring my company and me for "Outstanding service to the People of Yuba County in the Great Flood of 1997."

In the year I spent working on the Peach Tree Center redevelopment with both the civic and business leaders of Yuba County, I made many personal and professional acquaintances with people whom I grew to call my friends.

It was both an honor and privilege to serve your community, and I want to thank you, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, and the people of Yuba County for acknowledging my efforts during my tenure in Yuba County.

Best regards,

Wes

Kyle Robert Cascioli

Barrett Associates, Inc. 3811 South Atchison Way Aurora, CO 80014 (303) 680-8211

#### FLOOD OF '97 - LOOKING BACK

December 31, 2001 - 9:00AM Tuesday, January 1, 2002

100,000 people flee their homes

Lessons of '97 foster rethinking, reworking of flood protection

Harold Kruger

Appeal-Democrat

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Levee upgrades

flow from '97 flood

Nearly \$100 million spent making them better, more wanted

December 1996 started as a typical wet month in California. It ended

with torrents of rain, swollen reservoirs and rivers running at flood

stage.

In Yuba and Sutter counties, the "pineapple express," a moisture-laden warm storm, led to two levee collapses in January 1997 that flooded about 50,000 acres, killed three people and damaged about 1,000 homes.

The storm and its aftermath also brought about \$90 million worth of levee repairs that officials now say make this area safer - but not immune - from floods. The '97 disaster also prompted changes in evacuation policies and procedures.

"The reality is we're still living behind dirt walls," Sutter County Supervisor Casey Kroon said recently.

The Arboga levee on the Feather River failed just after 8 p.m. on Jan. 2, 1997.

A few days later, a Sutter Bypass levee protecting the Meridian area gave way.

In all, about 100,000 people were evacuated from the Yuba-Sutter area.

Boils found on levee

The storm produced one of the wettest Decembers on record.

Precipitation in the Yuba River basin above Englebright Reservoir totaled about 11 inches between Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, according to a 1998 Yuba County Water Agency report.

During the same period, rain was measured at about 7.5 inches in the Feather River basin.

On Dec. 31, the Yuba County Water Agency, which runs Bullards Bar Reservoir, received its first notice that "the storm would be severe," the agency's former engineer-administrator, Donn Wilson, said in a court declaration.

Things got worse from there, as neither Bullards nor Lake Oroville, operated by the state Department of Water Resources, could adequately control flows on the Yuba and Feather rivers.

Inflow to Oroville set a new flood peak record on Jan. 2, rising to about 300,000 cubic feet per second. The three-day volume, starting Dec. 31, set a record at 167 percent of Oroville's allotted flood control storage.

By the night of Jan. 2, the Feather River below its confluence with the Yuba exceeded its 300,000 cfs capacity by as much as 10 percent.

About six miles downstream, at Country Club Road, crews were sandbagging the notoriously weak levee.

As the 1996-97 Yuba County grand jury report recounted, contractors hired to shore up the levee acknowledged that it "has historically had a lot of boils" and that "this section of the levee was built on an old river bed."

On the morning of Dec. 31, Reclamation District 784 trustees held an emergency meeting to discuss the situation. The district began levee patrols that day. They were told that boils - a discharge of water through or under the levee - were spotted at Star Bend and at Country Club Road but were not considered serious.

"Even low flows cause boils," the district's engineer, Mike Smith, said at the time.

Months after the flood, one Yuba County supervisor said the board was led to believe the situation was under control at the Arboga site.

"Two hours before the levee broke, we were told there were no problems with the levee, yet my understanding was they were working on boils at noon," said Supervisor Al Amaro.

The levee had been a problem spot dating back to the 1950s, according to Richard Meehan, a Stanford University professor who studied the 1986 and 1997 calamities.

"The district made an effort, and they put in a little toe drain, so their heart was in the right place, but a 5-foot toe drain was not sufficient. There were even questions about how they put it in," he said.

Rivers had been rising steadily as the rains continued. By 11 a.m. on Jan. 2, the Feather River gauge at Yuba City reached 77.5 feet, the level at which a mandatory evacuation should have been declared.

About seven hours later, Marysville, Yuba City and Sutter County ordered an evacuation. Yuba County officials didn't evacuate until the Arboga levee broke.

Yuba County supervisors "made the decision not to evacuate based on information that the levees were stable, the weather was improving and that the rivers were receding," the grand jury said. "As Murphy's law would predict, the one area not evacuated was the location of the eventual levee failure."

Lessons learned

Kelly Purdom, Yuba County's Emergency Services director, said county officials learned their lessons from '97.

"The awareness, the knowledge, the skill level have improved dramatically," he said. "Now does that mean to say we won't stumble next time? Yeah, we'll stumble. Will we stumble as much? Hopefully not. Are there lessons learned? There are a lot of lessons learned."

A few months after the flood, Yuba County officials adopted a revised emergency plan that gave the sheriff and the Emergency Services director the power to call for evacuations.

"The ordinance is pretty clear as to who can declare evacuations and when, which was a little bit nebulous (in 1997)," Purdom said. "It's much clearer now."

At times of high water, Purdom said, people should always use their best judgment about deciding to evacuate.

"If they feel uncomfortable, they should leave," he said. "When it gets to the critical point, we're going to use specific time frames and/or levels that dictate movement. We're not going to be gray in those areas. It's going to be very specific. Those things have been put into more of a definitive elevation kind of thing."

The county now also has computers to help track and predict where water will go when a levee fails.

"The night the levee broke, after the levee broke, we were marking with a magic marker (on a map) where the water would be going," Amaro said.

The county has a geographic information system computer model that will do that work.

Sutter County posted its flood emergency scenario on its Web site. The county divided its evacuation process into three phases: planning and preparation, ready for action and emergency.

Since the county has six basins, different river elevations trigger each phase.

In 1998, the counties also developed an evacuation plan for the "special needs population" - people who receive medical care at home or in skilled nursing, intermediate care or board-and-care facilities.

During the 1997 evacuation, an estimated 2,000 people with special needs were cared for at emergency shelters.

Yuba County also developed an evacuation plan for animals, especially livestock, after several hundred head of cattle died in '97.

"That's one of the problems we had in 1997," Purdom said. "Can you tell a dairy to leave a day before a major incident occurs? If you're going to get them out, it has to happen early. Certain types of operations have more difficulty in moving equipment and animals because they have a huge loss of revenue as a result of it."

In a disaster, Purdom said, "the trick ... is understanding you have an incident that is beyond the daily operations. Our job is to get that under control as quickly as possible. The sooner we get it under the control, the sooner we can get services back to normal (and) dollars are not lost. That is the goal of this whole thing."

#### Few changes

In the weeks after the '97 flood, local residents complained that Bullards Bar and Lake Oroville failed to do their jobs because they held too much water prior to the heavy rains.

Officials at the Yuba County Water Agency and the Department of Water Resources say there haven't been any changes in their flood operations stemming from the '97 event.

"From an operations standpoint, we coordinate our releases with the Corps of Engineers and operate with the corps' criteria," said Curtis Creel, chief of DWR's Project Operation Planning Branch. "From that standpoint, nothing has changed."

DWR operates Oroville, which has a capacity of about 3.5 million acre-feet.

Oroville has a flood reservation of 750,000 acre-feet, which must be kept available for the rainy season.

Bullards Bar stores 966,000 acre-feet and has a flood control reservation of 170,000 acre-feet. Bullards controls just one of the Yuba's three forks.

Curt Aikens, general manager of the Yuba County Water Agency, said it also continues to follow the Army Corps' guidelines at Bullards.

"There's been no change to that process," he said.

The dams were almost overwhelmed by the pineapple express. In a declaration filed in connection with the lawsuit brought by about 600 flood victims, Wilson said it would have been impossible to stop releases from the dam in '97.

"Uncontrolled spillway discharges would have occurred with water spilling over the crest of the dam," Wilson said. "YCWA would have lost operational control of Bullards and the safety of the structure could have been jeopardized."

Creel said DWR has improved its ability to predict storms, which in turn could have some effect on releases.

"I think the overall reservoir operations probably haven't changed that much," he said. "We've

pretty much always considered keeping a little extra space in the reservoir and pre-releasing where we've got more information. I think the big changes are in the ability of meteorologists to predict the magnitude, particularly weather patterns and figure out where they are going to occur."

How DWR operates Oroville is an issue that's sure to come up during the dam's relicensing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The current license expires in January 2007. The state has said it intends to file its license renewal application by January 2005.

In November 2000, Sutter County officials wrote to DWR and FERC, urging that Oroville's flood operations manual be updated to better reflect what Bullards Bar is doing on the Yuba River.

The county also wants to ensure that Oroville is operated "to provide pre-release of flood water based upon precipitation forecasts and to ensure that the existing directions meet current day standards for flood operations."

Sutter County is pushing for a "wheeling fee" in which the state would pay the county for the right to send water down the Feather. The fee would pay for levee maintenance.

"The bottom line is levees are unpredictable with regard to reliability," said County Administrator Larry Combs. "Levees fail sometimes for absolutely unknown and unpredictable reasons," Combs said.

Meehan, the Stanford professor, said if he lived in Arboga or Linda today, "I would feel somewhat safer, but not entirely safe."

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#### THE COUNTY OF YUBA





#### — P R O C L A M A T I O N —

Honoring

Kyle Cascioli, Barrett Associates Inc.

For Outstanding Service To the People of Yuba County In the Great Flood of 1997

Whereas, the last days of 1996 saw unprecedented precipitation in Northern California; and

Whereas, on January 2, 1997, the tremendous force of high water in the rivers caused the Feather River Levee to break at Arboga; and

Whereas, the ensuing flooding in southern Yuba County required the evacuation of 38,200 people and caused the grievous death of three residents, a substantial loss of animal life, and incalculable damage to homes, farms and businesses; and

Whereas, subsequent to Governor Pete Wilson declaring a state of emergency in Yuba County, President Bill Clinton declared Yuba County a federal disaster area; and

Whereas, individuals, organizations, governmental agencies, and businesses joined together, first in a heroic rescue operation, and later in the arduous sheltering and recovery process; and

Whereas, those who made the great sacrifice of their time, talents, and resources in providing emergency assistance are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

Now, Therefore, It Is Hereby Proclaimed that the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of Yuba County, extends its thanks to all those who, in the spirit of community service, went above and beyond the call of duty in the Great Flood of 1997.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR

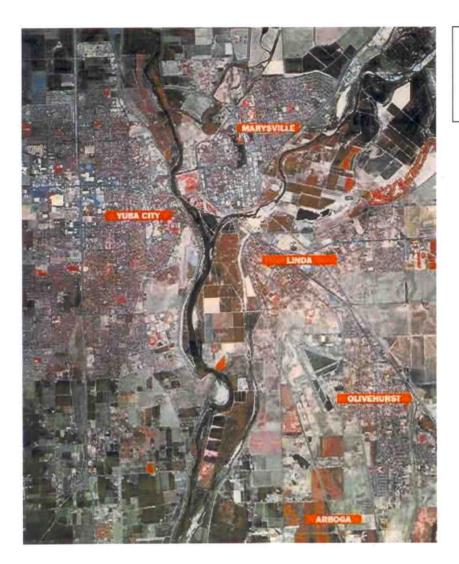


Photo of Peachtree prior to January 2<sup>nd</sup>,1997 flood

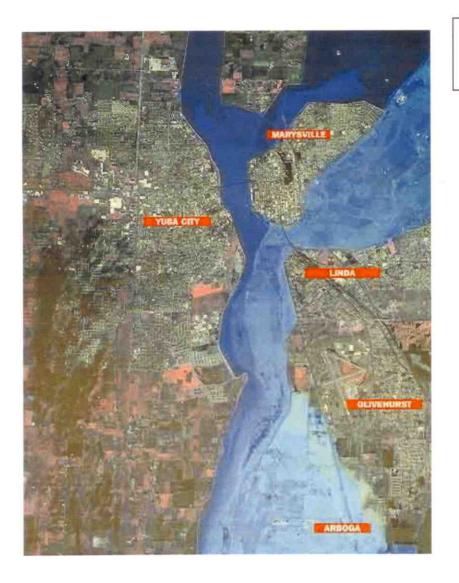


Photo of Peachtree after January 2<sup>nd</sup>,1997 flood.