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<p>Affordable Housing / Downtown 300</p>	<p>Assist in creation of affordable housing units throughout the City of Redding, including creation of 300 housing units in the Downtown area.</p>	<p>Housing Division</p>	<p><i>The City committed \$1,250,000 in HOME and \$500,000 of Affordable Housing Loan Fund financing to PC Redding for the development of a 55-unit multi-family development at 2950 Polk Street. Foundations are being poured and framing of the buildings is underway.</i> Estimated completion is late spring 2017. FaithWORKS purchased City surplus properties at 1914-1964 Linden Avenue and is currently performing pre-development tasks for the construction of eight affordable housing units. On August 5, 2015, a Site Development Permit was approved for two, 2-story, 4-unit apartment buildings. Since implementation of the Downtown 300, a total of 45 market- and affordable-rate units have been completed. (Updated)</p>
<p>Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Grant (AHSC) / K2 Development</p>	<p>Submission of a pre-application with K2 Inc. for funding to assist in the development of a \$37 million four-story mixed-use project at the site of the former Dicker's Department Store downtown. Included would be 56 units of affordable housing and 23 units of market rate housing. The project would provide for the partial reopening of Market Street, Yuba Street and Butte Street, demolition and reconstruction of the parking garage below the building, and pedestrian and bicycle connections to transit and local trails via a cycle track (two-way bike lane physically separated from traffic) on California Street.</p>	<p>Development Services / Public Works / Housing</p>	<p>On February 25, 2016, the City Council approved a non-binding Letter of Intent with K2 Inc. and authorized the City to be a co-applicant for AHSC grant funds. If ultimately awarded, the grant would provide up to \$20 million for the project. <i>In June, the City was invited to submit a full application for AHSC funding.</i> Full applications are due in June with final funding recommendations to be in September 2016. (Updated)</p>

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<p>Blueprint for Public Safety</p>	<p>Development of an action-oriented strategic plan for reducing crime and enhancing public safety in the Redding area.</p>	<p>City Manager</p>	<p>The City Council selected Matrix Consulting Group to prepare the Blueprint for Public Safety at a cost not to exceed \$155,000. The County of Shasta agreed to contribute \$50,000 to assist with this effort. The final report was presented to Shasta County Supervisors and the Redding City Council on December 15, 2015. Following that presentation, the Council voted to direct the City Manager to work with the County Executive Officer to develop an implementation team relative to the report. On March 8, 2016, the City Council and Shasta County Supervisors received presentations on, and accepted, "Tier 0" recommendations. <i>Tier 1 through 5 recommendations were considered at a special City Council meeting on May 3, 2016. At that meeting, the Council voted to place a 0.5-percent transaction and use tax (sales tax) on the November 8 ballot. (Updated)</i></p>
<p>Churn Creek Road North Extension</p>	<p>Re-establishment of the extension of Churn Creek Road north of Highway 299 in the circulation element of the City's General Plan and the Oasis Road Specific Plan.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>Citywide and Oasis-area traffic modeling work is substantially complete and is part of a larger effort to provide Citywide and Oasis-area 20-year traffic demands for an update of the Citywide Transportation Development Fee and North Redding Traffic Benefit programs. Data generated from this modeling is being used to better identify the size of the Churn Creek Road extension needed to meet future demands. Remedy Engineering has been hired to take the results of this modeling, develop preliminary typical section and roadway alignments, identify environmental compliance and right of way constraints, and calculate costs estimates. Staff anticipates this effort being complete over the next three months with a presentation to the Council of the results later in the year.</p>

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Downtown Specific Plan Update	Update to the Downtown Redding Specific Plan (Plan) to provide a comprehensive guide toward the physical and economic revitalization of Downtown Redding. The Plan involves reevaluating the existing vision for Downtown, policy directions, and implementation strategies. It will be augmented by the Downtown Redding Community Based Transportation Plan, creation of which is underway.	Development Services / Public Works	The City Council in August 2013 awarded a Request for Proposal (RFP) to Redding engineering firm Omni-Means Engineering Solutions for preparation of a Community-Based Transportation Plan for Downtown Redding. The firm has engaged Downtown stakeholders and collected information. Completion is expected by June 2016. An RFP was released in June 2015 for a consultant to perform the Downtown Specific Plan update. The City received just two proposals. Staff refined the Scope of Work and reissued the RFP. <i>Following consultant interviews in April, PlaceWorks was selected; authorization from the Council to negotiate and execute a consultant contract is scheduled for June 7. (Updated)</i>
Henderson Open Space	Enhance open space area, improve trails, construct kayak launch, parking lots, and signage.	Community Services	Dignity Health would like to purchase three parcels from the Successor Agency and at least one from the City in order to construct a Wellness Center generally north of the Henderson Open Space. On January 19, 2016, the City Council, acting separately on behalf of the City and Successor Agency, approved a non-binding Letter of Intent with Dignity regarding the potential sale. It also directed staff to negotiate a binding Purchase and Sale Agreement.
Kids Kingdom II	Replace the existing Kids Kingdom play structure with a new one with specific designs to be inclusive for children with full range of abilities.	Community Services	The design is complete. The capital campaign was launched on April 19. Grant applications and other fundraisers are planned. The fundraising goal is \$310,000.
Land Development Tracking System	Implementation of a modern computerized land development and permit activity tracking system to integrate private sector building and utility infrastructure development activity across multiple City departments.	Development Services / Information Technology	Initial "go live" of the core software package was accomplished as planned on December 5, 2011. Staff has completed a detailed contract performance assessment of the ILMS land development tracking software. Numerous and significant deficiencies exist with the software provided. Staff and the vendor are working together and are making slow but steady progress in correcting those deficiencies.

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Municipal Utility Rates Update	Perform a cost-of-service study and rate design for Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste.	Public Works	The City has hired NBS to help provide a cost-of-service study and rate design to support the rate update. In addition, Public Works has put together an advisory group of business owners and citizens to provide input on the study and rate design. It is expected that the study and design will take several months with an update to the Council in mid- to late summer and rate hearings in the fall. (Updated)
Oasis Road Specific Plan Implementation	The Oasis Road Specific Plan establishes land-use designations and development policies for this 762-acre area generally surrounding the Interstate 5/Oasis Road interchange. Development potential in the plan area includes approximately 3 million square feet of commercial development and 2,500 residential units.	Public Works	A Credit and Reimbursement Agreement was negotiated with Costco in 2014 as part of plans to construct a new 148,000-square-foot building. The City and Costco, in a cooperative effort, hired consultants to develop on-site and off-site improvements required for the new Costco building. Among the conditions in the Agreement was Costco's acquisition of the property in question from Donald Levenson. Costco's original agreement with Mr. Levenson expired over one year ago. Costco and Mr. Levenson have been unsuccessful in reaching an updated purchase agreement. Consequently, Costco notified the City in February 2016 that it was terminating the Credit and Reimbursement Agreement because it did not have site control, effectively halting the proposed project at the Oasis Road site. The City is now working with Costco on identifying other sites within Redding that will meet Costco's needs.

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<p>Olney Creek Levee Decertification and FEMA Floodplain Amendments</p>	<p>In 2009 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's) and proposed decertification of the Olney Creek levee placing 648 properties into the 100-year flood plain. Additional analysis conducted by Pacific Hydrology, a consultant hired by the City, resulted in FEMA adopting a revised FIRM which decertified the Olney Creek levee and reduced the total number of properties located in the floodplain to 307. The study identified two potential flooding sources, one being the Olney Creek levee and the other being the bridge on Sacramento Drive where it crosses over Olney Creek.</p>	<p>Development Services</p>	<p>The City was successful in obtaining a grant from the State Department of Water Resources Local Levee Assistance Program to study the existing levee and the work needed to meet FEMA certification. At the June 17, 2014, meeting, City Council awarded RFP, Schedule No. 4630, and authorized negotiation and execution of a consulting and professional services contract to CGI, Inc. for geotechnical and engineering services for the levee evaluation project. CGI is expected to have a final report by mid-June 2016. In addition, the City received notification from Caltrans that the Olney Creek/Sacramento Bridge was added to the Federal Eligible Bridge List, making the replacement of this bridge eligible for funding. The City has contracted with Morrison Structures to perform the design work and construction contract preparation for the new bridge in coordination with environmental compliance efforts managed by City staff. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2017. (Updated)</p>
<p>Palisades Trail</p>	<p>Construct trail extension from Dana to Downtown Trail up to the bluff at the end of Palisades Avenue. The trail will have a compacted natural surface and will be approximately 4 miles long. New reinforced fencing will be constructed along the bluff.</p>	<p>Community Services</p>	<p>Trail construction is complete. Trail surfacing will be completed in Summer 2016.</p>
<p>Park Master Plan Update</p>	<p>Update the Park, Trails and Open Space Master Plan with current inventories, programs, and recommendations.</p>	<p>Community Services</p>	<p>Work is currently underway. The community survey has been completed. Maps and narrative are under revision.</p>

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<p>Placer Street Active Transportation Project</p>	<p>Improvement of the Placer Street corridor from the City Limits to Olive Ave, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway widening and buffered bike lanes • Conduit for a future signal at Wisconsin Avenue • 1.8-inch asphalt concrete overlay and restriping • New and upgraded RABA facilities • Three enhanced pedestrian crossings • Completion of curb, gutter, sidewalk & ADA improvements • 7,400 ft of 8' - 10' wide sidewalk • Corridor lighting improvements • 117 new trees (removing 69 scrub trees) • Upgrades to water and storm drain 	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>Project development is being completed by Public Works/Engineering. A total of \$2.3 million in Federal ATP grant funding is approved for construction of this \$4.76 million project. Environmental, right-of-way acquisition, and utility coordination are complete. Allocation and Construction Authorization requests are in process. Construction is set for summer 2016 to fall 2017.</p>
<p>Polk Open Space Area</p>	<p>Create enhanced open space area along ACID canal and the new Woodlands affordable housing development.</p>	<p>Community Services</p>	<p>This is funded through a state Housing Related Park Projects (HRPP) grant. Trail work is in progress.</p>
<p>Public Relations Consultant</p>	<p>Utilize a private public relations/marketing firm to provide assistance in disseminating information about City initiatives and accomplishments.</p>	<p>City Manager</p>	<p>On January 19, 2016, the City Council selected Optimize Worldwide to assist the City in disseminating information via a variety of media platforms as well as training City staff in utilizing its own social media accounts. A not-to-exceed monthly cost of \$2,000 and implementation for one year was stipulated. An initial meeting with staff was held February 9. Optimize has established measurement tools for City presence in social media, met with and advised individual departments, and drafted a strategic plan and departmental best-practices guides. <i>Establishment of, and outreach through, social media sites is ongoing. (Updated)</i></p>
<p>Quartz Hill Road Realignment</p>	<p>Widening of Quartz Hill Road between Snow Lane and Terra Nova Drive to provide paved bike lanes on both sides of the road and sidewalk as well as curb and gutter on the east side. In addition, improved pedestrian crossings will be added at various locations from Market Street to Snow Lane.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>Staff recently developed and submitted a \$2.2 million Active Transportation Grant proposal for the project that was approved by the California Transportation Commission. Funding will be available in Fiscal Year 2016-17. Staff and the City's consultant (Sharrah Dunlap Sawyer) are working on final design, permits and right of way in 2016 with a goal of construction in 2017.</p>

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<p>Redding Area Water Council (RAWC)</p>	<p>Work with the Shasta County Water Agency and other area purveyors on water needs including, but not limited to, a coordinated effort on complying with the Groundwater Sustainability Act.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>RAWC, including the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Council, have met several times in the last 18 months and have agreed in general to the value in meeting regularly to coordinate area water needs. In 2015 the Governor signed the Groundwater Sustainability Act which requires, in part, the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) to manage groundwater in most water basins in California. The RAWC-PAC members have expressed that RAWC or a sub group of RAWC may be the best fit for the GSA in the Redding Basin. RAWC efforts over the coming months will largely be directed to better identifying the Redding Basin GSA, membership and governance, in coordination with pending direction from the Department of Water Resources.</p>
<p>Remote Desktop Services (RDS) - Pilot Project</p>	<p>Conversion to a centralized model utilizing consolidated servers with thin clients for the physical desktop. This technology aims to address the growing cost to maintain traditional PCs in an enterprise environment while offering significant improvements in reliability and mobile options. The objective of this project will be to implement a new centralized desktop environment for one or more of our smaller General Fund divisions.</p>	<p>Information Technology</p>	<p>Staff is continuing to replace PCs with Thin Clients and beginning to work on now required Windows version upgrades throughout the organization.</p>

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<p>REU 2020 Strategic Plan</p>	<p>REU is facing unprecedented challenges to its core business. REU developed a five-year strategic plan to help address the challenges and provide flexibility to manage an uncertain future while ensuring the long-term stability of locally owned public power.</p>	<p>Redding Electric Utility</p>	<p><i>The Risk Management program is going to be redesigned with the assistance of consultants. The RFP for those services has resulted in 12 submissions, which are being reviewed at this time. Development of a utility-wide safety program is well underway. A Cross Exposure Program has been approved and is ready for rollout. An assessment of all current safety functions and regulatory requirements inventory has been completed and the team is currently reviewing options for the configuration of a safety program. The Comprehensive Communications Plan will be presented to sponsors this month. The Utility continues to fill vacancies; the enhanced recruiting process has helped speed up the hiring process. A "Career Ladders" progression plan has been drafted to complement the Utility's succession plan, which is currently being drafted. A cross section of staff members are drafting the training section of the Utility's retention plan. Establishment of, and outreach through, the Utility's social media site (Facebook) is ongoing. (Updated)</i></p>

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<p>Solid Waste Facility Master Plan</p>	<p>The Transfer Station expansion will improve efficiency and recycling capability at the Transfer Station and will address space constraints related to truck parking. The first phase of the project will increase covered storage for baled commodities, complete installation of a remote scale, and build a new loading dock.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>City staff and the engineering and design consultant, JR Miller & Associates (JRMA), met by teleconference to address questions and comments remaining after the Building Department's second evaluation of the 90 percent plans. Most of these issues have been addressed and resolved. The remaining significant issue that staff is working to resolve is related to a building setback requirement on the north side of the Transfer Station property that bumps against the south property line of the Corporation Yard. After discussing a couple of options, staff determined that the best solution to resolve the issue would be to adjust the property line, moving it to the north to provide the required setback distance. Staff is working through the proper protocols to make the needed adjustment.</p>
<p>Stillwater Business Park</p>	<p>Develop a large-parcel business park east of the Redding Municipal Airport.</p>	<p>City Manager</p>	<p>Phase 1A construction began in July 2008, and the City Council accepted the project on May 3, 2011. The City, Nichols Melburg & Rosetto architects, and the Shasta County Economic Development Corporation have partnered to produce initial designs for a potential "shell" building on Lot 9 at the Park. On January 21, 2014, the City Council approved designation of the Economic Development Corporation of Shasta County as the primary marketing organization for the park. A listing agreement with Voit Real Estate Services expired on March 11, 2016, and a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for listing agent services was published in February. A review panel received presentations and interviewed respondents on March 22. A decision was made to revise and reissue the RFQ. On August 18, 2015, the City Council approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Lassen Canyon Nursery for Lot 7, a 16.75-acre parcel in the park. Lassen Canyon Nursery closed escrow on Lot 7 on December 22, 2015. <i>Lassen Canyon Nursery is undergoing plan review for ground-breaking in early summer 2016. (Updated)</i></p>