



CITY OF SONORA FACT SHEET



(Updated April 2007)

1. City Demographics

- ▶ Incorporated in 1851
- ▶ Elevation Benchmark 1,825 - Range from 1,500 to 2,000 feet
- ▶ Population - Nighttime: 4,500/Daytime: 25,000+
- ▶ Incorporated City Limits - 1,928 Acres or 3.01 Square Miles of Land
- ▶ City of Sonora is the only incorporated City in Tuolumne County and is the County Seat
- ▶ City of Sonora is the Commercial/Government/Cultural/Medical Center for Tuolumne County and parts of Calaveras and Mariposa Counties
- ▶ City Limits: Greenley Road: East Side of the City, Highway 108: South Side of City (*hillside*), Sonora Knolls: West Side of the City, North Highway 49/Browns Flat Road: Entrance to the North Side of the City
- ▶ General Law City - Council/Administrator form of Government (*Five Elected At-Large Council Members/Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem appointed by Council/Administrator appointed by Council*)
- ▶ Dwelling Units: 2,415 - Single Family: 59.5% - Multifamily: 40.5% (2007 Updated Households with City Limits)

2. Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007: \$4,414,700

- ▶ Sales Tax Revenue: \$1,897,400 (In-Lieu Sales Tax: \$613,500)
- ▶ Property Tax Revenue, Secured (Current Year Secured): \$456,100
- ▶ Property Taxes: City: 12.4%/County: 31.4%/Schools: 54.2%/TUD: 2%
- ▶ Business License Tax Revenue: \$100,000
- ▶ Transient Occupancy Tax (*TOT*) Revenue: \$211,000
- ▶ Sonora Redevelopment Agency's (*RDA*) Budget Gross Tax Increment: \$1,050,300
- ▶ Primarily General Fund Supported City, Restricted Funding for Redevelopment/Grants/Streets & Roads
- ▶ City Sales Tax Rate of 7.75% (*City: 1.37%/County: 1.38%/State: 5.0%*) (*Measure "I" took effect January 1st, 2005, effectuated a ½ cent sales tax increase*)
- ▶ Measure "I" Second Year Estimate: \$1,427,200
- ▶ City Total Assessed Value for 2005-2006: \$442,599,094

3. City Insurances

- ▶ Workers' Compensation - Insured through the Joint Powers Authority (*JPA*) Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority (*CSJVRMA*)
- ▶ Liability - Insured through the Joint Powers Authority (*JPA*) Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority (*CSJVRMA*) with a \$25,000 Self-Insured Retention Level (*SIR*)
- ▶ High Value Vehicles - Insured through the Joint Powers Authority (*JPA*) Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority (*CSJVRMA*) only on vehicles valued at \$25,000 or more
- ▶ Low Value Vehicles - Self-Insured for vehicles valued under \$20,000

- ▶ City Safety Committee (SB 198 guidelines) - Meets Quarterly with Fire Chief Mike Barrows serving as Committee Chair and members from each department actively involved
- ▶ Employment Related Liability - Insured through the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Employment Risk Management Authority (ERMA) with a \$25,000 Self-Insured Retention Level (SIR)
- ▶ Property Insurance - Insured through the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority (CSJVRMA) with a \$1,000 Deductible
- ▶ Medical/Dental - Self Insured with Combined Benefits Administrator (CBA) as the Third Party Administrator (TPA) with a \$30,000 Self-Insured Retention Level (SIR)
- ▶ Vision - California Vision Service Plan
- ▶ Life Insurance/Long Term Disability Insurance - Hartford Insurance Company

4. Open Litigation Cases

- ▶ Small Claims under \$10,000 - (2 open claims)
- ▶ Open Claims over \$10,000 - *Citizens for Responsible Growth vs City*
- ▶ Employee Liability Litigated Claims - None (-0-)
- ▶ Workers' Compensation Litigated Claims - None (-0-)

5. Personnel (Paid/Volunteer)

- ▶ 48 Full-Time/Benefitted Employees - *Measure "I" funding: Includes 2 from Public Works, 2 from Fire and 3 from Police*
- ▶ 6 Elected Officials (5 Councilmembers/1 City Clerk)
- ▶ 21 Part-Time/Unbenefitted Employees
- ▶ 5 Fire Department Volunteers
- ▶ 6 Scholarship FireFighters
- ▶ 1 Reserve Police Officer/7 Explorers/1 Chaplain/11 P.A.C.T. (*Senior Volunteers*)
- ▶ City Employee Retirement - Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

6. Contracted Services

- ▶ City Attorney - Contract for Services expires June 30th, 2008.
- ▶ City Engineer - Contract for Services expires June 30th, 2008.

7. Employee Associations

- ▶ Sonora Employees' Association (SEA) - represents Miscellaneous Employees. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Expires June 30th, 2008.
- ▶ Sonora Police Officers' Association (SPOA) - represents sworn Police Officers. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Expires June 30th, 2007.
- ▶ Sonora Fire Fighters' Association (SFFA) - represents Fire Safety Employees. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Expires June 30th, 2008.
- ▶ Confidential Employees' Association (CEA) - represents Confidential Employees. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Expires June 30th, 2008.
- ▶ Sonora Management Employees' Association (SMEA) - represents Management Employees. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Expires June 30th, 2008.
- ▶ City Administrator - Employment Agreement expires June 30th, 2008.

8. Personnel Related Documents

- ▶ Personnel Rules & Regulations
- ▶ Administrative Policies
- ▶ Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) (*Serves as the City's Safety Manual*)
- ▶ Emergency Preparedness Plan/Hazard Mitigation Plan

- ▶ Police and Fire Departments have Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- ▶ Memorandums of Understanding (M.O.U.s)
- ▶ Other - City, State, or Federal Laws which apply/Ordinances & Resolutions
- ▶ Sonora City Council Handbook of Rules and Procedures

9. City Departments

- ▶ Administration/Human Resources/Risk Management
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Planning and Building
- ▶ Grants/Redevelopment (*Special Programs*)
- ▶ Public Works
- ▶ Police
- ▶ Fire
- ▶ Engineering (*Contracted Services*)
- ▶ Attorney (*Contracted Services*)

10. Large Capital Projects/Purchases Completed Over the Last Ten Years

- ▶ City Fire Department Facility 1996 - \$1.2 Million
- ▶ City Fire Truck 1996 - \$250,000
- ▶ City Hall Renovation* 1996 - \$600,000
(*Secured By Rural Economic Community Development Loan of \$2,276,500)
- ▶ Restano Way Intersection Project (KFC) 1997 - \$739,000 (*Gas Tax/State Funds*)
- ▶ Former PG&E Maintenance Yard (Educational Facility) 1997 - \$189,000 (*Redevelopment*)
- ▶ Mono Way Pedestrian Facility 2001 - \$873,000 (*Proposition 116 Funds/Benefit Zone B monies (business license fee) and Local Transportation Commission (LTC) Pedestrian funding*)
- ▶ Educational Facility 2001 - \$500,000 (*CDBG Grant*)
- ▶ Rother's Corner Purchase (Former 7-Eleven Property) 2001 - \$258,500
(Completed Rehabilitation on October 31st, 2003 for a cost of \$190,000)
- ▶ Downtown Restroom Project 2001 - \$48,500
- ▶ Dragoon Gulch - Total Grant of \$500,000 - Property Purchased for \$253,861
Remainder will be used for trail construction. Grant was received in 2002.
- ▶ Purchased Fire Department Ladder Truck 2002 - \$289,361
- ▶ Stewart Street Sidewalk/Retaining Wall Project 2003 - \$268,725
- ▶ Mono/Greenley Intersection Improvement Project 2003 - \$278,787 (Phase I)
- ▶ Purchased Urban/Wildland Fire Truck 2003 - \$254,937
- ▶ Opera Hall Kitchen/Restroom Addition 2004 - \$394,577
- ▶ North Washington Street Sidewalk/Retaining Wall/2005 - \$437,608
Drainage Project
- ▶ Shaws Flat Storm Drain Project 2006 - \$703,000
- ▶ Overlay Project 2006 - \$243,915

11. Commercial Projects In Progress or Recently Completed

- ▶ Day-O Building
- ▶ Lowe's Home Improvement Store (*currently being litigated*)
- ▶ Jeb's Waffles & Ribs Restaurant
- ▶ Slim & Tone Health Center

12. Residential Projects

- ▶ Sunrise Hills Permits and Construction - In Progress
- ▶ Bungalows at Woods Creek Landing Project Permits and Construction - In Progress
- ▶ Oak Park Subdivision Project (Engineering in Progress)
- ▶ Schoennauer Condominium Project (Grading and Infrastructure in progress)
- ▶ On-going in-fill projects

13. Solid Waste

- ▶ Cal Sierra Disposal Inc. - Franchise Operator with a 20 Year Contract, executed in 1994, expiring in 2014
- ▶ Recycling - Cal Sierra Disposal Inc.
- ▶ Household Hazardous Waste - City/County
- ▶ All AB 939 Integrated Waste Management Bill - Elements (*Multi-Jurisdictional Source Reduction and Recycling Element, Integrated Waste Management Plan, Household Hazardous Waste Plan*) adopted June 3rd, 1996
- ▶ 50% reduction in waste stream mandate, with the City meeting the 2000 State deadline
- ▶ Green Waste Program annually being implemented

14. Utilities

- ▶ Water and Sewer - Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD)
- ▶ Cable - Comcast - Franchise Fee of 3% (New Contract Agreement Approved January 2007)
- ▶ Electricity - PG&E - Franchise Fee of ½% Gross Annual Receipts (*No Utility Tax*)
- ▶ Fire Hydrants - City and TUD
- ▶ LPG - Various Private Companies

15. Economic Development/CDBG

- ▶ An Economic Development concept plan is currently under construction
- ▶ Sonora Redevelopment Agency - Plan adopted 1992 (*40 year plan or \$95 million dollar cap*) Began third Five-Year Implementation Plan on January 1st, 2005
- ▶ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program - Ongoing
- ▶ CDBG Small Business Loan Program - Ongoing
- ▶ CDBG Reuse Program - Ongoing
- ▶ CDBG First Time Home Buyers Grant Program #1 - \$300,000
- ▶ CDBG First Time Home Buyers Grant Program #2 - \$300,000
- ▶ CDBG Homebuyers' Assistance Grant Program #3 - \$500,000
- ▶ CDBG Homebuyers' Assistance Grant Program #4 - \$500,000
- ▶ CDBG Homebuyers' Assistance Grant/Shaws Flat Storm Drain Improvement Grant #5 - \$1.5 million
- ▶ State Parks Grant - Dragoon Gulch Trail Project - \$500,000
- ▶ State Parks Grant for purchase of Cutler property - \$500,000
- ▶ Planning Technical Assistance Grant Housing Survey - \$35,000
- ▶ Planning Technical Assistance Grant for Sonora Repertory Theater (SRT) Study - \$35,000
- ▶ Downtown Historic Main Street/New Town Commercial Shopping Centers
- ▶ City has approximately 900 Business License Renewals for 2006
- ▶ State Parks Per Capita Funding for 2002 - \$220,000 Allocated
- ▶ Marketing Programs - Ongoing - Downtown Guide, Quarterly Newsletter, City Brochure, Website (www.sonoraca.com), Advertisements, and Special Events

16. City Committees/Community Government Committees/Commissions

(Brown Act Open Meeting Laws govern all Council/Committee/Commission Meetings)

- ▶ 6 City Council Committees (2 Councilmembers appointed to each Committee)
- ▶ 9 Community Government Committees (Mayor appoints City representatives)
- ▶ City Planning Commission - 5 Members (Appointed by Mayor/City Council)
- ▶ Parking & Traffic Commission - 8 Members (Appointed by Mayor/City Council)

17. Lines of Communications

- ▶ Chain of Command (*see employee organizational chart*)
- ▶ Council's Interaction with Staff (*no interaction on confidential matters/litigation/personnel/ property negotiations*)

18. City Owned Properties/Facilities (*Separate Handout*)

19. City Affiliations

- ▶ League of California Cities (*LCC*)
- ▶ International Cities Management Association (*ICMA*)
- ▶ California City Management Foundation (*CCMF*)
- ▶ California Redevelopment Association (*CRA*)
- ▶ State of California Historic Preservation Association
- ▶ Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority (*CSJVRMA*)
- ▶ Public Agency Risk Management Association (*PARMA*)
- ▶ International Public Management Association - Human Resources (*IPMA-HR*)
- ▶ Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Historic Downtown Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau

20. Technology

- ▶ City Website: www.sonoraca.com
- ▶ DSL Connection for all City Department facilities with the exception of Fire (ISDN)
- ▶ INFONET - Tuolumne County
- ▶ WiFi Node - Sonora Opera Hall
- ▶ GIS Program - City Engineer

21. Schools/Hospitals

- ▶ Sonora High School
- ▶ Sonora Elementary School
- ▶ Cassina High School (*Alternative Education*)/Ted Bird High School (*Independent Study*)
- ▶ Mother Lode Adventist Academy (*Private*)
- ▶ Sonora Regional Medical Center (*formerly Sonora Community Hospital*)
- ▶ Tuolumne General Hospital (*Tuolumne County*)

22. City Special Events

- ▶ Annual Christmas Parade (*Day after Thanksgiving*)
- ▶ Spring Festival (*April*)
- ▶ Magic of the Night (*August*)
- ▶ Trick or Treat Street (*October*)
- ▶ Farmers Market (*Middle of May through the End of October*)
- ▶ Assist with the Mother Lode Roundup Parade (*Mother's Day Weekend*)

23. Infrastructure

- ▶ Roads funded from Local Transportation and Gas Tax Dollars
- ▶ Member of Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC)
- ▶ Storm Drains - Slate and pipe delivery system
- ▶ Public Transportation - Tuolumne County Public Transit
- ▶ Sidewalk Improvement/Replacement Policy (*separate handout*)
- ▶ Street Lights - PG&E (*exception of Sunrise Hills Lighting & Landscape District*)
- ▶ Traffic Signal Light Maintenance - Caltrans and City

- ▶ Water & Sewer - Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD)
- ▶ Parking Downtown - Off-Street Parking: 636 Spaces - On-Street Parking: 596 Spaces - Total Downtown Parking: 1232 Spaces (Surveyed 2003)
- ▶ Adopted Update American Disability Act (ADA) Self Evaluation and Transition Plan (2006)

24. Parks/Recreation/Public Use Facilities

- ▶ Woods Creek Park - Little League Baseball Diamond/Playground Equipment (*Owned/Operated by City*)
- ▶ 49er Rotary Park - Skate Park (*Owned/Operated by Tuolumne County*)
- ▶ Rother's Corner Fire Museum/Senior Lounge (*Owned by City/Operated by local Fire Organization & Senior Volunteers*)
- ▶ Coffill Park (*Owned by City/Maintained by Sonora Beautiful Volunteers*)
- ▶ Opera Hall (*Owned/Operated by City*)
- ▶ County Library and Senior Center (*Owned/Operated by Tuolumne County*)
- ▶ City Downtown Education Facility (*Owned by City/Leased to Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency - Future Home of Sonora Police Department's Patrol Division*)
- ▶ Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau (*Owned by City/Leased to TCVB*)
- ▶ Women's Shelter (*Owned by City/Leased to Mountain Women's Resource Center*)
- ▶ Mountain Shadow Cemetery (*Owned/Operated by City*)
- ▶ Old City Cemetery (*Owned by City/Annual Maintenance Only*)
- ▶ Grisby and Prospector Parks (*Pocket Parks*) (*Owned/Operated by City*)
- ▶ Downtown Public Restroom located in Grisby Park (*Owned/Maintained by City*)

25. Anticipated Projects Over the Next Five Years

- ▶ Mono Way Widening Project
- ▶ New Playground Equipment for Woods Creek Park
- ▶ Police Department Expansion/Rehabilitation
- ▶ Phase II Shaws Flat Storm Drain Project
- ▶ Realignment Old Wards Ferry Railroad Crossing
- ▶ Rother's Corner paving and (ADA) Improvements
- ▶ City Storm Drain and Sidewalk (ADA) Improvements
- ▶ Mono/Greenley Intersection Improvements - Phase II
- ▶ Dragoon Gulch Trail Project Phase II
- ▶ General Plan Update Completion
- ▶ Succession Plan Completion

26. City Council/Planning Commission/Other Meetings

- ▶ City Council Meetings - First and Third Mondays of each month at 5:00 pm
- ▶ Planning Commission Meetings - Second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm
- ▶ All other Council Committee meetings and the Parking & Traffic Commission meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis