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Senator Wolk & Assemblywoman Yamada to be Recognized by Yolo County Board of Supervisors

(Woodland, CA) – On Tuesday, December 15, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors will be recognizing State Senator Lois Wolk and Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada for their many contributions to the residents of Yolo County and the state of California. A special presentation will be held during the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Board Chambers at 625 Court Street in Woodland, Room 206.

Among State Senator Wolk's many achievements, is the recent passage of Senate Bill 676, a new law that allows counties to increase out-of-date fees set by the state that do not cover the cost of service. Authored by Senator Wolk and sponsored by Yolo County, this bill will raise over \$300,000 annually for Yolo County.

"Senator Wolk has always been a great champion of local government," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. "Since her tenure on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, she has tirelessly advocated for the retention – and now restoration - of Williamson Act subventions to reward farmers and counties like Yolo that preserve agricultural land and open space. She has also demonstrated tremendous leadership on Delta issues helping to bring much needed attention to issues affecting the five Delta counties. We are grateful for her efforts."

Along with Senator Wolk, Assemblywoman Yamada has also been a Williamson Act advocate, has worked toward solutions to issues faced by the five Delta counties during negotiations on legislation and bond proposals, and has advocated for the passage of AB 65 and AB 67, which together accelerated the repayment of Highway Users Tax Account funds borrowed by the state and helped local governments securitize the state's repayment obligation for the property taxes borrowed by the state.

"Assemblywoman Yamada effectively and assiduously uses the extensive knowledge of local government she gained as a Yolo County Supervisor to help counties support residents in need, maintain law and order, and provide other important services, despite difficult financial times," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. "She is to be commended for her many years of public service."

Senator Wolk and Assemblywoman Yamada will both present to the Board of Supervisors on December 15, which will be followed by a special recognition of their contributions and a brief reception.