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To: Colleagues, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

From: Mariko Yamada, Chair

Date: December 11, 2007

Subject: Board of Supervisors Key Accomplishments – 2007

Reflecting back over the year, our accomplishments as an organization in 2007 were many. We have much to be proud of and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few of our significant achievements in 2007.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, the Clerk of the Board and staff, the Supervisor's Deputies and Assistant Supervisor's Deputies, the County Administrator and staff, the County Counsel and staff, department heads, and each and every county employee who contributed to all our many achievements in 2007.

Budget and Finance

- Adopted a \$327 million balanced budget which did not use any general fund reserve. The general fund contingency was increased by \$2 million.
- Allocated \$5 million in tribal mitigation funds for impacts associated with the Cache Creek Casino expansion.
- Adopted a development impact fee to assist in financing county parks.

Legislation

- Appointed a Board subcommittee on Legislation (Supervisors Yamada and Rexroad) and took positions on the following state legislation in 2007:

Bill No.	Author	Subject	Sent	Position	Status
AB 909	Wolk	Methylmercury monitoring and remediation	5/8/07	Support	Two-year bill

SB 137	Torlakson	CCS program expenditure increases	5/14/07	05/07 Opposed; Now Neutral	Veto
AB 646	Wolk	Cache Creek Resource Management Plan	6/13/07	Support	Signed
SB 22	Migden	Promotion of breastfeeding	7/9/07	Support	Signed
AB 712	de Leon	Increases in state landfill tipping fees	7/17/07	Oppose unless amended	Held on Suspense
AB 1109	Huffman	Energy efficient lighting	7/17/07	Support	Signed
AB 684	Leno	Cultivation of industrial hemp	7/31/07	Support	Vetoed
AB 83	Lieber	Property tax administration	8/1/07	Support	Held on Suspense
AB 680	Wolk	Rice straw utilization tax credit	8/2/07	Support	Two-year bill
SB 153	Migden/Runner	Funding for child abuse investigation	8/20/07	Support	Two-year bill
AB 930	Jones	SAFCA/flood easements	8/21/07	Support	Signed
AB 70	Jones	Flood liability	9/18/07	Oppose	Signed
SB 868	Ridley-Thomas	Criminal background checks/IHSS	9/4/07	Support if amended	Signed
SB 692	Ashburn	Criminal background checks/nonprofit	9/4/07	Support if amended	Two-year bill
SB 945	Padilla	Notices of action/ IHSS	9/4/07	Oppose, then no position	Vetoed
AB 182	Ma	Standards for training/IHSS	9/4/07	Support if amended	Vetoed
SB 633	Alquist	Hospital discharge long-term care info	9/11/07	Support	Signed
AB 979	Price	Funding for all aspects of IHSS	9/4/07	Support	Vetoed
AB 836	Bass	Pay warrants-tax credit/IHSS	9/4/07	Support	Signed
AB 317	Berg	Alzheimer's day care resource center	9/4/07	Support	Held on Suspense

General Government

- Adopted the Yolo County Strategic Plan 2007→2012→2022 which includes a vision of Yolo County's future in one year, five years and fifteen years; the mission and core values of the county, goals for 2007 and an action agenda describing the required actions to achieve those goals.
- Appointed a new Assistant Chief Deputy Public Defender, Assistant Director for the Department of Employment & Social Services, County-Tribe Coordinator and Intergovernmental Affairs Manager.
- Provided for additional positions in the budget for the following departments:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health (8)	General Services (1)
Assessor (4)	Health (1)
Auditor-Controller (1)	Parks & Resources (1)

Employment & Social Services (6)
District Attorney (4)

Probation (14)
Sheriff-Coroner (2)

- Negotiated and completed six county bargaining agreements with employees.
- Supported implementation of “Avenues” Human Resources program to improve communications with employees.
- Provided online streaming of Board of Supervisors meetings and e-mail subscription services for webpage updates for better communication with residents and visitors.
- Became the first county to comply with SB 1732 (Escutia, 2002) by transferring responsibility of three county-owned court facilities back to the state.
- Became a member of the U.S. EPA’s Green Power Partnership which encourages organizations to buy green power to lessen environmental impacts associated with conventional electricity use.
- Joined the 12 charter member counties from every region of the country, collectively representing over 17 million people, in pledging to participate in the Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration, a new initiative to combat global warming.
- Joined the California Climatic Registry, an organization that promotes reduced environmental impacts from carbon. The organization and the State of California conducted an audit of the county carbon imprint and certified that the county had correctly reported the carbon footprint for 2006 which will assist the Board in developing strategies to reduce future impacts.
- Convened the county’s first Aging Summit, co-sponsored by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, the City of Woodland, and the Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services.
- Approved and accepted responsibility for the administration of previously awarded Fiscal Year 2006/07 Homeland Security Grant Program funds in the amount of \$418,298, from the Yolo County Communications Emergency Service Agency (YCCESA).
- Approved agreements with the counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Solano relating to cooperative flood response planning.
- Accepted allocation of Indian Gaming Special Distribution Funds from the state to the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee for Yolo County in the amount of \$852,542 for fiscal year 2005/06.
- Renamed the existing Davis Branch Library the “Mary L. Stephens Branch Library” in recognition of the many contributions made by retired Yolo County Librarian, Mary L. Stephens.
- Extended wireless (WiFi) internet access to all branch libraries.
- Included on November 2007 ballot, and passed by the voters the Davis Branch Library Community Facilities District Special Tax (Measure P).
- Grants and awards received of note:

- \$5,000 California State Library "Early Learning With Families @ Your Library" grant.
- \$34,500 (annually over three years) California State Library "Literacy Grant".
- \$3,084 California State Library, Library Services & Technology Act "Public Library/Staff Education Program" grant.
- \$5,000 SYAR grant to fund Esparto Library after-school program - 2007/08 portion of grant.
- \$71,568 Emergency Management Performance grant.

Law & Justice Services

- Established the Yolo Unlicensed Response Apprehension Team (YoU RAT) program, comprised of the Yolo County District Attorney's Fraud Investigators Office, Yolo County Code Enforcement, local law enforcement, the California State Contractors Board and the Department of Insurance Investigators to identify unfair business practices that occur with unlicensed contractors, businesses and trades in Yolo County.
- Provided funding to support the development of a Consumer Fraud and Environmental Protection unit in the District Attorney's Office.
- Grants and awards received of note:
 - ~\$1.7 million in Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) grants earmarked toward reducing recidivism and promoting long-term stability among mentally ill adult and juvenile offenders.
 - \$50,000 Governor's Office of Emergency Services grant to implement the extended forensic evaluation program model at the Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center (MDIC).
 - \$130,000 donation from the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians to acquire 20 video cameras for Sheriff patrol vehicles.
 - \$342,272 California Department of Boating and Waterways grant funding for the Sheriff's Department Boat Patrol, Boat Safety, and Search and Rescue programs.
 - \$232,149 California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (CAL-MMET) methamphetamine grant.
 - \$50,000 U.S. Department of Justice grant for augmentation of the Yolo County Gang Task Force.

Health & Human Services

- Approved a public health nursing scholarship program to address Yolo County's public health nursing shortage.

- Received one of 25 Merit Awards awarded in the CSAC Challenge Awards program for the Triad Task Force – the action arm of the Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services.
- Approved and authorized implementation of the Yolo County Health Department Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program.
- Approved and authorized the development and implementation of a syringe exchange program for Yolo County.
- Developed the first pandemic flu community awareness campaign in the state.
- Grants and awards received of note:
 - \$1,500,000, over three years, Yolo County's Assertive Community Treatment Program for Rural Meth Users "Meth grant."
 - \$23,000 California Department of Community Services and Development award to expend for the bulk purchasing program administered by the Food Bank of Yolo County.
 - \$5,894 California Health Care Foundation to fund meetings regarding the health care safety net.
 - \$190,799 State of California, Employment Development Department State Workforce Investment Act sub-grant for youth employment services.
 - \$24,500 California Department of Community Services and Development grant for disaster preparedness planning project which will benefit low-income and homeless individuals and families by improving the coordination and delivery of temporary services in the event of a disaster or inclement weather.

Planning & Public Works

- Adopted a general plan preferred land use alternative for the purpose of proceeding with drafting of the plan and environmental analysis.
- Approved completed construction of the Huff's Corner bank stabilization project on the south bank of Cache Creek as a result of extensive damage to the existing levee during the 2005/06 New Year's weekend storm.
- Accepted installation of a new well in Madison, funded in part by Yolo County, allowing residents to access clean water from their taps for the first time since 2003. Upon the failing of the well, Yolo County applied for, and was awarded, a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Additionally, Yolo County provided \$175,000 from its own CDBG Program Income coiffeurs for the replacement of the well.
- Approved completed chip seal application to approximately 77 miles of county roads.
- Approved two-year Flood Management Pilot project with the City of Woodland and the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

- Amended Gravel Mining Fee Ordinance resulting in an increased in the per-ton mining fees and surcharge fee.
- Grants and awards received of note:
 - \$1,485,000 by Caltrans to fund two projects that will enhance safety measures on County Road 140 (South River Road) between County Roads 141 and 142, and on County Road 23 between County Roads 86A and 86B.
 - \$36,893 for Waste Tire Amnesty events and \$15,000 for used oil recycling programs and outreach from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.
 - \$10,000 for beverage container recycling and outreach from the Department of Conservation.
 - \$60,000 for the bioreactor and anaerobic digester research projects from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD).
 - \$200,000 California Integrated Waste Management Board grant for construction of the landfill-based Anaerobic Digester Compost Pilot project at the Yolo County Central Landfill.
 - \$287,580 Air Resources Board grant for the purchase of low emission construction equipment.

Agriculture, Parks & Resources

- Created stand-alone Parks & Resources Department and appointed department director.
- Adopted Yolo County Oak Woodlands Conservation and Enhancement Plan – a voluntary program which encourages the protection and growth of oak woodlands by providing financial incentives to landowners, establishing public outreach and educational programs, and working with the University of California, Davis to encourage oak woodland-related research in the county.
- Held groundbreaking celebration marking the start of construction on newest county park – Capay Open Space Park – a 41-acre park just north of Cache Creek on County Road 85.
- Launched new “A Taste of Yolo” website (www.atasteofyolo.com) about Yolo County food, wine and farms As part of agricultural marketing initiative.
- Completed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.
- Grants and awards received of note:
 - \$1,126,000 in Proposition 50 awards (Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002) for projects at Elkhorn Regional Park & River Access Facility, Camp Haswell and Putah Creek Public Access Sites.
 - \$76,000 from the State Resources Agency for Cache Creek Regional Park trail construction and habitat restoration.

- \$106,000 from the State Resources Agency for Vernon A. Nichols Park trail construction and creation of the Will Baker native plant garden.
- \$542,000 from the Wildlife Conservation Board for invasive species management and habitat enhancement at Grasslands Regional Park.
- \$280,000 from the Bureau of Reclamation for vernal pool restoration at Grasslands Regional Park.
- \$44,000 from the Department of Defense for reuse planning of the Davis Communications site buildings.
- \$562,000 from the Wildlife Conservation Board for Putah Creek Fishing Access Sites trail construction, fishing platform construction, parking lot and infrastructure improvements.
- \$398,000 from the State Resources Agency for Putah Creek Fishing Access Sites trail construction and habitat restoration.
- \$310,000 from the State Resources Agency for Camp Haswell trail construction, parking facilities and habitat restoration.
- \$427,000 from the State Resources Agency for Elkhorn Regional Park trail construction.
- \$25,000 from the State Water Resources Agency for development of riparian habitat restoration at Correll-Rodgers Park
- \$76,000 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board for installation of tire-derived product in four playgrounds at Cache Creek Campground, Nichols Park, Esparto Park & Dunnigan Park.

Capital Improvements

- Recipient of the Sacramento Business Journal's 2006 Real Estate Projects of the Year "Best Community Impact" award for the Herbert Bauer, M.D. Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health building.
- Provided for remodel of interiors to improve functionality and renew 25-year-old furnishings for the Assessor, County Counsel, Human Resources, and Graphics, Purchasing and Capital Programs offices and for numerous other facility upgrades and repairs throughout the organization.
- Approved demolition of five vacant buildings that required extensive maintenance and that were extremely energy inefficient.
- Obtained federal funding for airport operations to design various airfield upgrades to improve service and to encourage development opportunities.
- Approved installation two new microwave towers at the landfill which link the communications center, Information Technology and the landfill. This allows redundant service and reduces risk of losing fiber based data and phone transmissions.

- Approved completion of the landfill Hazardous Waste Facility and fire suppression support systems, which allows increased services to citizens and a safer environment for staff.
- Approved construction of the Sheriff-Coroner's Boat & Evidence Storage facility that provides appropriate facilities for secure evidence storage and functional space for the boat patrol.
- Provided direction on preliminary countywide capital improvement plan that addresses all improvements except the roads.