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Jobs, Economic Development and Sustainable Communities Town Hall Listening Session January 26

(Woodland, CA) – A town hall listening session regarding jobs, economic development and sustainable communities will be held January 26, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Center, located at 203 East 14th Street in Davis. This listening session will be an opportunity for community members in Yolo and Solano counties to tell United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) representatives about needed policies and programs in rural Yolo and Solano counties.

Opinions shared during the town hall will be summarized and collated into a policy report for President Obama with the goal of strategizing policy needs and program delivery for rural California. The final report will also be sent to all town hall participants as well as members of California's state legislature, congressional delegation and other interested parties. Ultimate objective from the listening session and report to follow include:

- One document that clearly outlines the needs and issues of California regarding jobs and economic development in our rural communities and resource-based industries: agriculture, forestry, fisheries.
- Some sense of consensus on the contents of this document so that California's diverse interest groups can begin to work together to pursue the recommendations offered.
- A shared experience by the various partners at the local level that can be built upon for future collaboration

The January 26 town hall listening session is sponsored by Yolo and Solano counties, the Solano Economic Development Corporation, UC Cooperative Extension of Yolo and Solano counties, the cities of Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland, the California Association of Local Economic Developers, and the USDA – California Rural Development.

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