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Yolo County Releases Fiscal Year 2009-10 Recommended Budget

(Woodland, CA) – Today, Yolo County released its recommended budget for fiscal year 2009-10. Budget hearings are scheduled for June 16-18. Total expenditures are recommended at \$330,675,671, with general purpose revenues of \$54,470,681. The net operating budget of \$281,537,860 (total budget less internal transfers, capital projects and debt service) represents a decline of \$1,223,165 from the 2008-09 net operating budget, resulting in a two year decline in net operating funds of \$2,783,280.

“This has been the most difficult budget in many years to develop and recommend to the Board of Supervisors,” said Yolo County Administrator Sharon Jensen.

Fiscal year 2009-10 will be the second year of a net decline in operations. As a result, the Yolo County workforce will decrease by 161.5 funded positions in 2009-10. Over two years, the number of funded positions in the county will have declined by 265; a 15% decline. Total staff reductions include 41 layoffs and 103 retirements. The impacts of these reductions will be significant. Offices may need to be closed and hours adjusted in order to meet service demands with fewer staff. Beyond staff reductions, a furlough will likely be required for all workers of between 80 and 96 hours.

This budget also uses \$4.2 million in one-time reserves. At the end of the coming fiscal year, Yolo County will have expended 73% of its reserves within two years. As a result, this budget should be considered a transitional budget to an even tighter county spending plan next year.

The state has yet to finalize actions to adjust its budget to the new fiscal reality of the \$25 billion deficit it currently faces. Proposals have already been made to borrow local property taxes as allowed under the California Constitution, which would be a \$2.9 million hit to Yolo County. Additionally, cuts in major subventions to counties are being proposed, including eliminating the payment for the Williamson Act (\$1.1 million) as well funds for the Rural Law Enforcement grants (\$500,000) and Juvenile Justice grants (\$500,000), which would bring the total additional hit to Yolo County to \$5 million. Elimination of the CalWORKs program would have a dramatic financial and family impact.

“Yolo County will struggle to continue to serve the public in the best manner possible which will require innovation and adaptation,” notes Jensen. “Still, our county workers will strive to continue providing the highest level of service possible, which masks the severity of budget reductions.”

The County of Yolo Fiscal Year 2009-10 Recommended Budget is available online at www.yolocounty.org (go to: Government > Budget & Finance). To receive a copy of the budget, contact Beth Gabor, Yolo County Public Information Officer at (530) 666-8042.

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