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Yolo County Releases Fiscal Year 2010-11 Recommended Budget

(Woodland, CA) – Today, Yolo County released its recommended budget for fiscal year 2010-11. Budget hearings are scheduled for June 15 (16 and 17 if needed). Total expenditures are recommended at \$308,095,342, with general purpose revenues of \$57,352,546 and capital expenditures of \$7,998,098. The net operating budget of \$271,472,461 (total budget less internal transfers, capital projects and debt service) represents a decline of \$16.3 million from 2009-10.

The recommended budget includes a balanced array of special revenue allocations, an assumed 10% reduction in personnel costs, numerous program reductions, and, unfortunately, 48 layoffs. The 2010-11 recommended budget does preserve the county's remaining reserve (\$3.9 million) and includes an operating contingency of \$2.5 million.

Fiscal year 2010-11 will be the third year of a net decline in operations. Since the peak in 2007-08, revenues and expenditures have dropped by \$38.3 million (9%) and the number of funded positions has dropped by 408 (24%). The number of Yolo County employees per 1,000 residents will now be the lowest in more than 20 years. The impacts of these reductions are significant with fewer staff to meet service demands. Public hours are reduced in some departments and some departments will experience closures throughout 2010-11, especially during the winter holidays.

“The Board of Supervisors has led a comprehensive process, working with department heads, fiscal staff, labor representatives, employees and external stakeholders to address the identified budget shortfall in a collaborative and constructive manner,” said Yolo County Administrator Patrick Blacklock. “We especially want to recognize our employees who have contributed to solutions through a variety of ways and have helped the county maintain vital services for the residents of Yolo County in the midst of an uncertain and difficult economic climate.”

Once adopted, the recommended budget will serve as the interim spending plan until final budget hearings can be completed following adoption of the 2010-11 state budget. Other uncertainties which warrant preserving the remaining reserves and maintaining an operating contingency include indigent healthcare costs; unanticipated outcomes from program reductions; unemployment costs; labor negotiations; assessment appeals; continued grant funding for mission critical programs; federal stimulus funding; and the continued effects of the economy.

The 2010-11 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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