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## County, Tribe Form Emergency Services Partnership

(Woodland, CA) – Today, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Tribe) for direct financial support of the county's Office of Emergency Services. Per the Intergovernmental Agreement, the Tribe will provide \$163,660 in funding for Office of Emergency Services operations for fiscal year 2010/11.

“The Tribe has really stepped up at a time when the county is hurting financially,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Helen M. Thomson. “This is a very tough budget year for the county. With the Tribe’s help, we can continue to provide the coordinated emergency services that residents deserve.”

The funds from the Tribe will be used to maintain the Emergency Services Manager position. Funding required for additional program staff and operating costs will be matched using a Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant and administrative reimbursement under the Homeland Security Grant Program.

“Understanding the critical role the Office of Emergency Services plays in developing preparedness and response plans for emergency events in Yolo County, in coordination with local governments, including our Tribe, we felt it a priority to assure the continuance of the manager position by providing the funds necessary for its support,” said Tribal Chairman Marshall McKay.

The Tribal funding will allow the Office of Emergency Services to continue to work with partners in emergency management programs in the cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland, as well as the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and University of California at Davis, and special districts and joint powers authorities within Yolo County.

“I want to commend the county and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for their vision and understanding of the need to maintain Yolo County's emergency preparedness program by entering into the inter-governmental agreement, ensuring that the Tribe and all Yolo County governments are prepared to implement programs design to protect our citizens during times of disaster,” said Yocha Dehe Fire Chief Mike Chandler.

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