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Yolo County Supervisor McGowan Elected CSAC 1st Vice-President **Supervisors Thomson and McGowan Circle of Service Award Recipients**

(Woodland, CA) – This past week, Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan was elected 1st vice-president for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors at the association's 116th Annual Meeting, held in Riverside, California. Additionally, McGowan and Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Helen M Thomson were among the 2010 Circle of Service Award recipients acknowledged for demonstrating leadership in advocating to protect and improve the services counties provide all Californians. CSAC represents county government before the California Legislature, administrative agencies and the federal government. The association places an emphasis on educating the public on the value of, and need for county programs and services.

“It is an honor to be recognized by my peers within CSAC and to continue to serve the residents of California as CSAC's 1st vice-president,” said Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan. “The leadership role we play on behalf of California counties in interfacing directly with California's legislative leadership, as well as our federal representatives in Washington DC, is critical, especially as service demands have increased and revenues declined. This year, we will be strongly advocating for a reformation of government which is commensurate with our service demands and revenues required to provide these essential services to all Californians.”

In November 2008, Supervisor McGowan was re-elected to his fifth term on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. He also chairs the West Sacramento Port Commission and serves as a member and past chair of the Delta Protection Commission. Prior to his seat on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, he was elected to the inaugural City Council for the newly incorporated city of West Sacramento and served as the city's first mayor.

During his tenure as a county supervisor, Mike McGowan has played a leadership role in CSAC. For the past year, McGowan has served on CSAC's Board of Director's as 2nd vice-president. McGowan also serves as chair of CSAC's Indian Gaming Working Group and as a member of CSAC's Housing, Land Use & Transportation Policy Committee. Additionally, McGowan serves as co-chair of the National Association of Counties' Native American Affairs Subcommittee.

Supervisor McGowan was elected 1st vice-president by county supervisors from throughout the state during CSAC's General Assembly on November 18. CSAC's constitution and bylaws mandate that each year the presidency rotate from a rural to urban, and then to a suburban county supervisor. Supervisor McGowan represents suburban counties.

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