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Yolo County Engineer & General Plan Receive SACOG Salutes! Awards Yolo County winery, Bogle Vineyards, also recognized by SACOG awards program

(Woodland, CA) – On December 10, at the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) Regional Forum, being held by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan will be recognized with this year’s “SACOG Salutes! Blueprint Excellence” award. Yolo County Planning & Public Works Principal Engineer Jim Campbell will also be honored with the “SACOG Salutes! Employee of the Year” award. Additionally, Bogle Vineyards, located in Clarksburg, is being recognized with one of two “Regional Business of the Year” awards.

The SACOG Salutes! award program emphasizes regional planning and transportation accomplishments. This year, the awards are focused on achievements within rural areas. The Blueprint Excellence category recognizes a project implemented or completed in 2009 or 2010, with a unique approach to smart growth. The Employee of the Year category recognizes an employee of an organization or business who has made a significant contribution in the region in rural transportation, air quality, and/or smart growth.

Adopted in January 2009, Yolo County’s 2030 Countywide General Plan set new standards to address the challenges of achieving smart growth in rural areas. The plan blends transportation and land-use into a sustainable balance of compact, mixed-use communities and locally-based agricultural markets. As such, it provides an approach unique in this region for synthesizing the complementary benefits of both farm and urban development.

“Our General Plan reflects our steadfast dedication to the fundamental tenets of agricultural and open space preservation, complemented by compact urban development,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Helen M. Thomson. “We are very happy to be recognized regionally for remaining firmly rooted in our heritage while tackling difficult issues such as affordable housing, agricultural and habitat mitigation, and climate change. We spent many hours in the preparation of our 2030 Countywide General Plan and we are very proud of it. We are delighted to have this recognition from SACOG.”

Yolo County Planning & Public Works Principal Engineer Jim Campbell led the 11-year effort to connect the cities of Woodland and Davis with class-II bike lanes.

“Jim’s “can-do” attitude and tireless pursuit of funding resulted in a bikeway that yields environmental benefits and increases safety for bicyclists, rural residents, farmers moving machinery and urban commuters traveling through rural Yolo County,” said Yolo County Planning & Public Works Director John Bencomo.

SACOG’s Regional Forum: Rural-Urban Connections Strategy on December 10 is free and open to the public. For more information, visit: www.sacog.org/rucs.

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