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## Yolo County Public Health Heroes Named

(Woodland, CA) – In celebration of National Public Health Week, April 4-10, two Public Health Hero Awards were presented at the March 29 Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting. Each year, the Yolo County Health Department presents these awards to community members and staff who exemplify the values of public health. This year's Public Health Hero employee award was awarded to Raquel Aguilar, a senior public health nurse, and the community award was awarded to First 5 Yolo.

“Raquel Aguilar was recognized for her skills in working with clients in the areas of communicable disease, immunizations and tuberculosis control,” said Jill Cook, Yolo County Health Director. “She has a strong background in home visits and the health and social issues faced by many of the clients and makes a positive impact on both clients and staff.”

First 5 Yolo was recognized for their health, social and educational programs and policies that have prepared Yolo County children, age 0-5 years, to be socially, mentally and physically ready for school. They have ensured that all children, age 0-5, have health insurance coverage, have increased dental services for young children and have provided car seats and related safety instruction. Additionally, First 5 Yolo conducted a breastfeeding study that determined how long mothers in Yolo County breastfeed their babies and why they stopped, the results of which will help healthcare providers and other organizations who work with new moms.

“First 5 Yolo's collaborative efforts in the community has made a difference in the lives of our youngest residents,” said Jill Cook, Yolo County Health Director. “Policy, prevention and protection are the three Ps of public health. These awards are given to individuals and organizations that protect the health and safety of the community through services based on these principles.”

National Public Health Week, April 4-10, 2011, celebrates the successes of the public health system in protecting and enhancing the health of the community. This year's theme is Safety is *NO* Accident—Live Injury-Free.

“The mission of the Yolo County Health Department is to protect and enhance the health and safety of the residents of Yolo County,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Matt Rexroad. “Public Health Week celebrations recognize the valuable services the department provides to meet its mission.”

To learn more about Yolo County's public health programs, visit: [www.yolohealth.org](http://www.yolohealth.org). To receive ongoing updates from the Yolo County Health Department, use Twitter: [www.twitter.com/yolohealth](http://www.twitter.com/yolohealth).

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