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Author Event at Esparto Regional Library March 14

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County’s Esparto Regional Library and The Friends of the Esparto Regional Library invite you to meet authors James Scott and Tom Tolley on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the library’s Wintun Room, where they will discuss their new book, *Mather Field* – an overview of the Sacramento Valley’s early history, with a specific focus on the Mather area. Refreshments will be served.

“*Mather Field* was published as part of the Special Collections of the Sacramento Public Library,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “Come learn from authors James Scott and Tom Tolley how the Sacramento Valley has evolved through two world wars and the Vietnam era into the bustling area it is today.”

The Mather area was once a pristine and lush landscape with flora and fauna, until the gold rush. In the early 20th century there were grains, grapes and vernal pools alongside of dredging. During the Great War the military was looking for an air field and aviation school for pilots. The weather, proximity to the river and rail lines in the Sacramento area played a large role in the establishment of Mather Field.

Since the early years, Mather has hosted events such as the 1925 air circus, flight exercises, aviation clubs, aerial aerobatics and parachute jumping, and even a visit by Charles Lindbergh in 1927. It has been an important part to the economy, the growth and development, and politics in Sacramento. In the last decade, Mather has undergone more changes as the military has withdrawn and the area has converted to a mixed suburban environment. Through the preservation of strong nature enthusiasts, Mather’s vernal pools are part of the 10% remaining vernal pools in California.

The Esparto Regional Library, a branch of the Yolo County Library, is located at 17065 Yolo Avenue in Esparto. To reach the Esparto Regional Library, call (530) 787-3426.

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