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## **Grant Awarded for Park & Recreation Benefits for Madison and Esparto**

**(Woodland, CA)** – This week, Yolo County received notice of a \$2,896,000 grant award from the California Department of Parks & Recreation for the development and community revitalization of the proposed Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area Parks and Recreation Zone of Benefit. This funding will be used to construct a new community park in Esparto which will include joint-use baseball and soccer fields, a full-sized basketball court, a walking path and an aquatic recreation center.

The Esparto Community Park and Aquatic Center Project application was selected from an intensely competitive list of projects. The project was one of the 64 selected for funding from a pool of over 400 applicants requesting \$1.3 billion.

This grant requires no local match. All Yolo County Planning & Public Works fees incurred in preparation of this grant and the Environmental Initial Study will be reimbursed by the Esparto Parks Capital Improvement Project Fund, which is restricted for Esparto Parks Development, and funded by Esparto Parks Development Impact Fees. The grant will be administered by County Service Area staff in the Yolo County Planning & Public Works Department.

Madison-Esparto and Capay Valley community organizations have long been working toward obtaining parks and recreational facility benefits for the residents of the area. Two years ago, they formed a Recreation/Special District Task Force to formalize their efforts. After many discussions with Yolo County, the task force requested the expansion of the Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area Parks and Recreation Zone of Benefit to best provide parks services in Western Yolo. This was followed by sessions to identify the types of services the community wanted and ultimately led to the grant application.

“Congratulations Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Jim Provenza. “This is wonderful news for the communities of Madison and Esparto and a great example of a successful collaboration between Yolo County and numerous community organizations.”

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