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Esparto Family Apartment Groundbreaking Celebrated

(Esparto, CA) – Yesterday, Yolo County, in partnership with Mercy Housing California, commemorated the start of construction for the Esparto Family Apartments, an affordable housing development in the community of Esparto.

Esparto Family Apartments, estimated to be complete in July 2013, includes 40 one- to three- bedroom apartments for residents within 30-55% of the area median income and will include a community building for management offices, a range of resident services, community space, a computer lab, restrooms and a small kitchen facility. It will use drought tolerant landscaping, energy conserving materials and construction methods to surpass Title 24 energy efficiency standards by 30% and meet the Enterprise Green Communities Development Criteria.

During the groundbreaking celebration, various stakeholders and supporters spoke about the importance and need for affordable housing projects such as the Esparto Family Apartments, starting with remarks from Duane Chamberlain, Vice-Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. “I would like to congratulate Mercy Housing for taking the first physical step in making Esparto Family Apartments a reality,” said Supervisor Chamberlain. “It is so nice to see it moving forward as the community is in need of affordable, energy-efficient housing.”

“It was an apple in my eye for a long time so it’s very wonderful to see it coming out of the ground,” said Yolo County Housing Commissioner and former Yolo County Supervisor Helen M Thomson. “It really represents the best of a public-private partnership.”

Yolo County Administrator Patrick Blacklock also congratulated county staff and the team of stakeholders, saying, “This is the first time the county has partnered with a non-profit developer to erect an affordable housing project not only of this size, but also one that is targeted specifically for low- and very-low income households.”

Financing for Esparto Family Apartments is provided by Citibank Community Capital Construction Loan, Enterprise Community Investment (Equity Contribution), California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, California Department of Housing and Community Development, HOME and Community Development Block Grant investments by Yolo County and Yolo County fee waivers.

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