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## 2012 Regional Priorities

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**#1: Pursue collaborative partnerships to secure full funding for the County Road 98 Safety Improvement Project.** In 2009, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) awarded \$6 million for construction of the Road 98 Safety Improvement Project. The County is recommended for a subsequent \$5.55 million in 2011. Yolo County needs an additional \$3-4 million to complete the project. Staff will develop a strategy to secure full funding for completing the project in two phases. The strategy will include requesting financial or other assistance from the City of Davis, the City of Woodland, and the University of California at Davis, applying for available grants, and working with SACOG.

**#2: Support changes to the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's portable diesel engine registration program to increase efficiency and reduce costs.** Work with the Yolo County Farm Bureau to identify ways to reduce the costs of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's state-mandated portable diesel engine registration program, including exploring improvements to the non-operational engine program. Yolo County farmers have identified the fees associated with this program as one of the many regulatory costs that make farming increasingly difficult to sustain in Yolo County.

**#3: Collaborate with other local and regional jurisdictions to promote and pursue shared services opportunities.** The County and other local and regional governmental partners will participate in a facilitated planning session led by a representative from California Forward. Following this planning discussion, the County will pursue opportunities for developing shared services partnerships with other jurisdictions that are identified as priorities.

**#4: Work with the Yolo County Transportation District to establish countywide project priorities for all major transportation funding sources.** Depending on the size and type of transportation project, there are different funding options available. In addition, projects supported by multiple jurisdictions tend to fare better in competitive funding processes. Yolo County (including the cities, Unitrans, YoloBus, and UC Davis), could increase total funding awarded to local projects from SACOG, the state, and the federal government by prioritizing projects for all major funding sources.

**#5: Explore use of Cache Creek Settling Basin residual material as a cover material for the county's landfill cells.** The County will close old landfill cells in the coming years and will be required to acquire additional soil within the next two years. Excavating and applying the

overburden material that has built up in the Settling Basin would serve to help both the flood mitigation capacity for Cache Creek and the requirements for the landfill closure process. Mercury concerns are inevitable, but sealing the mercury in perpetuity as part of the cover material mix in the landfill may keep mercury out of waterways that empty into the Yolo Bypass and the Delta. This action may also involve coordination with federal agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**#6: Explore possible local revenue raising options, including an increase in the vehicle license registration fee and an access line tax through the Yolo Emergency Communications agency.** The recession and the state's fiscal crisis are forcing local governments to significantly cut programs and services, change the ways in which services are delivered, and develop creative ways to generate new revenue at the local level. Legislation enacted in 2009 allows congestion management agencies (e.g. the Yolo County Transportation District) to raise the vehicle license registration fee to fund specific transportation projects, subject to voter approval. Similarly, local governments are able to place an access line tax before voters for approval. Funds from an access line tax could be used to support capital improvements to Yolo County's emergency communications system. Staff will work with city and other partners to research these and other opportunities to raise additional revenue.

**#7: Work with the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector to explore ways to consistently charge special districts and cities for services and provide new services to special districts as appropriate.** The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector has expressed an interest in evaluating the ability to consistently charge fees to special districts and cities for existing services and identify new services of interest to these jurisdictions. More information is needed to determine how best to assist with this effort.