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Additional Forums Set for Seeking Input on Services for Low-Income Residents

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Community Services Action Board, in coordination with the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services, is in the process of planning programs for the 2013 and 2014 Community Services Block Grant funding cycle. The Community Services Block Grant program is designed to provide a range of services to assist low-income people attain the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The information gathered in these forums will be used by the Community Services Action Board and the Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services to set service priorities for the Community Services Block Grant program. To determine the needs in Yolo County communities, the Yolo County Community Services Action Board has already held three public forums in the communities of West Sacramento, Woodland and Davis. Two additional forums have been added in the communities of Winters and Esparto as follows:

Monday, April 29, 5:30 p.m. RISE (Rural Innovations in Social Economics) 201 First Street in Winters

Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 p.m. RISE (Rural Innovations in Social Economics) 17317 Freemont Street in Esparto

Other ways to provide input are through the Community Action Plan Survey link on <u>www.yolocounty.org</u> or by contacting the following staff in the Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services: Jim Blanc (530) 666-2927 or Rene Sosa-Galindo (530) 661-2738.

"We value input from the community regarding our efforts in assisting people with some of the most basic life needs," said Ed Smith, interim director, Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services. "We also value our partners under the Community Service Block Grant process – Davis Community Meals, Food Bank of Yolo County, Peoples Resources and United Christian Centers."

"It is really important that Yolo County residents participate in these forums so we can better understand the needs of our residents and so our Department of Employment and Social Services and the Community Services Action Board can provide the tools necessary for our families to be healthy and successful," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Duane Chamberlain.