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Yolo Permit Process Community Workshop March 20

(Woodland, CA) – Obtaining a building permit can be a confusing, and at times, a frustrating process. To assist the public in understanding the requirements, and to make the process easier, the Yolo County Department of Planning and Public Works is hosting a community workshop on Thursday, March 20, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at 292 West Beamer Street, in Woodland.

This community workshop reflects a growing effort by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to improve customer service as part of its overall campaign to attract economic development to Yolo County. Residents, property owners, business owners, contractors, or anyone who wants to learn more about the permit process, and the functions of the various Yolo County divisions involved, are encouraged to attend this workshop. Participants will be able to meet with staff from the divisions of Planning and Building, Public Works, Integrated Waste Management, Economic Development, and Environmental Health, as well as representatives from the fire district. Each division will give a brief overview of their areas of responsibilities and what their processes and procedures include.

"Businesses want to do things right," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairman Duane Chamberlain. "Unfortunately, the number of rules they have to deal with is overwhelming. It's important for us to be able to quickly and efficiently help them succeed in getting through the permit process."

"The quickest and most trouble-free approvals occur when the county understands the permit applicant's goals and can guide the applicant with accurate and timely information," said Wes Ervin, Yolo County Economic Development Manager. "Streamlining the permit process continues to be a priority for the county."

Some of the topics to be covered include:

- when to get a permit
- why permits are needed
- what is required to obtain a permit
- how to schedule an inspection

- what fees are involved
- fire safety requirements
- hazardous waste requirements
- recycling construction and demolition waste

Spanish translators will be available. To register for this free workshop, please contact the Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department by March 13 at (530) 666-8775 or visit: www.yolocounty.org/org/PPW/default.htm.