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## Yolo County a Climate Action Leader

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County continues to provide leadership in its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimizing its carbon footprint, and increasing sustainability in Yolo County government operations, by taking definitive actions that represent those goals. Among those actions, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors today adopted a Green Procurement Policy which emphasizes the purchase of recycled products, such as paper and re-refined oil, the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles, promoting recycling collection, and waste reduction.

“Yolo County is taking a comprehensive approach to this issue,” said Yolo County Supervisor Matt Rexroad. “It is not just global warming. This is a responsible approach to using tax dollars in an efficient and environmentally aware manner.”

Ray Groom, Yolo County Director of General Services, estimates that by simply using recycled paper and printing on both sides, 1,260 trees can be saved yearly and that Yolo County will reduce its greenhouse gases by the equivalent of 47,432 pounds.

“Yolo County is just starting to address how we can reduce our impact on the environment,” said Ray Groom. “In the years to come the Board of Supervisors will continue to take aggressive action which further makes our county a better place to live.”

The Green Procurement Policy replaces an earlier Recycled Product Procurement Policy passed in 1990. The new policy defines goals, measures progress and provides for an annual report to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and to the State of California.

Yolo County has also successfully certified its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory with the California Climate Action Registry, becoming among the first counties in the state to earn the distinction of *Climate Action Leader*<sup>TM</sup>. Yolo County is now publicly and voluntarily reporting its GHG emissions under the rigorous registry program.

The Registry, created by the California legislature in 2000, is a non-profit public/private partnership that helps companies and organizations throughout the United States to track, publicly report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The results are certified by independent third-parties to ensure compliance with Registry protocols and standardization across participants and sectors. Organizations that are willing to meet the accounting standards and third party certification requirements of the Registry show their serious intent to address climate change. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

Yolo County’s certified GHG emission report for 2006 is available through the Registry’s website at [www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/Public/](http://www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/Public/).

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