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Groundbreaking at Capay Open Space Park

(Woodland, CA) —Yolo County today held a special groundbreaking celebration marking the start of construction on its newest county park – Capay Open Space Park – a 41-acre park just north of Cache Creek on County Road 85. The land for this park was donated to Yolo County in 2004 by Granite Construction, which operates a gravel quarry adjacent to the project. Plans for the park include public access to Cache Creek, picnic areas, interpretive hiking trails, and extensive habitat restoration.

Lifting the first shovelfuls of dirt at the groundbreaking today were Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada and Vice-Chair Duane Chamberlain who were joined by an audience that included representatives from the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Resources Agency, as well as Yolo County Parks and Resources Department staff. Also in attendance at this special event were representatives from several local non-profit groups including Capay Valley Vision, Audubon California, the Yolo County Resource Conservation District, and the Center for Land-Based Learning, as well as members of the Yolo County Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Advisory Committee.

“Today marks an important next step in enhancing our county parks system,” noted Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada. “Capay Open Space Park continues the spirit of collaboration among public and private partners in serving the recreational and open space needs of our residents as well as visitors to Yolo County.

Capay Open Space Park project is being funded in part with money designated by voters through Propositions 40 and 50 which fund river parkway and habitat restoration projects. These monies are allocated by State Parks and the Resources Agency. Additional funding comes from fees paid by local gravel producers in support of the Cache Creek Resource Management Plan, as well as a separate donation from Granite Construction.

“We are very excited to see all our hard work come to fruition today,” said Interim Director of the Yolo County Parks and Resources Department, Julia McIver. “The county is grateful for the land dedication by Granite Construction and the funding from State Parks and the Resources Agency that is helping to make this new park a reality.”

Construction at Capay Open Space Park will continue throughout the summer with an anticipated opening in October of 2007 and additional habitat restoration continuing throughout the winter.

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