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Warren Westrup Appointed Yolo Parks & Resources Director

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Administrator Sharon Jensen today announced the appointment of Warren E. Westrup, Jr. as Yolo County’s first Parks & Resources Department Director. In March of 2007, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of a stand-alone Parks and Resources Department, previously a division of the Planning, Resources and Public Works Department, dedicated to meeting the county’s commitment to preserving its parks, open spaces and natural resources

“Warren Westrup is uniquely qualified for this new position,” said Sharon Jensen, Yolo County Administrator. “He comes to us with a wide range of applicable organizational, management and land-use planning skills that will be essential to implement the county’s parks and resources objectives.”

Since 1973, Mr. Westrup has held positions with California State Parks, most recently as Acquisition and Real Property Services Division Chief, where he organized, planned and implemented highly successful land acquisition programs and natural and cultural resource conservation strategies resulting in the addition of over 400,000 acres of property, valued in excess of \$1 billion to the State Park System. He has served on numerous high-profile committees, task forces and special negotiating teams and has received a number of special recognitions for his service. Mr. Westrup holds a bachelor of landscape architecture from the University of California at Berkeley.

As Director of Parks and Resources, Mr. Westrup will be responsible for implementing policy, developing goals and objectives, and managing the operation of the Parks and Resources Department. He will provide leadership in natural resource conservation and parks, and will oversee special projects related to habitat, environmental management, regional water resources, aggregate mining and the county’s parks and opens-space master plans.

“As a career parks manager, with an extensive resource conservation background, and as a resident of Yolo County, I am honored and excited to be selected as the county’s first Director of Parks and Resources,” said Warren E. Westrup, Jr. “With input from the residents of Yolo County, the Board of Supervisors has adopted an ambitious vision for the future of the county and we plan for this newly created department to have a leadership role in the implementation of that vision.”

“Yolo County’s long-standing commitment to the protection of open space and natural resources takes on a new dimension with Mr. Westrup’s appointment as our first Parks and Resources Director,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada. “Thanks to the Board’s vision and the excellent interim team we’ve had in place, Yolo County is ready to face new challenges in the area of parks and resources management.”

Mr. Westrup will assume his new responsibilities on October 1, 2007. The annual salary range for this position is \$91,320 to \$111,024.

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