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Yolo Receives Brownfield Cleanup Grants for Esparto

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County has been awarded two Brownfield Cleanup Grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The two grants, totaling \$400,000, will be used to assess hazardous substances and plan clean up activities at sites within the Esparto community. One grant will be used to assess petroleum substances; the second will be used to assess non-petroleum hazardous substances.

The assessments are intended to help Esparto move forward on its downtown revitalization plans by identifying sites with current or potential health hazards, and where necessary, developing a cleanup plan so the sites can be used for redevelopment.

Specifically, the funds will be used to inventory current and historic commercial and industrial properties in Esparto, and screen them for contamination. Based on the outcome of the preliminary screening, a more detailed investigation will be done on up to ten selected properties. Although private land owners may benefit from having their property assessed, no one will be required to participate in any onsite Brownfield assessment.

The complete applications may be downloaded from <http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1334>. Residents of Esparto are invited to comment on the proposed scope of work, and to express their concerns and questions. You may direct questions and comments to Wes Ervin, Manager of Economic Development at (530) 666-8066 or wes.ervin@yolocounty.org.

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