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Date: June 16, 2008

Re: Statement on Shooting Death of Yolo County Deputy Tony Diaz

From: Yolo County Supervisor Duane Chamberlain, Chair

(Woodland, CA) – It was with great sadness that we learned today of the shooting death, while in the line of duty, of Yolo County Sheriff’s Deputy Tony Diaz. Tony touched the lives of many county employees while serving as an information technology technician for his first five and half years with the county. He was well-known throughout the county for his positive attitude and strong work ethic. Information Technology Director Kevin Yarris described him as a “stellar employee.”

Mr. Diaz became interested in the field of law enforcement while serving as a technician to the Sheriff’s Department. After putting himself through the Sheriff’s academy he was provided an opportunity by Sheriff Prieto to work in the department. During his four year tenure as a deputy he worked court security detail and field operations. Sheriff Prieto described Tony as a “soft-spoken, gentle man who always had a smile on his face.” The Sheriff added “this is a dark day for Yolo County.”

Yolo County is devastated by the loss of a fine employee, and a friend to all who knew him. To honor the memory of fallen Deputy Sheriff Tony Diaz, the Governor and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors have issued instructions to lower the flags to half-staff.

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