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## County's GIS Viewer Update Now Available

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County GIS Team is excited to announce the release of a new version of the county's GIS viewer, which can found on the county's homepage at <a href="www.YoloCounty.org">www.YoloCounty.org</a> (select GIS button).

GIS, the acronym for 'geographic information system,' is a framework for gathering, managing and analyzing data. Rooted in the science of geography, GIS integrates many types of data. It analyzes spatial location and organizes layers of information into visualizations using maps and three dimensional scenes. With this capability, GIS reveals deeper insights into data, such as patterns, relationships and situations.

Yolo County's new web-based GIS application is available to the public and replaces the prior viewer which is no longer supported. The new application is easier to use and is accessible from any device with an Internet connection.

Yolo County's GIS viewer provides access to a variety of data. For example, users can search by address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) to look up zoning and land use designations; Board of Supervisors, fire and school districts; or FEMA-designated flood zones. The user can turn data layers on and off, change base maps, measure areas and distances, print and add data from sources such as the County's Open Data site, other jurisdictions or the Internet. The new system also provides the ability to share the application via a link or social media, and to embed the application into other websites.

Yolo County's GIS Team will continue to refine the application based on user feedback, which can be provided by e-mail: GIS@yolocounty.org. Meanwhile, the team continues to develop other GIS-based application and web services for the public's use.

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