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County Seeking Input on Alternate Work Schedule

(Woodland, CA) – Earlier this year, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors gave direction to staff to begin exploring an alternate work schedule of four, ten-hour work days. With the cost of utilities and fuel, and the Board of Supervisors' clearly articulated goal to reduce the county's carbon footprint, staff has been reviewing the possibility of implementing an alternate operational schedule while maintaining and improving county services. As part of this review the county is seeking input from Yolo County residents regarding the concept of expanding the number of hours per day county offices are open, and closing county offices one day per week.

"The ability to expand county operating hours will enable residents to access services during the early morning and evening hours," said Mindi Nunes, Yolo County Human Resources Director. "Moving to a shortened week with longer operational hours not only provides additional opportunities for our residents, it reduces our carbon footprint with employees only needing to commute to work four days a week. It also has the extra benefit of being a cost-savings to employees on fuel."

The revised operational schedule would not include some county functions like law and justice, i.e. the Sheriff, District Attorney, etc. For all other county functions a change in the operational work week would mean that departments would be open four days per week, but for ten hours per day which would include hours before 8:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.

In an effort to seek input from county residents, a survey has been created at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2auOwY17fgCSRYglu4kOHw_3d_3d regarding the communities' thoughts concerning a change to the county's operating hours. Those seeking additional information may also contact Yolo County Human Resources at (530) 666-8055.

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