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General Plan Notice of Preparation Released Scoping Meeting to be held October 29

(Woodland, CA) – Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, Yolo County is now soliciting comments on the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Yolo County Draft General Plan. A summary of the project description and probable environmental effects (Notice of Preparation [NOP]), and the Draft General Plan, are available for review at the Yolo County Planning & Public Works Department (address below), at all county library branches (visit www.yolocountylibrary.org for branch locations), and online (www.yolocountygeneralplan.org).

The NOP review and comment period began October 8 and ends November 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. In addition to the opportunity to submit written comments, oral comments may be provided at a scoping meeting to be held October 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Yolo County Planning & Public Works Department. Written comments concerning the scope and content of the EIR can be sent anytime during the NOP review period to the Yolo County Planning & Public Works Department, Attention: David Morrison, Assistant Director – Development Services, 292 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Comments may also be e-mailed to: david.morrison@yolocounty.org.

The purpose of the NOP comment period and scoping meeting is to: 1) identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in the EIR, and to eliminate from detailed study issues found to be less than significant; 2) bring together and document the environmental concerns of affected federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested persons; and 3) satisfy CEQA guidelines related to early consultation and mandatory scoping.

The General Plan is the basic document used by local government in land use planning. It is the long-term plan for the physical development of the county, and is often referred to as the “constitution” of the county. Since the last update in 1983, circumstances facing the county have changed. Today’s agriculture requires the flexibility to branch out into processing and tourism related businesses. Similarly, several of the county’s small towns require new infrastructure, investment, and services that can accompany well-designed growth. There is also a greater need for economic development to provide growth and stability to county revenues that pay for local services. This General Plan update gives the county the opportunity to examine these issues and prepare to meet new challenges. All Yolo County residents are urged to follow this important process which will shape the future of Yolo County.

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