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Yolo Health Officer to Retire

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Health Officer and Health Department Director, Dr. Bette G. Hinton, today announced her intention to retire at the end of this year. Dr. Hinton has served Yolo County in her current position for the past ten years. Prior to her tenure with Yolo County she was a Sacramento County Health Officer, and in total has served over thirty years as a physician executive and county health officer. Dr. Hinton’s special knowledge in the public health field includes preventive medicine, maternal and child health, communicable disease control, emergency preparedness and community organization.

“The opportunity to serve and protect the Yolo County community in which I live was an irresistible challenge,” said Dr. Bette Hinton. “My greatest heroes from the years that I have been in this position are, and will remain, the staff of the Yolo County Health Department. Our staff is bright and enthusiastic, hard working to protect the residents of Yolo County, and often invisible until their services are needed in a personal way.”

In announcing Dr. Hinton’s plans to retire, County Administrator Sharon Jensen noted some of her many accomplishments. “Dr. Hinton was intimately involved in seeing the design and construction of the new Herbert Bauer, M.D. Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Building to fruition. Completion of this building, which includes a state-of-the-art public health lab, has better equipped her department in providing a wide range of services to the residents of Yolo County, including environmental health programs, communicable disease prevention and public health education. Dr. Hinton leaves us with a strong public health program which daily benefits every county resident.”

Other significant accomplishments during Dr. Bette Hinton’s tenure include bringing fluoridation of water to the residents of West Sacramento, creating an award-winning public health awareness campaign – “Spread the Word, Not the Flu” and establishing a scholarship program for public health nurses.

An extensive search will be conducted to fill the position of Yolo County Health Officer and Director of the Health Department. Meanwhile, Dr. Bette G. Hinton will remain in the Yolo County community spending time watching her new granddaughter grow and devoting time to her many hobbies and interests.

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