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## RUMSEY BAND DELIVERS TRIBAL MITIGATION CHECK FOR \$3.5 MILLION TO YOLO COUNTY

### ***Check Represents the 2004-05 Payment Due as Part of the Tribe-County Agreement***

(Woodland, CA) – The Board of Supervisors received a check in the amount of \$3.5 million from the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians during today's regular Board of Supervisors meeting in Woodland.

The check, presented by Marshall McKay, Tribal Secretary, represents the 2004-05 payment by the Rumsey Band for impacts to the County from the expansion of the Cache Creek Casino Resort in the town of Brooks, in western Yolo County.

The award-winning Tribal-County Intergovernmental Agreement, signed in 2002, calls for 20 years of payments to the County of Yolo to mitigate impacts of the casino expansion. This is the second annual payment received from Rumsey.

"The Board is very happy to receive this check from Mr. McKay," said Mike McGowan, Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

"Yolo County has worked hard to develop a good working relationship with the Rumsey Band so that we could effectively resolve some of the public safety, transportation, air quality, land use and other community impacts from the casino's expansion," McGowan said.

District 5 Supervisor Lynnel Pollock, who represents the citizens most impacted by the casino, said, "I'm very pleased that the Rumsey band is again making their annual payment to Yolo County as set forth in the historic Tribal Agreement. These dollars are very important in addressing impacts to Capay Valley and the County," Pollock said.

"The tribe has long recognized that in order to build and maintain positive relations with those in the community, the commitments we make must be upheld," said Paula Lorenzo, Tribal Chairwoman.

"We entered into discussions with the County in good faith as a responsible exercise of our sovereignty," Lorenzo added. "As our payment today reflects, we have every intention of honoring all that was agreed to and paying our fair share."

The funds go a long way to address the impacts experienced by Yolo County, stated Supervisor McGowan. The tribal payments have funded increased law enforcement patrols in Capay Valley, fire prevention and safety measures, water and air quality monitoring, noise and light studies, pedestrian safety measures, road improvements and other mitigation efforts.

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