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## YOLO COUNTY DELIVERS \$50K IN TRIBAL FUNDS TO CAPAY VALLEY VISION

### Community group creates 15-year strategy for community enhancement

(Woodland, CA) - Yolo County delivered a check for \$50,000 to the Capay Valley Vision Board in a short ceremony Monday at the Esparto Public Library. The funds are from the County's Tribal Mitigation Fund, established under agreement with the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians.

Receiving the check for Capay Valley Vision were President Sue Heitman and Vice President Paula Lorenzo. Presenting for the County were Supervisor Duane Chamberlain, District 5, David Shoemaker, Tribal Coordinator, and Dave Scheuring of the Advisory Committee on Tribal Matters.

Capay Valley Vision, a non-profit community group composed of residents of the Capay Valley, applied for funds to plan the Capay Valley Region 2020 initiative. The Initiative is a long-range community enhancement strategy conceived as a region-wide, multi-year effort to achieve a shared vision for the community.

"We will continue to work hard to advance the goals of the Capay Valley and the needs of its citizens," said Heitman. "The mitigation fund and the Tribe's vision to develop it will be served by this project while continuing to keep community enhancement monies in the Valley," she said.

Capay Valley Vision will use the tribal funds to organize task forces, convene roundtables, prioritize issues and define plans of action for accomplishing community objectives.

The County Board of Supervisors authorized the disbursement from the tribal mitigation fund, established by intergovernmental agreement between the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians and Yolo County in 2002. The mitigation fund is designed to mitigate off-reservation impacts of the expansion of the Cache Creek Casino Resort on Highway 16 in Brooks.

In the current fiscal year, the County Board of Supervisors allocated \$2.1 million from the Tribal Mitigation Fund for programs, projects and operations directly benefiting the Capay Valley. This represents 62 percent of the County's \$3.5 million annual payment from the Tribe.

The Advisory Committee on Tribal Matters has recommended the following fund allocations: \$241 thousand to non-County entities for mitigation of impacts from the Casino expansion; \$443 thousand for a variety of community enhancement projects in the Capay Valley; \$522 thousand in mitigation costs to County Departments (law enforcement, legal services, public health, etc.); and \$309 thousand for Sheriff patrols in the Capay Valley.

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