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PRESS RELEASE

Key Woodland Intersection Benefits from County Tribal Funds

(Woodland, CA) - At the Woodland City Council meeting last night, representatives of Yolo County and the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians presented the city with a check for \$478,000 to help cover the costs of a major road improvement project at the intersection of Main and East Streets.

The County Supervisors representing Districts 3 and 5, Frank Sieferman Jr. and Duane Chamberlain, joined Tribal Chairwoman Paula Lorenzo and County Administrative Officer Vic Singh in presenting a symbolic check signifying the amount deposited earlier this month into the City's account.

These funds are part of the mitigation requirements as outlined in the County-Tribe agreement relating to the expansion of the Cache Creek Casino Resort in Brooks, said County Tribal Coordinator David Shoemaker. The agreement calls for the Rumsey Band to pay the County \$500,000, which the County may use at its discretion to help the City of Woodland pay for traffic-related city improvements.

During the presentation, Supervisor Sieferman stated, "This check represents three years of work by all organizations to put into place another of the conditions specified in the County Tribal Agreement. Earlier this year, during a meeting with City officials, we discovered that this part of the agreement had not been completed. So, working with City staff, we put into place a process that would close this chapter of our agreement."

Supervisor Chamberlain added, "I am pleased to present this check to the City of Woodland. This funding was negotiated three years ago and is separate from the annual mitigation funds the Tribe provides to the County. The County is following through in its obligations to the City as part of the 2002 tribal agreement, and I will work hard to ensure that the County follows through in its obligations to the people in the Capay Valley who have been impacted by the expansion."

"We are pleased to contribute to the expansion of the intersection at Main and East," said Lorenzo. "We enjoy having a strong relationship with Yolo County and we are happy to do what we can to further those ties both within the County and the city of Woodland."