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General Plan Draft EIR Released

(Woodland, CA) – Today, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Yolo County released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Draft 2030 Countywide General Plan (Draft General Plan). The Draft EIR describes the environmental consequences of the Draft General Plan and can be found on www.yolocountygeneralplan.org. Comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted through Jun. 12, 2009.

In May 2003, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors gave direction to begin the process of updating the county's General Plan – the basic document used by local government in land use planning. It provides the comprehensive long-term plan for the physical development of the county, and is often referred to as “the constitution” of the county. This is only the third time in the county's history that the General Plan has been comprehensively updated. While the fundamental land use goals of promoting agriculture and directing urban growth to the cities have not changed, circumstances facing the county have changed. This update allows the county to examine these changes and potential solutions, in order to chart a course for the future.

The Draft EIR is designed to fully inform decision-makers in Yolo County, other responsible and trustee agencies, and the general public of the potential environmental consequences of approval and implementation of the updated Draft General Plan. It recommends mitigation measures in the form of modifications to the proposed General Plan land uses, policies and actions that would reduce or avoid potentially significant impacts. This EIR also examines cumulative impacts and various alternatives to the proposed project.

The Draft EIR is now available online at www.yolocountygeneralplan.org. Hard copies are available for viewing and check-out at all Yolo County library branches (visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org for branch locations) and the Yolo County Planning & Public Works (PPW) Department (292 West Beamer Street in Woodland). Hard copies are also available for purchase at PPW for \$130.00 or on CD for \$5.00.

All comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., Fri, Jun. 12, 2009. Comments must be directed to:

David Morrison, Assistant Director
Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department
292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95696
e-mail: david.morrison@yolocounty.org

The following meetings/hearings concerning the Draft EIR are scheduled as follows:

Planning Commission (Purpose: to accept oral comments on the Draft EIR)

May 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room 206)

625 Court Street, Woodland, CA

Planning Commission (Purpose: final recommendation to Board of Supervisors regarding certification of the Draft EIR and adoption of the new General Plan)

Jun. 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.; Jun. 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.; and Jun. 12, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. (if needed)

Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room 206)

625 Court Street, Woodland, CA

Board of Supervisors (Purpose: final action to certify the Draft EIR and adopt the new General Plan)

Jul. 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.; Jul. 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. (if needed); Jul. 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. (if needed)

Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room 206)

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