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Water Resources Association Holds Workshop to Seek Public Input to Improve Water Management in Yolo County

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(Woodland, Calif.) – The Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) will host a workshop to seek public input regarding important Yolo County water issues and potential solutions on October 25, 2006.

The WRA is holding the third public workshop as part of its effort to finalize the Yolo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in early 2007. The workshop will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Heidrick Ag History Center in Woodland. The workshop will focus on the recently released draft of the IRWMP.

The WRA will use input gathered from this workshop, as well as other continuing public outreach efforts, to assist in preparing the final IRWMP. The IRWMP will guide future efforts to implement policies, programs, and projects that will improve water and flood management, enhance the aquatic and riparian environment, and improve water-related recreation opportunities.

“Over the past year, we have worked closely with the public to incorporate their views on improving water resources management into the IRWMP. Now we have a draft plan, and we want people to tell us if there is anything we need to change or add to the plan to improve it,” said David Scheuring, Chair of the WRA.

The IRWMP covers five topic areas: water supply and drought preparedness, water quality, flood management and storm drainage, aquatic and riparian ecosystem enhancement, and recreation. The WRA received a \$500,000 grant from the California Department of Water Resources in early 2006 to develop the IRWMP. The WRA’s member agencies will pursue implementation of high-priority programs, policies and projects in 2007.

For more information about the workshop on October 25th, please contact Donna Gentile at (530) 666-2733, or visit the WRA’s web site at www.yolowra.org.

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