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CAPAY VALLEY VISION WINS GREAT VALLEY CENTER GRANT

ESPARTO – Capay Valley Vision (CVV) has won a \$15,000 grant from the Great Valley Center. CVV has recently been organized to establish a collaborative planning process for the geographic region encompassing Esparto and the Capay Valley. The award will allow CVV to initiate a community-wide effort to produce a common vision and strategic plan for the region.

The Great Valley Center is a foundation based in Modesto whose primary goal is to help build the capacity of organizations in the Central Valley to prepare effectively for the challenges of population growth and community change. The Center's LEGACI grant program is designed to assist communities address growth issues in the specific context of their own regions.

As a first step in the visioning process, CVV will assemble a Community Advisory Council consisting of representatives from all existing organizations in the Esparto/Capay Valley area. The first meeting of the Council has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on June 4th at the Esparto Regional Library.

The functions of the Council Advisory Council will be to elect the board of directors of CVV, advise the board of directors on policy, and help shape the visioning process.

As grant funds become available, Capay Valley Vision will begin a series of community workshops, which will try to engage the entire community in creating a shared vision for the future of the region. The workshops will be designed particularly to find and build consensus on issues of growth and change.

Community discussions and consensus-building are expected to take some months, but will eventually be followed by the development of an action plan to achieve those goals upon which consensus has been reached. Capay Valley Vision, Inc. is expected to be a pro-active force fostering improvements while protecting the unique character of the community.

(If your organization has not yet been contacted or if you have other questions, please call David Scheuring, 796-2166.)

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