

MEDIA TOUR

YOLO COUNTY TOUR LOOKS AT RURAL-URBAN ISSUES

Tour of agricultural and other lands part of new Rural-Urban Connections Study

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Who: Elected officials from across the six-county region learning about the challenges and opportunities in the rural communities of our region. Agricultural experts will lead hands-on tours of farming and processing operations, discuss habitat conservation projects, as well as transportation and land use issues.

What: Tour of agricultural and open space lands in Yolo County. Highlights include:

- Welcome from SACOG Vice Chair and Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson
- Staff and elected officials discuss community design and land use issues
- Lunch at Yolo Land & Cattle Company
- Rural roads and goods movement
- Sustainable agriculture

When: Thursday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (following SACOG Board meeting at 9 a.m.)

Where: International House-Davis, 10 College Park, Davis, 95616

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Notes: RSVPs are required for the limited number of seats on the tour bus. A full agenda will be available later this week. This is the second tour looking at the challenges and opportunities in our rural communities. In April, SACOG led a tour of Sutter and Yuba counties. Tours of El Dorado and Placer counties are scheduled for Friday, October 24, and Thursday, November 13, respectively. Sacramento County tour will take place in spring 2009.

The Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) is looking at the region's growth and sustainability objectives from a rural perspective. In the same way that Blueprint is an economic development strategy for urban areas, RUCS is intended to be an economic, as well as environmental sustainability, strategy for rural areas.

SACOG coordinates transportation planning, funding and project delivery for Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba counties and the cities within them. SACOG also engages elected officials in land use and other regional issues.

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