

CITY OF YUBA CITY  
STAFF REPORT

**Date:** October 7, 2008  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Administration  
**Presentation By:** Steve Kroeger, Assistant City Manager

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**Summary**

**Subject:** Letter of support for proposed Sutter County Agricultural Resource and Training Center  
**Recommendation:** Approve a Letter of Support for the Sutter County Resource Conservation District's pre-application to the Economic Development Administration for grant funds to develop a Sutter County Agricultural Resource and Training Center  
**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

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The Sutter County Resource Conservation District ("SCRCD") is currently preparing to submit a grant application to the Economic Development Administration for financial support for the development of a Sutter County Agricultural Resource and Training Center ("Center"). As currently envisioned, the Center will be a one-stop-shop that will house multiple ag-related agencies and businesses, including the offices of the Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner and the offices of the Sutter County Farm Advisor/University of California Cooperative Extension.

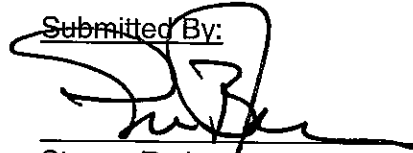
Ryan Bonea, SCRCD Executive Director, has requested a letter of support from the City for their efforts to secure grant funding for the Center. Sutter County has provided a letter of support for the proposed project.

*Attachment: 1) Proposed letter of support*

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Seattle, WA 98174

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the City Council of the City of Yuba City as an expression of our support for the Sutter County Resource Conservation District's (SCRCD) proposal to develop a Sutter County Agricultural Resource and Training Center (Center). Both Sutter County and the region would greatly benefit from a Center where farmers, skilled laborers, and the emerging workforce can access the latest technological and industrial trends, necessary training (business, communications, technical), and critical financial and technical assistance (local, federal, and state).

The proposed "one-stop-shop" will certainly benefit the county and the greater region on a number of levels – especially regarding the development and enhancement of the region's agriculture-based economy. According to the 2007 Sutter County Economic and Demographic Profile, one out of every four people in the region is employed either directly or indirectly in the area of agriculture. As evident, agriculture is an essential part of our local economy. Furthermore, by supporting the work of local educational institutions (i.e. Yuba College and UCCE) and employment training programs, the Center will capitalize on their programs and services that work towards educating and training the region's workforce. Ultimately, the implementation of these programs will support the promotion and expansion of agricultural industries countywide.

In summary, we support the SCRCD's efforts in obtaining EDA funding and appreciate your consideration of their proposal.

Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rory Ramirez  
Mayor