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ROCKLIN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CREDIT RATING UPGRADED

Standard & Poor's raised the Rocklin Redevelopment Agency credit rating from A- to A. The improvement in the Agency's bond rating occurred in spite of the current economic conditions. A diverse tax base and assessed value growth over the past few years were cited as the primary factors for the upgrade.

The dominance of commercial and industrial property and the relatively large acreage in the project area were also cited as factors, along with the Agency's good current debt service coverage of 1.8 x debt service. That means that the Agency's current tax increment revenue is nearly twice what is needed to pay back existing bonds. Standard & Poor's made special note of the Agency's conservative standard of 1.35 x debt coverage additional bonds test, which means that more bonds will not be issued unless the available tax increment is at least 35% higher than the annual debt payments.

Mayor Scott Yuill who also serves as Chairman of the Rocklin Redevelopment Agency said: "Standard & Poor's action to raise our credit rating is a reflection of a fundamentally strong local economy and of our conservative fiscal policies. An A credit rating means that our bonds are considered very safe in the marketplace and this helps to lower our costs of borrowing.

According to Carlos Urrutia, the Agency's Executive Director, the Rocklin Redevelopment Agency was activated in 1986 and has enjoyed much success in renovating portions of the older part of town and participating in the construction of infrastructure such as sidewalks, drainage, and landscaping. The Agency is also directly responsible for making the new Public Library a reality and was instrumental in helping the Rocklin Historical Society build the Rocklin Museum and relocate Saint Mary's Chapel. In addition, the Agency can be credited with assisting in the construction or preservation of over 800 affordable homes. For a listing of some of the Agency's major accomplishments, please visit the City web site: www.rocklin.ca.us.