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City of Yuba City Amends Tobacco-Free Ordinance to Include the Prohibition of Electronic-Cigarettes

SUTTER COUNTY (October 25, 2015): Sutter County Public Health officials applaud the City of Yuba City for unanimously agreeing to amend the tobacco-free ordinance to include the prohibition of electronic-cigarettes at all City Parks and within 50 feet of any public entrance into any City owned or leased facility. The City of Yuba City will join 74 other municipalities within the State of California amending laws related to the prohibition of e-cigarettes from entryways and/or city owned/operated facilities. This action promotes the health and well-being of City of Yuba City employees and the communities they serve by decreasing risk of secondhand aerosol inhalation.

The California Department of Public Health recognizes that e-cigarettes are battery-operated devices, often designed to resemble cigarettes, which deliver a nicotine containing aerosol, not just water vapor. E-cigarettes heat e-liquid that generally contains nicotine, flavorings, additives, and propylene glycol. The aerosol has been found to contain toxic chemicals like formaldehyde, lead, nickel, and acetaldehyde all of which are found on California's Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm. Overall, research confirms that e-cigarettes are not emission-free and their pollutants could be of health concern for both users and those exposed to the secondhand aerosol.



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Sutter County Health Officer Lou Anne Cummings, M.D. stated, “The City Council of Yuba City has taken an important step that demonstrates their commitment to supporting a healthy community for Yuba City“. For more information on adopting a voluntary policy for a tobacco and e-cigarette free property call Sutter County Public Health Tobacco Control staff at (530) 822-7215. Join Sutter County Public Health in congratulating City of Yuba City in their commitment to “Create a Healthier Sutter.”

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