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New Board Members, Board Chair at Valley Vision

Three New Community Leaders Join Board of Directors

SACRAMENTO, March 2007 – Three new community leaders have joined the Board of Directors at Valley Vision, a nonprofit organization that aims to enhance the Sacramento region’s quality of life by bringing organizations together to measure trends, plan and solve problems.

New board member Jim Bayless is the president and a founding principal of Treasure Homes, a Roseville-based company that developed Natomas’ Fallen Leaf project – a SMUD Platinum Advantage Zero Energy Home community – and several other urban infill and energy efficient local developments. He is a member of the California Energy Commission’s New Solar Homes Program committee and a board member of the California Building Industry Foundation, among other activities.

New board member James Beckwith is President and Chief Executive Officer of locally-based Five Star Bank and Five Star Bancorp. Mr. Beckwith came to Five Star in 2003 with over twenty years of banking experience and most recently served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer for National Bank of the Redwoods, in Santa Rosa, California.

New board member Tina Thomas is a Managing Partner and co-founder of the law firm Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, LLP. She was named the Sacramento County Bar Association’s “Distinguished Attorney” in 2005, co-authored the 2006 “Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act” and has served on boards or provided pro-bono representation for several local organizations.

Randy Sater, an existing Valley Vision board member and Senior Vice President at Teichert Land Co., is Valley Vision’s 2007 Chair of the Board. Mr. Sater, who is also President of Stonebridge Properties, LLC, has chaired the Urban Land Institute Sacramento and served as president of the Cache Creek Conservancy, among other activities. Our 2006 Chairman Dr. Shelton Duruisseau,

Senior Associate Director & Executive Director for External Affairs for UC Davis Health System, continues to serve on the Valley Vision board.

Founded in 1994, Valley Vision focuses on enhancing the economy, environment and social equity in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. Its signature project to date is the nationally recognized Regional Blueprint smart-growth plan, launched in partnership with the region's transportation funding agency, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

Valley Vision current portfolio of work includes:

- The **Partnership for Prosperity**, a coalition of 34 organizations forging and implementing a regional business plan for the Sacramento area;
- The **Cleaner Air Partnership**, an award-winning collaboration between the business, public health and environmental communities working to meet clean air standards to protect health and promote economic growth;
- The **Hmong Health Collaborative**, ten Central Valley organizations working to improve access to culturally appropriate health and mental health services for the Hmong community;
- The **Regional Open Space Inventory**, creating the first-ever inventory of permanently protected lands in the six-county region;
- The **Community Needs Assessment**, which measures low-income health care needs in the six-county region to help guide decisions about charitable funding; and
- The **Metropolitan Transportation Plan**, another public-outreach partnership with SACOG to ensure broad citizen input on how the agency spends \$30 billion on transportation. The Blueprint Project serves as the starting basis of the new transportation plan.

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