



Farmworker housing being built in Woodland

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Thursday in Woodland for the first permanent, year-round affordable housing for Yolo County farm workers.

According to Dell Richards, the local nonprofit Mutual Housing California, Woodland Vice Mayor Tom Stallard and other elected officials and representatives of the social services and affordable housing community will be present for the groundbreaking at 10:30 a.m., at 2170 Farmers Central Road, at the northeast corner of Pioneer Avenue and Farmers Central Road.

Richards said the housing is being constructed to assist some of the more than 5,000 agricultural workers in fields, packing houses and processing plants in need of a place to live.

“California is the second most expensive state in the nation for rentals,” according to Richards. “To afford a typical two-bedroom apartment in Yolo County, a person must earn \$20.18 an hour, or nearly \$43,280 annually.”

“More than half of Yolo County renters (54 percent) cannot afford to pay rent for a typical apartment without working more than one job,” according to Richards.

Richards noted that when completed, the development will have 62 apartments and townhomes for families earning between 30 and 50 percent of the area median income.

Mutual Housing at Spring Lake is the first permanent, year-round affordable housing in Yolo County for agricultural workers and also is the first Mutual Housing community for these workers, Richards added.

Founded in 1988, the nonprofit develops and operates rental housing for modest-income households. The communities have nearly 3,000 residents, nearly half of whom are children.

Through Mutual Housing’s focus on leadership, the nonprofit also provides training and mentoring as well as educational programs, community-building activities and services for residents and neighbors, Richards added.



When built, Mutual Housing at Spring Lake will offer affordable housing to farm workers and their families.

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