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Kristine Mazzei Joins Managing Partners at Valley Vision

SACRAMENTO, March 2007 – Kristine Mazzei has joined the executive leadership of 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.

Mazzei, formerly a Senior Project Manager at Valley Vision, will now collaborate with CEO/Managing Partner Susan Frazier and Managing Partner Bill Mueller in strategic and day-to-day management of the eight-member nonprofit.

Ms. Mazzei joined Valley Vision in 2004 and is project manager for the Partnership for Prosperity, a unique collaboration that unites 34 economic development organizations to develop and implement a regional economic development strategy. She also manages Valley Vision's Open Space Project, which aims to create the first-ever inventory of permanently protected lands in the six-county region.

In the past, Ms. Mazzei has managed the Valuing Agriculture Initiative and the Port of Sacramento Master Planning Project. Prior to her work for Valley Vision, she served as project manager for the Tri-Valley Business Council in Livermore and as a research and analysis consultant for the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation on projects designed to protect open space.

Ms. Mazzei began her career as an analyst for a UC Berkeley research team that focused on evaluating land-conservation efforts in California. She received her BS in biology from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania in 1997 and her masters in ecology from UC Davis.

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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