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## **SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND RIO LINDA ELVERTA RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATES COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION FUNDED WITH \$468,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**Rio Linda** - A ribbon cutting celebration on October 5 with Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost-District 4, officials from Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), and Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District board members marked the completion of a \$530,000 renovation project at the Community Center at 810 Oak Lane.

“Thanks to the hard work of many people involved with this project, the improvements will ensure that the community center can continue to be the central meeting place for residents,” said Supervisor Frost.



The building has had no significant improvements since it was constructed in the 1970s. The renovations modernized the lobby, flooring and furnishings, upgraded the restrooms and walkway to meet ADA standards, improved the parking lot, and made upgrades to comply with current fire safety codes. A portion of the roof was also repaired. The community center kitchen received major upgrades that included a commercial oven and refrigerator, workspace equipment and expanded storage space. The improvements were long overdue for the facility where Meals on Wheels by ACC serves thousands of meals throughout the year to dozens of residents from Rio Linda, Elverta and nearby communities.

ACC Program Director David Morikawa said an increasing number of seniors are aging out of the Meals on Wheels congregate nutrition program and are choosing to have meals delivered to them. “I’m so glad that this facility is now equipped to meet this challenge so that we can continue to serve our seniors.”

SHRA provided \$468,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to assist with the improvements. The Rio Linda Elverta Park and Recreation District provided the remainder of funds for the upgrades. “CDBG funds are a very important resource that the Agency uses to make public services projects like the community center renovations possible,” said SHRA Executive Director La Shelle Dozier. “It shows that funding from the federal government in Washington CD really does flow back to the community where SHRA can use it to improve the quality of life for our residents.”

“I love coming here in the morning,” said Diana Ray who has been coming to the community center for three years. “We do our walk, we drink coffee, we laugh and we have fun. It’s just a nice, warm place to come to.”

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