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Ms. Lori Harrah, Director
Sutter County
Human Services Department
190 Garden Highway
Yuba City, California 95992-1535

SUBJECT: SUTTER COUNTY CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PLAN CERTIFICATION

Dear Ms. Harrah:

I am writing to inform you that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has certified Sutter County's CalWORKs plan amendment request that was submitted on April 1, 2009 (see enclosed). This plan amends the Transportation Services Section of the county plan to reflect a Two Tier Reimbursement Rate. This two tier reimbursement rate plan sets a rate for the first 500 miles, and a lower rate for mileage over 500 miles per participant per month. The first tier rate is equal to the County employee mileage reimbursement rate. The second tier is based on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard vehicle operation costs, such as gas, oil, and tires.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call me at (916) 657-3546, or your staff can contact Laurence Lewis at 916-654-0699.

Sincerely,

CHARR LEE METSKER
Deputy Director
Welfare to Work Division

Enclosure

c: Alma Amaya-Matta, Sutter County CalWORKs Program Manager

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Sutter County CalWORKs Plan
March 2009

Transportation:

We provide reimbursement for actual mileage or the cost of public transportation, such as bus and vanpool, whichever is less. Mileage is calculated using a two-tier payment schedule, a set rate for the first 500 miles, and a lower rate for mileage over 500 miles per participant per month. The first 500 mile cut-off is determined based on the national average commuting distance of 25 miles round trip times an average of 20 workdays per month. The 25 mile round trip commute distance covers travel to and from work or welfare-to-work activities. Additionally, the first tier rate is equal to the County employee mileage reimbursement rate. The second tier is based on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard vehicle operation costs, such as gas, oil, and tires.

We will continue to collaborate with the major public transportation operators in Sutter County in order to provide the best possible and least costly public transportation for CalWORKs participants and those participants who move from welfare-to-work.