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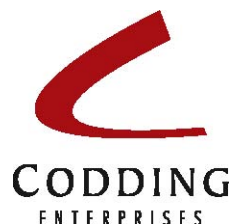
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Historic Agreement Helps Define World-Class Sustainable Community

Codding Enterprises, developer of Sonoma Mountain Village, and the Accountable Development Coalition (ADC)—along with 10 of its member organizations—have signed Sonoma County’s first Community Benefits Agreement. A legally binding agreement between Codding and the ADC’s members, the Agreement represents a firm commitment to extend the social and environmental benefits of the Sonoma Mountain Village development to the surrounding community.

Michael Allen, Chair of the ADC, stated, “This historic agreement should be the model for future development in Sonoma County and throughout California. It provides jobs, is socially responsible and is a green development that minimizes traffic impacts. Finally, the development will provide a place for healthy lifestyles, without over-burdening our environment.”

Brad Baker, President and CEO of Codding Enterprises adds “Codding and Sonoma Mountain Village are concerned with the interests of all stakeholders, including our tenants, employees, future residents, labor, surrounding community, and the environment. This agreement formalizes our commitment to all these important constituents now and into the future”.

The agreement provides guarantees that the development will include affordable housing, responsible contracting, high labor standards, regional transportation, first source hiring, living wages for the Codding’s employees, the option for an employee/ employer benefit association, and an Environmental Center. The agreement also incorporates the 10 principles of One Planet Communities, which aim to make it easy and convenient to live a healthy, high-quality lifestyle within our fair share of the planet’s natural resources. Codding Enterprises will provide a bi-annual report for review by the Accountable Development Coalition, outlining progress made towards meeting the commitments in the Agreement.

Dennis Rosatti, Executive Director of Sonoma County Conservation Action, signatory to the CBA notes: “After two and a half years of negotiation and intense scrutiny, SCCA is proud of the community benefits that are included in the CBA at Sonoma Mountain Village. In addition to the One Planet Living agreement that Codding has struck with World Wildlife Fund International, the implementation of the Accountable Development Coalition’s CBA will result in a development that will be a model for environmental stewardship in the built environment.”

The Accountable Development Coalition (ADC) is an alliance of local organizations working to ensure that development in Sonoma County is environmentally sustainable, equitable, and accountable to all segments of the community. The Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) brings together partners which include the ADC; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 551; Sonoma County Conservation Action (SCCA); Sonoma County Asthma Coalition; Housing Advocacy Group; North Bay Labor Council; Sonoma County Transportation and Land Use Coalition; Sonoma County Young Democrats; Community Housing Sonoma County; Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake County Building Trades Council; and New Economy Working Solutions.

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Codding Enterprises' boldest construction project is Sonoma Mountain Village (SMV), a 200-acre deeply sustainable, innovative residential, retail, and commercial development in the city of Rohnert Park, California. In 2008 Sonoma Mountain Village became the first endorsed One Planet Community in North America, and only the fourth in the World. The communities are featured in the UNEP Climate Solutions and will be showcased at the 2012 One Planet London Olympics. The program is set to prove that it is possible to solve our planet's biggest environmental problems while operating in a competitive business market and living a quality lifestyle. The 2008 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership award winning project has plans for 1,900 homes and 825,000 sq. ft. of commercial space. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2010. Learn more at www.somoliving.com.

Founded in 2005, the Accountable Development Coalition (ADC) is a progressive, grassroots alliance of 14 labor, environmental, affordable housing, public health and community organizations. These groups work together to promote a vision for growth in Sonoma County which ensures that people of all incomes benefit from new development through high quality jobs, housing affordable to all, and well planned communities that improve our quality of life and protect the environment. The ADC's campaigns have spanned from successful advocacy for increased funding for affordable housing in cities throughout Sonoma County, to fostering citizen engagement in community planning and visioning processes, negotiating community benefits agreements for development projects with regional impact, and advocacy for stronger green building policies in Santa Rosa. Learn more at www.accountabledevelopmentcoalition.org.