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Tulare County Board of Education Announces:
**Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Appointed to the Tulare County
Board of Education**

During a special meeting of the Tulare County Board of Education held Wednesday, March 14, 2007, trustees voted to appoint Celia Maldonado-Arroyo of Kingsburg to fill the board vacancy in Trustee Area Number 1. Ms. Maldonado-Arroyo fills the vacancy left by long-time trustee Ruth Stouffer, who resigned from the board last month to move closer to her family in the Bay Area. Ms. Maldonado-Arroyo will serve as trustee for Area Number 1 – which includes Cutler-Orosi Unified, Dinuba Unified, Kings River Union, Monson-Sultana Joint Union, Stone Corral, a portion of Visalia Unified, and portions of Clay Joint, Kings Canyon Joint Unified and Kingsburg Joint Union lying within Tulare County – until an election is held in November 2008.

The Tulare County Board of Education interviewed four applicants for the position in open session. Each applicant was given approximately 15 minutes to address the board and answer their questions. Following the interviews, the board – in open session – discussed the candidates at length. Dr. Edward Peterson, who has over 47 years of service on the Tulare County Board of

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Education said: “In all the years I have been with the Board of Education, I can’t think of another time when we have had four such well qualified candidates.”

“We’re delighted to have Ms. Maldonado-Arroyo on the Board of Education,” said Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak, who administered the oath of office for her during the regular board meeting at 3:00 p.m. “With her many years of experience in higher education, she brings a new set of skills and experiences to an already exceptional board.”

Ms. Maldonado-Arroyo is retired from her position as Associate Dean of the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) at College of the Sequoias. She has also held positions with Fresno City College and Fresno Unified School District. Additionally, she has served as the State President of the Association of Mexican American Educators, and a board member of Radio Bilingue, the Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Fresno.

For more information or a photo of Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, please contact Public Information Officer Robert Herman at 733-6606.

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