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Farm Credit Lender American AgCredit Renovates Saint Helena Office

Renovation of Napa County branch includes installation of drought-tolerant landscaping and all new interior and exteriors

SAINT HELENA, CA (April 2014) – Beginning this week, agricultural lender American AgCredit will kick off renovations for its Saint Helena branch office. Located at 1101 Vintage Avenue near Highway 128/29 in Napa County, the 4,332 square foot facility provides local staff offices, and serves as a central spot for financial and other consulting services for local area ag businesses, such as wineries and vineyards.

After evaluating options the facilities team opted for a complete remodel – which includes rearranging walls, refinishing the interior and exterior walls, installing drought-tolerant landscaping, replacement of all windows and doors, and replacing all interior fixtures and appliances. In addition, the entire office will be housed with new furniture.

"We have an important customer base in the Napa County area. Our presence there is vital to continuing to provide those area customers a location when seeking financing for their vineyard or winery," said Chief Specialty Officer Floyd Ridenhour. "It's been more than 30 years since we built the facility in Saint Helena," he added. "We're prioritizing the renovation there to better serve our existing customers and prepare for growth."

Chief Marketing Officer Terry Lindley agrees. "As the population of the area continues to grow, and farms continue to expand, our presence and ability to support local agriculture will become increasingly important for regional residents who farm in Napa County and beyond."

The remodel for St. Helena officially launched April 1st and is scheduled for completion September 1. During the renovation, staff will move to a temporary trailer. The contractor is Wright Contracting, and Valley Architects is the architectural team.

About American AgCredit

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Financial services provided by American AgCredit include production and mortgage financing, equipment and vehicle leasing, crop and life insurance, lines of credit, and the Young, Beginning and Small farmer program. In addition, the Association provides interest-free loans for qualifying 4-H and FFA AgYouth programs, as well as college scholarships to young people interested in agriculture.

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