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American AgCredit Donates to Support Earthquake Relief Efforts in Napa County

\$7,500 donated by American AgCredit, with an additional \$7,500 matched by CoBank.

Additional matching funds from American AgCredit staff total \$1,000.

SANTA ROSA, CA (Oct 2014) – Agricultural lender American AgCredit has joined with CoBank to donate \$15,000 to the Red Cross to support relief efforts stemming from the August 24 earthquake. Registering 6.1 on the Richter scale, the quake was the largest ever recorded in the area. Initial estimates of damage to privately owned homes and commercial properties total \$300 million, including \$57.9 million to public infrastructure, such as 144 water main breaks throughout the city.

In addition to the above donation, American AgCredit has matched staff donations by its employees for an additional \$1,000, *making the total donation of* \$16,000.

"We have a significant customer base in the North Bay area, particularly the Napa region, which was affected most," said Chief Marketing Officer Terry Lindley. "Our support for the area extends throughout the region and we hope that these combined efforts provide relief for those buildings and businesses that were most affected."

About American AgCredit

Founded in 1916, American AgCredit is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, and is the nation's 7th largest Farm Credit cooperative. American AgCredit specializes in providing financial services to agricultural and rural customers throughout California, Nevada, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Northern New Mexico – as well as to capital markets customers in 30 states. Financial services 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, and scholarships. For more information, call 800-800-4865 or visit the website at www.AgLoan.com.

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About CoBank

CoBank is a \$95 billion cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. The bank provides loans, leases, export financing and other financial services to agribusinesses and rural power, water and communications providers in all 50 states. The bank also provides wholesale loans and other financial services to affiliated Farm Credit associations serving farmers, ranchers and other rural borrowers in 23 states around the country.

CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture and the nation's rural economy. Headquartered outside Denver, Colorado, CoBank serves customers from regional banking centers across the U.S. and also maintains an international representative office in Singapore.

For more information about CoBank, visit the bank's web site at www.cobank.com

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