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## **State Compensation Insurance Fund Employees Meet Solano Commute Challenge**

**Suisun City, CA** – Forty-two employees from State Compensation Insurance Fund in Vacaville were recognized by Vacaville Mayor Len Augustine and Vacaville Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Gary Tatum as part of the 2009 Solano Commute Challenge.

The third annual Solano Commute Challenge was sponsored by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), and coordinated by Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) in partnership with large employers and chambers of commerce throughout Solano County.

State Fund in Vacaville earned the title of “Commute Champion Workplace.” State Fund was the leading employer in the city of Vacaville by number of employees using alternative transportation methods to commute to work from August to October. Mayor Augustine, a member of the STA Board, thanked Gary Dunlap, Program Manager of State Fund’s Customer Service Center, and Cherry Hozian, State Fund on-site Commute Challenge Coordinator, for their efforts. Leoncia Gonzales was recognized as SCIF’s Most Outstanding Commuter for using a commute alternative 63 workdays.

43 major employers totaling 599 employees participated countywide. 363 employees across the County earned the title of Commute Champion, up more than 20% from 2008’s total of 300. The Commute Challenge is a targeted outreach campaign for major Solano County employers to encourage employees to use transit, carpool, vanpool, bike, or walk to work at least 30 workdays from August through October.

The STA regularly encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation for commuting through its Solano Napa Commuter Information program. Information on SNCI’s programs and services can be obtained by calling 1-800-53-KMUTE or visiting <http://www.commuterinfo.net>. For more information on the Solano Commute Challenge, please contact Program Manager Judy Leaks at 707-427-5104, or refer to the website.

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