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### PRESS RELEASE

Talks between the Tehama Junior Livestock Auction and the Tehama District Fair over the past two years have reached a standstill. The Junior Livestock Auction (JLA) board of directors voted not to renew its contract with the Tehama District Fair.

Because no contract had been signed by the JLA as of June 12, 2018, the 30<sup>th</sup> Agricultural District board of directors voted to allow Fair Manager Mandy Staley to take over management of the livestock auction this year.

"The fair board is confident in the ability of Staley and her team to ensure Tehama County youth exhibitors get the best price for their animals and receive their checks in a timely manner," said Mark Mulliner, fair board president.

"We are pleased to announce livestock checks will be distributed Friday, July 27 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Tehama Room at the fairgrounds," said Staley.

Talks broke down after the fair reported a loss of roughly \$11,500 on the livestock portion of the fair in 2017. Staley and the board requested a permanent solution to the deficit and requested reimbursement and an annual audit of the JLA, per the California Fairs and Exposition bylaws that govern Tehama County's district fair.

The Jr. Livestock committee agreed to pay the 2017 shortfall in the amount of \$7,700 but refused to commit to an ongoing payment to the fair in the amount of \$7,700 which was written into the 2018 contract voted down by the JLA. The Livestock Committee asked the fair board to consider increasing entry fees and pass those expenses to the youth exhibitor to make up for the \$7,700 deficit. At this time, the fair board is not interested in passing those costs onto the youth.

"We want to reassure our livestock families and buyers that we will make this auction a great experience for everyone," said Staley. "Our auctioneers will remain the same and some new faces will be added. But we are excited for this new chapter and look forward to a successful fair.