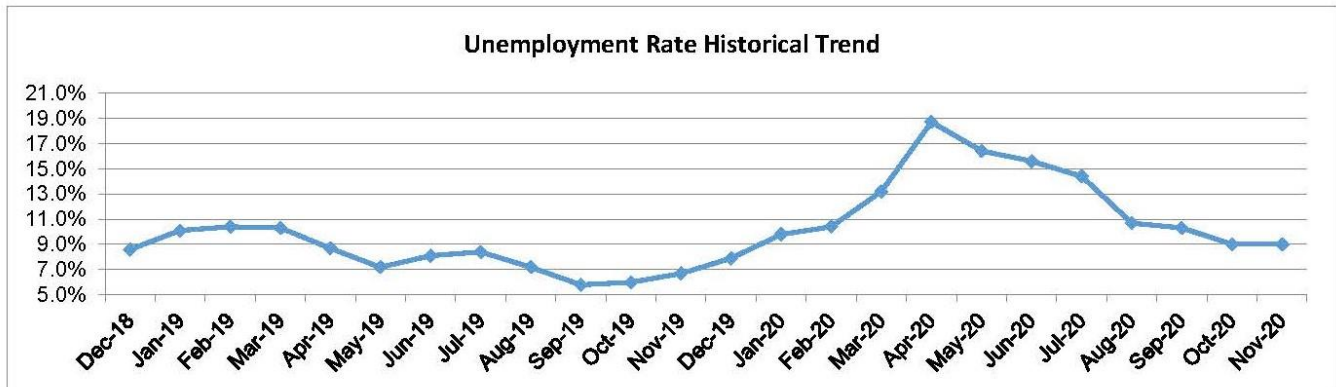# THE CI

MERCED

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Stephanie R. Dietz, City Manager

Date: December 18, 2020

Re: City Council Information Report

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The CI is on vacation.

It will be back Jan. 8, 2021

Happy Holidays!

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STAYS AT 9 PERCENT

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 9.0 percent in November 2020, unchanged from a revised 9.0 percent in October 2020, and above the year-ago estimate of 6.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 7.9 percent for California and 6.4 percent for the nation during the same period.

The November 2020 unemployment rate for the City of Merced was 9.6 percent. More Labor Market Information is attached to the CI.

TREE PLANTING CONTRACT
Westside Landscaping has been contracted to plant approximately 300 trees throughout Merced as part of the City's Calfire Urban Forest and Management Plan grant.
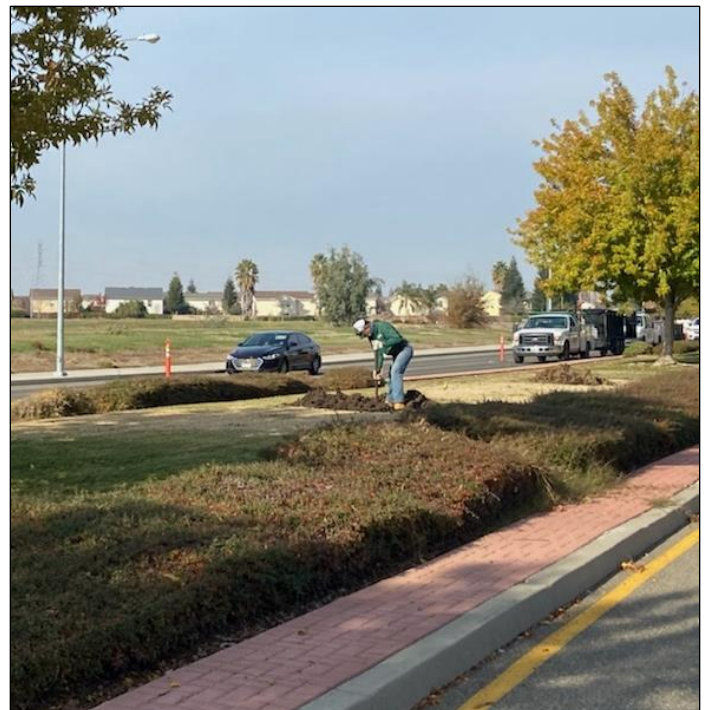
DAMAGED WALL REPAIRED ON DUNN ROAD

A block wall was previously destroyed in the Davenport area due to a vehicle accident on Dunn Road. Temporary fencing was put in place until the proper materials could be ordered for the contractor to repair the block wall. Repairs were underway this week.

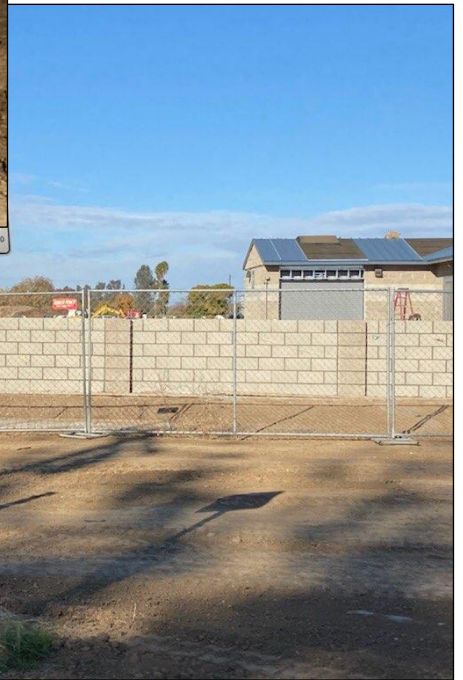POST-ACCIDENT: TEMPORARY FENCING:

REPAIRS IN-PROGRESS:

WELL 20 CONSTRUCTION (MISSION & TYLER)

Work continues at Well 20 this week, with the contractor installing the cinderblock wall at the site.
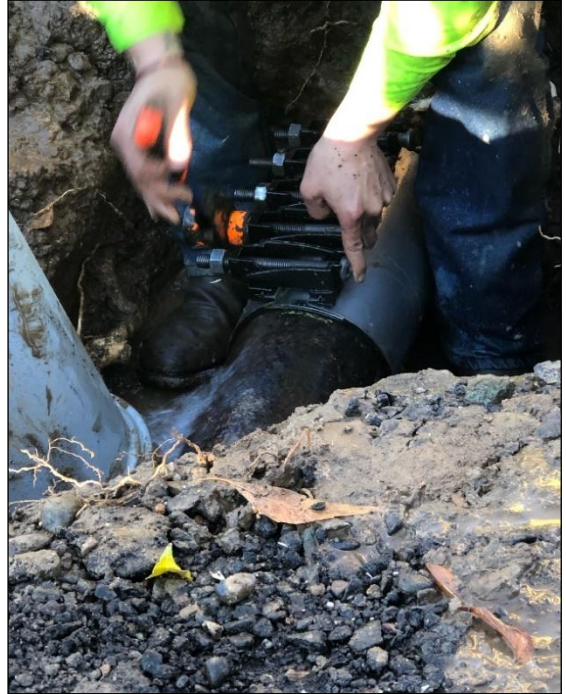
WATER CREWS IN ACTION

Installation of a tapping sleeve for an 8" fire service on Condor Drive.

Installation of a full circle repair band for a water main break on Main Street.

Repair work for a water main break on Orchard Lane.

Installation of new services on Cone Avenue.
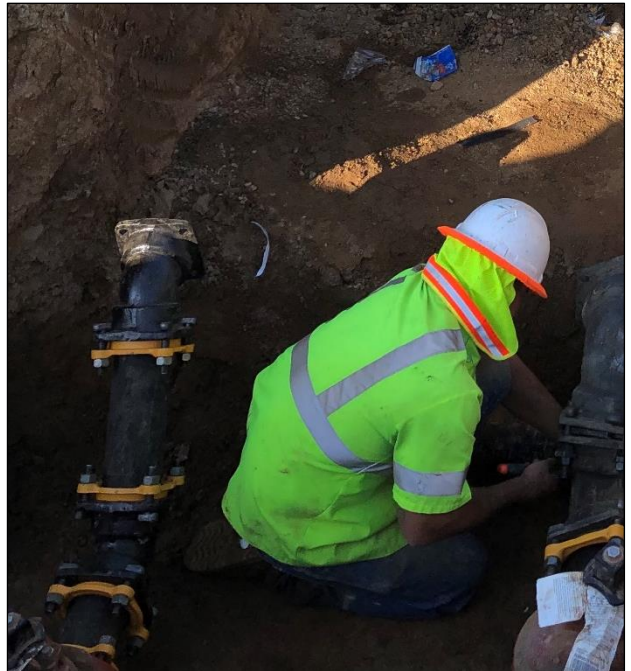
ENGINEERING UPDATE

R Street Rehabilitation – Loughborough Drive to Buena Vista Drive

United Pavement Maintenance, Inc., crews are working on replacing a sewer line and new sidewalks at the site. This project is 23% complete.

Cooper Lift Station

Phase 1 Construction crews just completed the paving of the street and on the site. This project is 95% complete.

Brimmer Water Main
Mid Cal Pipeline & Utilities, Inc., crews are installing water services. This project is 46% complete.

Water Well site #20
Clark Bros., Inc., crews are building the block wall for the well site. This project is approximately 95% complete.
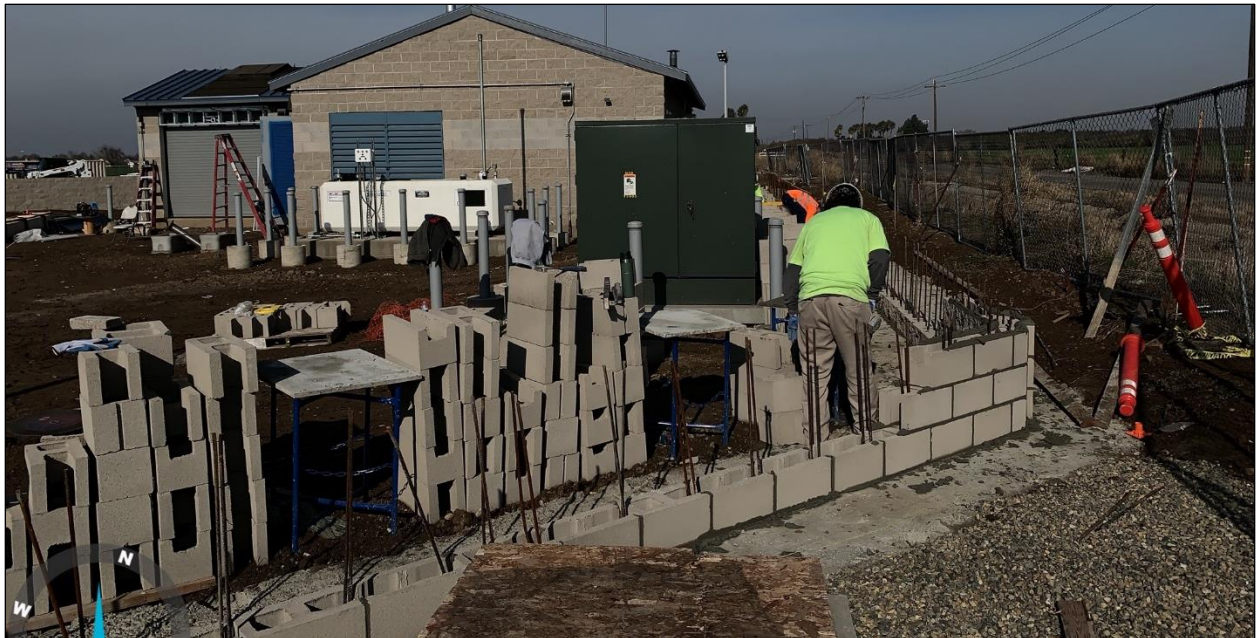
M Street Resurfacing 8th Street to 13th Street
MVC Enterprises, Inc., crews are working on replacing the handicap ramps in the project area. This project is approximately 15% complete.

Alpine Drive – G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements
The crew for TBS Contractors is working on the water line tie-in and new sidewalk and handicap ramps for the site. This project is approximately 13% complete.

Construction Projects

1. 117020 – Gerard Ave. Sewer Main - Hwy 99 to Kibby Road
2. 119006 – Alpine Drive – G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements
3. 119003 – R St. Rehabilitation - Loughborough Dr. to Buena Vista Dr.
4. 120008 – Crack Filling - Phase 1 (16th, G St, Olive Ave)

Projects in Design
1. Highway 59 Widening
2. Highway 59 and 16th Street Signal and Channelization (90%)
3. Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
4. V Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Road Improvement (90%)
5. N Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvement (100%) Submitted to CTC
6. R Street, 16th to 18th Streets (40%)
7. B Street Improvements (30%)
8. G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%) Submitted to CTC
9. Orchard Avenue Sewer (40%)

MEET THE NEW DISPATCHER

Lois McKinney became interested in becoming a dispatcher while seeking a non-sworn law enforcement career. She put herself through the Dispatch Academy. Raised in Simi Valley, she holds bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and psychology, and a master's in organizational leadership and administration.

'COPS FOR CRITTERS' RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

The Merced Police Departments "Cops for Critters" bottle and can recycling program was launched this week.

The aim of the program is to support the efforts of the Applegate Park Zoo while reducing waste at the landfill by providing PD staff with a convenient way to separate recyclable bottles and cans from other waste.
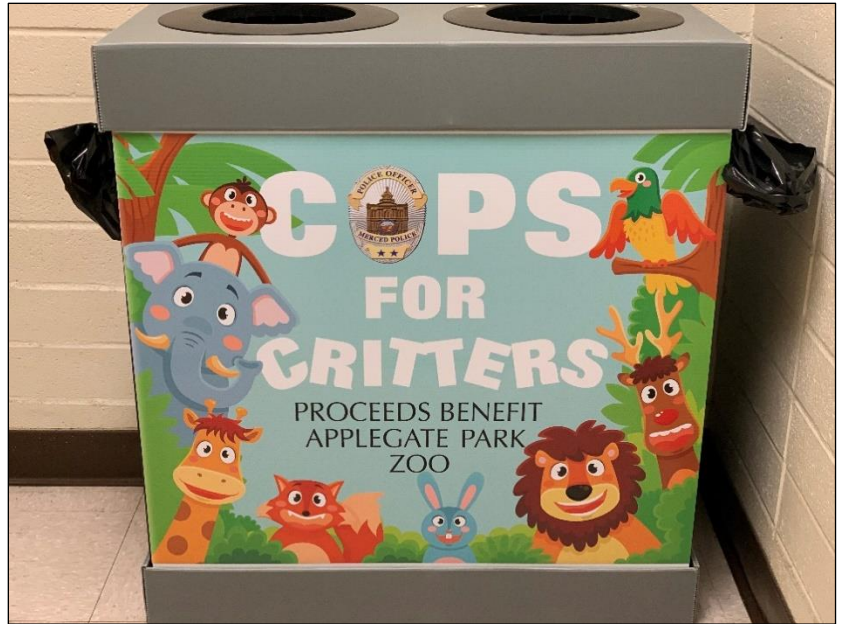
Chief Tom Cavallero's memo to the staff appears below and explains the details of this unique, grassroots effort.

Merced Police Department OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

Memo

To: All Personnel

From: Thomas Cavallero, Chief

CC:

Date: 12/17/2020

Re: "Cops for Critters" Recycling Campaign

Soon you will likely notice recycling receptacles for aluminum cans and plastic bottles at the Central and South facilities. It is my pleasure to personally provide the containers and graphics to help keep recyclable bottles and cans out of the landfill while helping, if even in a small way, our local zoo and its animals. All proceeds from our recycling efforts will be given to the Applegate Zoo for its use.

I hope you find the new recycling receptacles a convenient way to help support our local zoo while reducing waste at the landfill.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

DOORWAYS OF DELIGHT

There's lots of holiday spirit at the Police Department! This week the Department revealed the winners of the PD door decorating contest. This was judged by the public via social media.

#14- Congratulations to Records!!

#15 – 2nd place- Sgt. Solis, nice work

#7- 3rd place- Dispatch, great job

INSPECTION SERVICES REPORT

Please find attached the Inspection Services reports for the past four weeks. meeting.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Labor Market Information Division   Steven Gutierrez
3302 N. Blackstone Avenue   559-230-4102
Fresno, CA 93726

IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 9.0 percent in November 2020, unchanged from a revised 9.0 percent in October 2020, and above the year-ago estimate of 6.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 7.9 percent for California and 6.4 percent for the nation during the same period.

Unemployment Rate Historical Trend
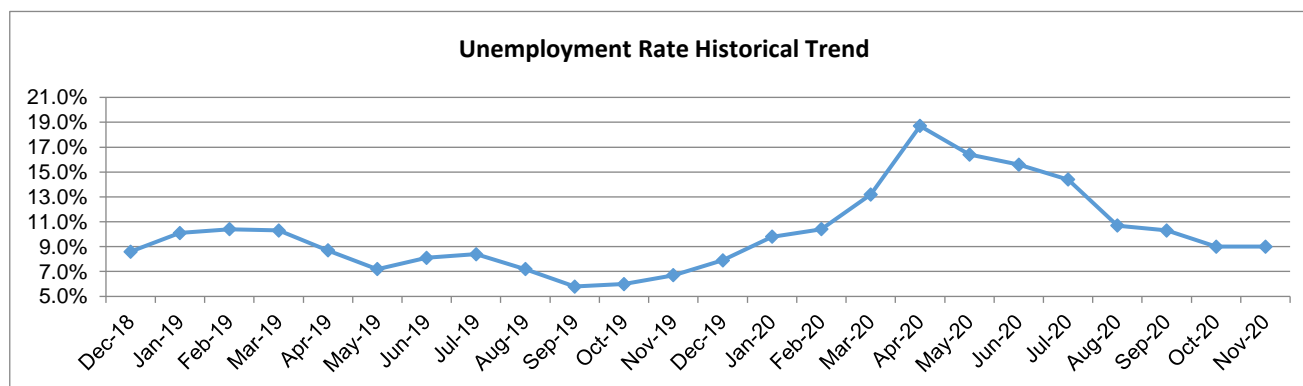
Industry	Oct-2020 Revised	Nov-2020 Prelim	Change		Nov-2019	Nov-2020 Prelim	Change
Total, All Industries	82,200	79,700	(2,500)		85,200	79,700	(5,500)
Total Farm	15,800	13,400	(2,400)		13,800	13,400	(400)
Total Nonfarm	66,400	66,300	(100)		71,400	66,300	(5,100)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,700	0		2,700	2,700	0
Manufacturing	9,800	8,900	(900)		9,100	8,900	(200)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,900	14,300	400		14,400	14,300	(100)
Information	200	200	0		300	200	(100)
Financial Activities	1,900	1,800	(100)		1,900	1,800	(100)
Professional & Business Services	4,100	4,200	100		4,300	4,200	(100)
Educational & Health Services	10,300	10,200	(100)		10,700	10,200	(500)
Leisure & Hospitality	4,800	5,100	300		6,000	5,100	(900)
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,500	1,400	(100)
Government	17,300	17,500	200		20,500	17,500	(3,000)

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding
        Labor force data are revised month to month
        Additional data are available on line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

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Merced MSA
(Merced County)
Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2019 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Nov 19	Sep 20	Oct 20 Revised	Nov 20 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	115,500	113,900	116,100	112,000	-3.5%	-3.0%
Civilian Employment	107,700	102,200	105,600	101,900	-3.5%	-5.4%
Civilian Unemployment	7,700	11,700	10,400	10,100	-2.9%	31.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.7%	10.3%	9.0%	9.0%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	3.7%	10.7%	8.7%	7.9%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.3%	7.7%	6.6%	6.4%		

	Nov 19	Sep 20	Oct 20 Revised	Nov 20 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Year
Total, All Industries (2)	85,200	82,300	82,200	79,700	-3.0%	-6.5%
Total Farm	13,800	16,100	15,800	13,400	-15.2%	-2.9%
Total Nonfarm	71,400	66,200	66,400	66,300	-0.2%	-7.1%
Total Private	50,900	48,500	49,100	48,800	-0.6%	-4.1%
Goods Producing	11,800	12,600	12,500	11,600	-7.2%	-1.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Manufacturing	9,100	9,900	9,800	8,900	-9.2%	-2.2%
Nondurable Goods	7,800	8,500	8,400	7,600	-9.5%	-2.6%
Service Providing	59,600	53,600	53,900	54,700	1.5%	-8.2%
Private Service Providing	39,100	35,900	36,600	37,200	1.6%	-4.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	14,400	13,700	13,900	14,300	2.9%	-0.7%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-22.2%
Retail Trade	8,800	9,100	9,300	9,700	4.3%	10.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,800	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	-15.8%
Information	300	200	200	200	0.0%	-33.3%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,800	1,900	1,800	-5.3%	-5.3%
Professional & Business Services	4,300	4,000	4,100	4,200	2.4%	-2.3%
Educational & Health Services	10,700	10,200	10,300	10,200	-1.0%	-4.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,000	4,600	4,800	5,100	6.3%	-15.0%
Other Services	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Government	20,500	17,700	17,300	17,500	1.2%	-14.6%
Federal Government	700	900	800	700	-12.5%	0.0%
State & Local Government	19,800	16,800	16,500	16,800	1.8%	-15.2%
State Government	4,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-22.2%
State Government Education	3,900	2,800	2,900	2,900	0.0%	-25.6%
State Government Excluding Education	600	700	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	15,300	13,300	13,000	13,300	2.3%	-13.1%
Local Government Excluding Education	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,800	0.0%	-5.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%

Notes:

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed
individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.
Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals,
unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.
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These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California
Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to:
Steven Gutierrez 559-230-4102 or Frances Gines 951-955-3204

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet
at http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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Monthly Labor Force Data for Cities and Census Designated Places (CDP)
November 2020 - Preliminary
Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

Area Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemployment Number	Rate	Census Ratios Emp	Unemp
Merced County	112,000	101,900	10,100	9.0%	1.000000	1.000000
Atwater city	11,700	10,600	1,100	9.1%	N/A	N/A
Delhi CDP	5,100	4,700	400	8.6%	0.046133	0.043455
Dos Palos city	2,100	2,000	100	6.8%	0.019164	0.014083
Gustine city	2,700	2,400	300	9.4%	0.023744	0.024879
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,700	2,600	100	3.0%	0.025419	0.007913
Le Grand CDP	800	700	100	11.8%	0.006879	0.009321
Livingston city	6,400	6,100	300	4.5%	0.060202	0.028836
Los Banos city	16,500	14,600	1,800	11.2%	N/A	N/A
Merced city	33,800	30,500	3,200	9.6%	N/A	N/A
Planada CDP	1,900	1,700	200	11.3%	0.016963	0.021862
South Dos Palos CDP	700	600	100	18.5%	0.005914	0.013546
Winton CDP	4,800	4,100	700	15.1%	0.040200	0.072157

CDP is "Census Designated Place" - a recognized community that was unincorporated at the time of the 2014-2018 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS).

Notes:
1) Data may not add due to rounding. All unemployment rates shown are calculated on unrounded data.
2) These data are not seasonally adjusted.
3) N/A = Estimate created by Bureau of Labor Statistics

Methodology:
Monthly city labor force data are derived by multiplying current estimates of county employment and unemployment by the relative employment and unemployment shares (ratios) of each city at the time of the 2014-2018 American Community Survey. Ratios for cities were developed from special tabulations based on ACS employment, unemployment, and population and Census population from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For smaller cities and CDPs, ratios were calculated from published census data.

Monthly CDP's labor force data are derived by multiplying current estimates of county employment and unemployment by the relative employment and unemployment shares (ratios) of each CDP at the time of the 2014-2018 ACS survey. Ratios for CDPs' were developed from special tabulations based on ACS employment and unemployment from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This method assumes that the rates of change in employment and unemployment since the 2014-2018 American Community Survey are exactly the same in each city and CDP as at the

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Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties
November 2020 - Preliminary
Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	---	18,928,800	17,437,200	1,491,600	7.9%
ALAMEDA	25	815,200	760,200	55,000	6.7%
ALPINE	33	520	480	40	7.1%
AMADOR	32	14,190	13,200	990	7.0%
BUTTE	27	93,000	86,700	6,300	6.8%
CALAVERAS	15	20,130	18,950	1,190	5.9%
COLUSA	57	9,630	8,590	1,040	10.8%
CONTRA COSTA	27	542,200	505,100	37,100	6.8%
DEL NORTE	40	9,050	8,370	680	7.6%
EL DORADO	10	90,100	85,000	5,100	5.7%
FRESNO	48	440,000	402,200	37,800	8.6%
GLENN	16	12,480	11,730	750	6.0%
HUMBOLDT	16	60,300	56,700	3,600	6.0%
IMPERIAL	58	65,400	54,700	10,700	16.4%
INYO	12	8,230	7,750	480	5.8%
KERN	54	370,900	335,900	35,000	9.4%
KINGS	51	54,700	49,800	4,800	8.9%
LAKE	35	28,710	26,620	2,080	7.3%
LASSEN	6	9,650	9,140	510	5.3%
LOS ANGELES	56	4,986,500	4,459,100	527,400	10.6%
MADERA	45	60,000	55,100	4,800	8.1%
MARIN	1	134,400	128,100	6,300	4.7%
MARIPOSA	40	7,230	6,680	550	7.6%
MENDOCINO	27	36,010	33,570	2,440	6.8%
MERCED	52	112,000	101,900	10,100	9.0%
MODOC	20	3,060	2,870	190	6.2%
MONO	45	7,310	6,720	590	8.1%
MONTEREY	42	188,300	173,800	14,500	7.7%
NAPA	16	71,000	66,700	4,300	6.0%
NEVADA	9	46,430	43,810	2,620	5.6%
ORANGE	22	1,592,400	1,490,700	101,700	6.4%
PLACER	5	184,000	174,400	9,600	5.2%
PLUMAS	34	7,400	6,870	530	7.2%
RIVERSIDE	43	1,101,000	1,015,000	86,000	7.8%
SACRAMENTO	37	709,500	657,300	52,200	7.4%
SAN BENITO	31	30,700	28,600	2,100	6.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	44	970,900	893,600	77,300	8.0%
SAN DIEGO	24	1,582,500	1,477,300	105,200	6.6%
SAN FRANCISCO	10	566,500	534,100	32,400	5.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	52	321,500	292,500	29,000	9.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	7	131,800	124,600	7,100	5.4%
SAN MATEO	3	444,700	422,000	22,700	5.1%
SANTA BARBARA	12	213,600	201,300	12,300	5.8%
SANTA CLARA	3	1,042,700	989,600	53,100	5.1%
SANTA CRUZ	25	128,100	119,500	8,600	6.7%
SHASTA	23	73,100	68,300	4,800	6.5%
SIERRA	2	1,280	1,210	60	5.0%
SISKIYOU	35	15,880	14,720	1,160	7.3%
SOLANO	39	203,600	188,300	15,300	7.5%
SONOMA	8	250,200	236,400	13,800	5.5%
STANISLAUS	47	233,700	214,300	19,400	8.3%
SUTTER	48	40,900	37,400	3,500	8.6%
TEHAMA	27	24,400	22,740	1,660	6.8%
TRINITY	19	4,240	3,980	260	6.1%
TULARE	55	191,500	172,700	18,800	9.8%
TUOLUMNE	37	19,670	18,200	1,460	7.4%
VENTURA	21	412,600	386,700	25,900	6.3%
YOLO	12	105,700	99,600	6,100	5.8%
YUBA	50	28,300	25,800	2,500	8.7%

Notes

1) Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2019 benchmark and Census 2010 population controls at the state level.

For the period of November 30th through December 13th , 2020, there were **33** New Single Family Dwelling Permits **Issued**.

The running total of New Single Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **428.**

Multi Family Permits in review:
Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12th St; 1 office/lounge and 6, 2 story apartments: 2 buildings have 16 units, 3 buildings have 30 units, and 1 building has 4 units for a total of 126 units.
Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.
The Childs & B St. project plan review is approved and the permit is pending issuance. It consists of 5 publicly funded apartment buildings and a community building in an affordable housing development consisting of 119 units on 4 acres located at 1157 B St.
There is a 2,438 SF duplex in review, located at 345 W. 23rd St., as well as a new SFD/ADU combo totaling 2,901 SF located at 419 E. Olive Ave., and a fire damage repair that is also adding an ADU located at 1740 Shirley St.
There were 5 multi-family permits issued during this period; for Merced Station (Yosemite at Lake Apartments) located at 2850 E. Yosemite Ave.; the last 5 of 15 multi-family apartment permits (for buildings 10-14) were issued.

There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period; for a 1,360 SF maintenance building for Merced Station located at 2948 E. Yosemite Ave.
There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a new cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, and distribution facility located at 1987 W. Olive Ave, and one to add 250 SF of office space and HVAC roof curbs for future HVAC units to an existing structure located at 3185 M St.

There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.
There were 2 new tenant improvement submittals during this period; one to remove a demising wall at 2933 G St., and one for the Chicken Shack located at 560 W Olive Ave.

There were 2 CofOs issued for this period; one for the 1,075 car wash and the other for the mini mart for Arco located at 810 S Coffee St.

There were 24 CofOs for Single Family Dwellings during this period.

For the period of November 16th through November 29th, 2020, there were **6** New Single Family Dwelling Permits **Issued**.

The running total of New Single Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **415.**

Multi Family Permits in review:
Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12th St; 1 office/lounge and 6, 2 story apartments: 2 buildings have 16 units, 3 buildings have 30 units, and 1 building has 4 units for a total of 126 units.
Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.
Merced Station (Yosemite at Lake Apartments) located at 2850 E. Yosemite Ave.; *5* of 15 multi-family apartment permits are still pending issuance (for buildings 10-14).
The Childs & B St. project plan review is approved and the permit is pending issuance. It consists of 5 publicly funded apartment buildings and a community building in an affordable housing development consisting of 119 units on 4 acres located at 1157 B St.
There is a 2,438 SF duplex in review, located at 345 W. 23rd St., as well as a new SFD/ADU combo totaling 2,901 SF located at 419 E. Olive Ave., and a fire damage repair that is also adding an ADU located at 1740 Shirley St.
There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period.

There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period; for a shell/TI combo for the clubhouse at Merced Station located at 2980 E. Yosemite Ave.
There was 1 new tenant improvement permit issued during this period; for a dental lab located at 545 W 26th St.

There was 1 new commercial submittal during this period, for the pumphouse for the fire and domestic water pumps for Merced Station located at 2980 E. Yosemite Ave.
There was 1 new tenant improvement submittal during this period; for Best Buy located at 3125 R St.

There were 2 CofOs issued for this period; one for Bag O Crab located at 455 W Olive Ave, and one for a new 1,090 SF 10 unit mini storage located at 3 W 23rd St.

There were 28 CofOs for Single Family Dwellings during this period.