



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

October 21, 2022

REAP 2.0

The Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP 2.0) is a state of California funded grant program to help regions with planning activities to meet the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) and to spur affordable housing production. REAP 2.0 is a flexible program that seeks to accelerate infill housing development, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), increase housing supply at all affordability levels, affirmatively further fair housing, and facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals. Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is eligible for up to \$3.9 million in funding.

This week, people participated in countywide workshops to talk about their priorities. The REAP 2.0 survey is available online. Take the survey and share ways you would like MCAG's REAP 2.0 funding to be used.

MCAG MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Kev cob qhia hauv zej zog hais txog kev nqis peev pib npaj ua ntej hauv cheeb tsam ntawm kev pab nyiaj txiaj

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Norog Livingston
Lub Kaum Hil Tim 19 thaum 9 sij sawv ntxo
Qhov Chaw Sab Laj Hauv norog Livingston
663 Main Street
Livingston, CA 95334

Merced
Oct. 19 at 12 p.m.
Nawm Chaw Ua Hauv Leam
lub norog Merced
Lub Chaw San Pipes
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Los Banos
Lub Kaum Hil Tim 19 thaum
4:45 sij tsawv ntxo
College Greens Building
1815 Scripps Drive
Los Banos, CA 93635

Virtual Workshops

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Hnab Thursday, Lub Kaum Hil Tim 13
9-9 sij tsawv ntxo, hauv Zoom
Lub noog qib thab rau sij hauv Zoom
Lub noog qib thab rau hauv lub lab: 625
1635 7746
Cov cim yeg: 231053

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12-1 sij tsawv ntxo, hauv Zoom
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MCAG MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

REAP 2.0 WORKSHOPS

Help identify solutions to housing and climate in Merced County!

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MCAG MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Ayuda a identificar soluciones para la vivienda y el clima en el condado de Merced.

Talleres comunitarios sobre cómo invertir los fondos de la subvención 2.0 de planificación de acción temprana regional.

Talleres presenciales
Se proporcionarán estaciones para niños y refrescos.

Livingston
19 de octubre a las 9 a.m.
Livingston Council Chambers
663 Main Street
Livingston, CA 95334

Merced
19 de octubre a las 12 p.m.
Merced City Hall
San Pipes Room
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Los Banos
19 octubre a las 4:45 p.m.
College Greens Building
1815 Scripps Drive
Los Banos, CA 93635

Talleres virtuales

Taller Virtual #1
Jueves, 13 de octubre
9-9 p.m. a través de Zoom
Enlace de reunión de Zoom
ID de la reunión en Zoom:
625 1635 7746
Contraseña: 231053

Taller Virtual #2
Viernes, 14 de octubre
12-1 p.m. a través de Zoom
Enlace de reunión de Zoom
ID de la reunión en Zoom:
691 2585 6887
Contraseña: 331236

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MCAG MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Help identify solutions to housing and climate in Merced County

Community workshops for how to invest Regional Early Action Planning Grant 2.0 Funding

In-Person Workshops
Children's stations and refreshments will be provided

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Zoom Link
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Passcode: 231053

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The Merced County Association of Governments is seeking feedback!

With recent expansions for housing and transportation funding – they want to know how YOU would like to see Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 funding invested.

Take their REAP 2.0 Funding Poll below to let us know how Merced can grow:

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MCAG MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Ajudar a identificar soluções climáticas e de alojamento no Condado de Merced

Workshops comunitárias sobre como investir o Financiamento do Subsídio Regional de Planejamento de Ação Antecipada 2.0

Workshops presenciais
Com refreshments e estações para crianças

Livingston
19 de Outubro, às 9h00
Livingston Council Chambers
663 Main Street
Livingston, CA 95334

Merced
19 de Outubro, às 12h00
Ismar Municipal de Merced
San Pipes Room
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Los Banos
19 de Outubro, às 16h45
Ofício College Greens
1815 Scripps Drive
Los Banos, CA 93635

Workshops Virtuais

Workshop Virtual #1
Quinta-feira, 13 de outubro
Das 17h00 às 18h00, via Zoom
Link de reunião de Zoom
ID de reunião: 625 1635 7746
Senha: 231053

Workshop Virtual #2
Sexta-feira, 21 de outubro
Das 12h00 às 13h00, via Zoom
Link de reunião de Zoom
ID de reunião: 691 2585 6887
Senha: 331236

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Clean Up Projects Bear Creek Drive and West 18th Street

This week, City of Merced Public Works Solid Waste and Sewer Crews with support from the Merced Police Department's DART Team worked along Bear Creek Drive and West 18th Street to properly dispose of 6.44 tons of waste.



East 16th Street Clean Up

Public Works Crews, including seven crew members, two trucks, and two tractors worked along East 16th Street to dispose of 5.54 tons of waste, 10.50 tons of dirt mixed with waste, four tires and one mattress.



Public Works in Action

The City-hired contractor, Park Planet, continued work this week; play equipment installation continues at Frederick Douglas and Santa Fe Parks as part of a Measure Y funded project to replace park playground equipment at Little Angels Park, 12th & G Street Park, the Love Veasley Family Park, Benjamin Tanager Park, Frederick Douglas Park, Hansen Park, and Santa Fe Strip Park 3.

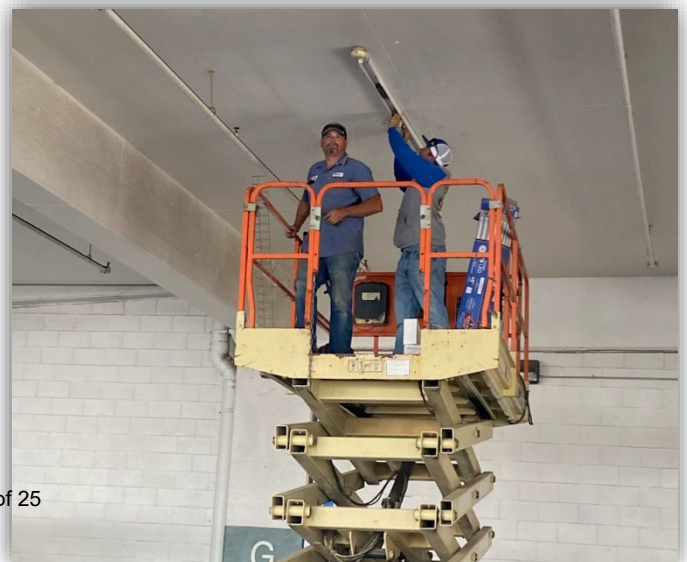
Frederick Douglas Park



Santa Fe Park

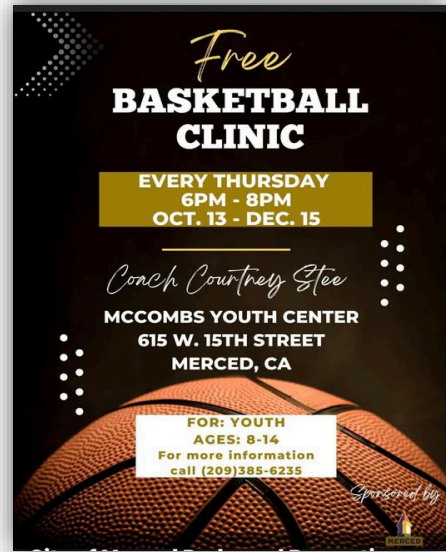


Streets and Facilities Crews installed new signage and lighting at the Merced center Parking Garage.



Scenes from Thursday Night Open Gym

Youth Basketball Clinics
Thursdays – Oct. through Dec.



Free
**BASKETBALL
CLINIC**

EVERY THURSDAY
6PM - 8PM
OCT. 13 - DEC. 15

Coach Courtney Steele
MCCOMBS YOUTH CENTER
615 W. 15TH STREET
MERCED, CA

FOR: YOUTH
AGES: 8-14
For more information
call (209)385-6235

Sponsored by

The poster features a basketball in the background and a small logo for 'Sponsored by' in the bottom right corner.



1st Annual Merced Zombie Bike Ride

More than 245 riders participated in the 1st ever Merced Zombie Bike Ride. Thanks to Cultiva La Salud, The California Endowment, Merced County Dept of Public Health, Central Valley Community Fund, UC Merced, City of Merced, and Central CA Alliance for Health for a very successful and fun event. Take a ride or walk on the bike path!



Celebrating a Successful Teal Top Hockey Season

Parks and Recreation staff and youth athletes recently celebrated a successful Teal Top Hockey season with an end-of-season jamboree. Thanks to Teal Top Hockey coaches, participants and supporters for a very successful program. More information about season two will be available soon.



24th Annual Career Industry Day

Merced Police Department officers, detectives, and staff attended the 24th Annual Career Industry Day at the Merced County Fairgrounds this week. The Department would like to thank the Office of Education and Career & Technical Education for the opportunity.

Department representatives spoke with high school students about career opportunities offered by the Merced Police Department, including the Explorers Program, an excellent opportunity for youth to give back to their community, learn about law enforcement and gain life skills. For information about the Explorer Program, contact: Sgt. Mckinnon at mckinnonn@cityofmerced.org or Sgt Jenkins at Jenkinsm@cityofmerced.org. For information about Merced Police Department, visit www.cityofmerced.org



Scenes from Luther Burbank Fall Carnival



Grand Fondo Hincapie Heads to Merced, CA on March 18, 2023



45 Pete Hollis Blvd. Greenville, SC 29601 / 864.400.3040

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 21, 2022

Gran Fondo Hincapie Heads to Merced, California for 2023

The Gran Fondo Hincapie-Merced ride will start and finish in the town of Merced on March 18, 2023.

Merced, California – The acclaimed Gran Fondo Hincapie cycling series has announced Merced, California as their new location for 2023. The city of Merced offers a vibrant downtown with numerous quality hotels and fine dining options for all to enjoy.

For the 2023 ride, participants will join George Hincapie for a true gravel experience through the rolling hills and open grasslands of California's Central Valley. Riders will leave from the heart of Merced, CA and make their way into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The original Gran Fondo Hincapie, located in Greenville, SC and entering in its twelfth year in 2023, has topped charts and received stellar reviews. The events are acclaimed for the cycling celebrities in attendance, as well as the careful attention to safety, on-site viewing screens, course and segment timing, live tracking and streaming, live bands at the rest stops, and free family festival.

Key components of the Gran Fondo Hincapie series are standard routes of approximately 15, 50, and 80 miles, as well as the high-end customer experience, highlighted by a Friday night dinner the evening prior to the ride and an After Party on Saturday evening.

About Merced Location

Merced, California is known as the "Gateway to Yosemite" and is less than two hours away from Yosemite National Park to the east and Monterey Bay to the west. Key local sponsors of the event include El Capitan Hotel, the City of Merced, Fluetsch & Busby Insurance, and MERCOCredit Union, among others.

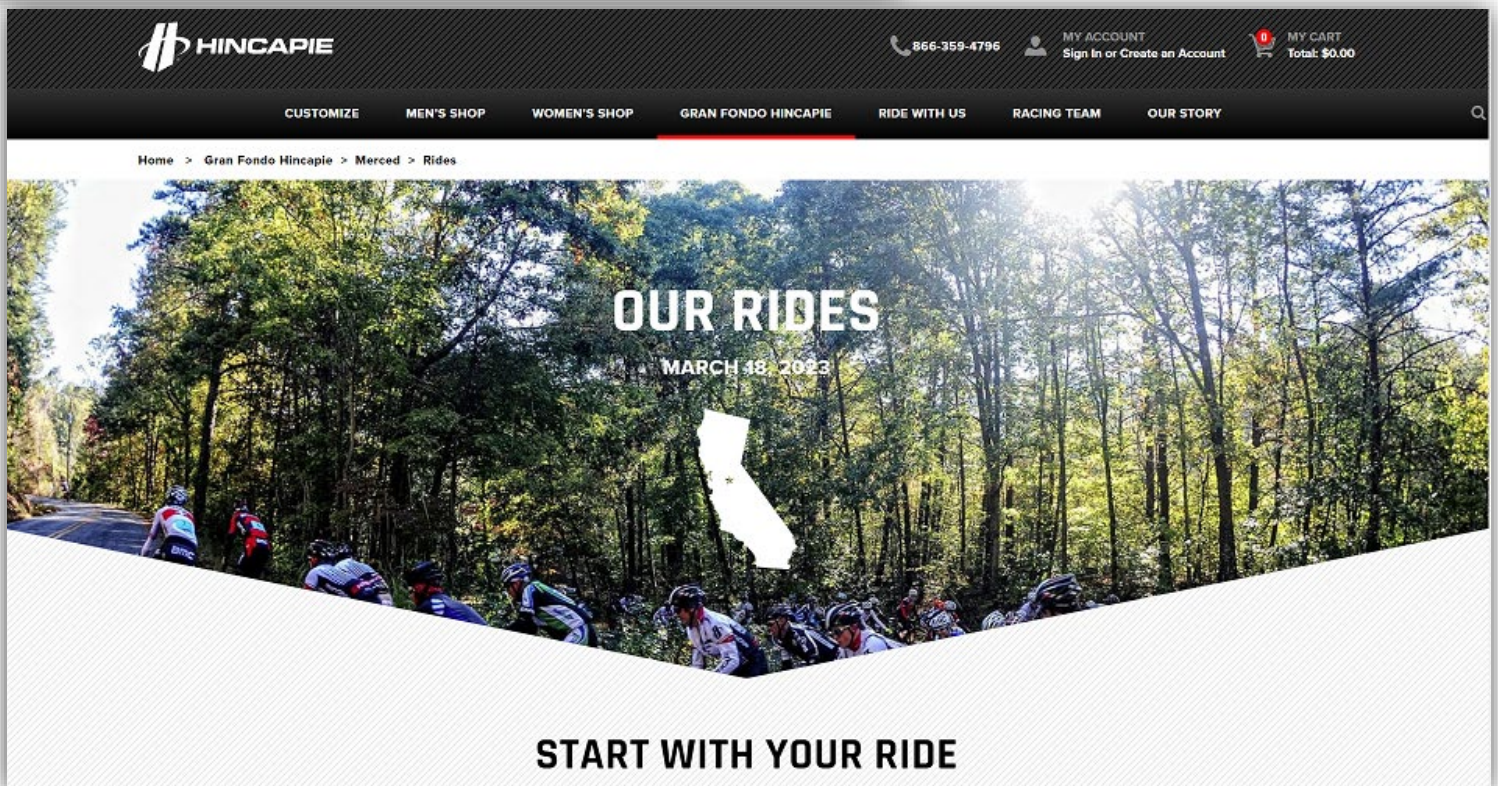
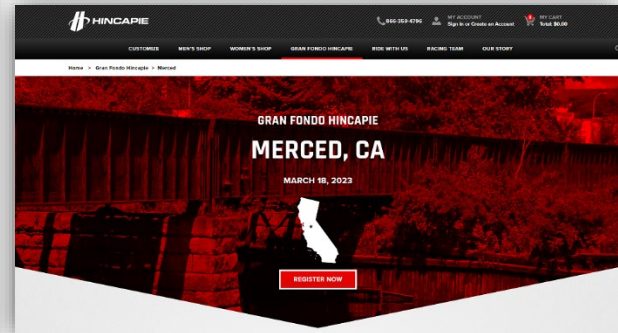
About Hincapie Events

Hincapie Events offers races and rides for cyclists of all ages and skill levels. From the season-opening Hincapie Spring Series to the ultimate cycling experience of the Gran Fondo Hincapie, the events create a community of cyclists and celebrate the sport of cycling. For more information about Hincapie Events, visit hincapie.com.

Hincapie Events is among the many companies within the Hincapie brands, which also include Hincapie Sportswear, Hincapie Custom, Hotel Domestique, Experience Domestique, and Restaurant 17.

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The Gran Fondo Hincapie cycling series is coming to Merced, Saturday, March 18, 2023. The event includes 15-, 50-, and 80-mile rides and a family festival. For more information, visit [Gran Fondo Hincapie | Merced, CA | March 18, 2023](http://GranFondoHincapie.com/Merced,CA/March18,2023).



Upcoming October Events

City of Merced Parks and Recreation

HALLOWEEN STREET BASH

Trunk or Treat
Candy is limited

LIVE MUSIC, ACTIVITIES, FOOD, AND CANDY!

Saturday, October 22nd | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Joe Herb Park
2200 ROSEMITE PARKWAY - Merced, CA
Parking available at Golden Valley High School Parking Lot

BRING A TREAT BAG AND WEAR YOUR COSTUME!



Scan our QR code if you're interested in volunteering!



Interested to Volunteer or decorate your trunk for the street bash? call (209) 385-6235 or come into our office 632 W. 18th St. Merced, CA



CITY OF MERCED PARKS AND RECREATION

TINY TOTS HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PARTY!

COSTUMES HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!

PUMPKIN DECORATING • CRAFTS • PHOTOBOOTHS • HALLOWEEN MAZE • AND MORE!

KIDS AGES 2-10
OCT. 28, 2022 • 5:15PM-7:15PM
AT APPLGATE PARK ZOO!
1045 W 25TH ST.



\$10 PER CHILD

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT
632 W 18TH ST.
(209) 385-6235

SCAN QR CODE TO VOLUNTEER!

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The Merced Police Department

PRESENTS

2ND ANNUAL COPS FOR CRITTERS

CAR SHOW & TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 29TH, 2022 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

ADULT & CHILD COSTUMES WELCOME
IN FRONT OF MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT, CORNER OF 22ND AND N ST



CHECK-IN @ 9
JUDGING @ 12

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT APPLGATE PARK AND ZOO

\$25 PRE-REG FEE BEFORE 10/21
\$30 AFTER 10/21

FEATURING:




SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER NOW!

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Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for October 3rd, 2022 through October 16th, 2022

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **65**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **193**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **3**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

- Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12th St; one office/lounge and six two-story apartments: two buildings have 16 units, three buildings have 30 units, and one building has four units for a total of 126 units.
- Compass Pointe phase II: 112 units in 12, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.
- Gateway Commons Apartments located at 3130 E. Gerard Ave.; one community building, five buildings with 16 units, and five buildings with 24 units for 200 units, plus 31 garage structures.
- Homekey Project located at 1213 V St.; conversion of 4 existing 2 story hotel buildings into 96 studio apartments, including both affordable and accessible housing.

MFD permits issued:

- There were 0 MFD permits issued during this period.
(no change since last report)

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 3,858 SF Quest Diagnostic Services located at 3377 G St. Ste A, and one for a 3,432 SF remodel for Merced Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses located at 2135 E. Olive Ave.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for the 6,985 SF Community Building at Gateway Commons located at 3140 E Gerard Ave.
- There were 0 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period.

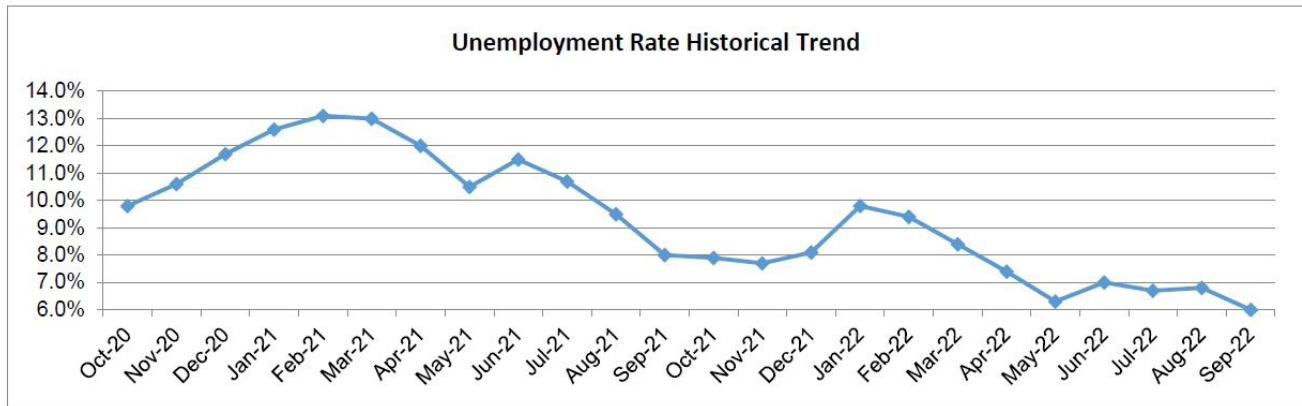
Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 3 commercial and industrial CofOs issued for this period; one for a 3,332 office tenant improvement located on the 2nd floor of 3185 M St., one for a 17,450 SF tenant improvement for Level Up Barcade located at 325 W Main St., and one for a new 4,088 SF 7-11 located at 3660 G St.

Merced County Labor Market Information – September 2022

The unemployment rate in Merced County was 6.0 percent in September 2022, down from a revised 6.8 percent in August 2022, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.7 percent for California and 3.3 percent for the nation during the same period. A copy of the Labor Market Report is attached.

Merced County Labor Market Information – September 2022



Reports and Correspondence

- 1. PC Action Memo Pg. 13
- 2. Merced Youth Jobs Report Pg. 14
- 3. Labor Market Report Pg. 15

City of Merced
MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 20, 2022
TO: City Council
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Actions at the Planning Commission Meeting of October 19, 2022

At their meeting of October 19, 2022, the Planning Commission heard and found that Vacation #22-03, to abandon the eastern portion of the Arbor Walkway North easement at 521 W Main Street, was consistent with the General Plan.

The Planning Commission heard and approved Conditional Use Permit #1265 to allow tobacco sales (for off-site consumption) at a new retail store, located at 900 Loughborough Drive, in a Planned Development (P-D) Zone #1 with a Regional/Community Commercial (RC) General Plan Designation.

The Commission also heard and continued the Appeal of a one-year extension for Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1291 for Bright Development, which would allow for the subdivision of approximately 39.8 acres of land into 131 single-family lots, generally located on the east side of G Street at Merrill Place (extended) to the Planning Commission meeting of November 9, 2022, at the request of the appellant.

If you have any questions about these items, please feel free to contact me.

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CITY OF MERCED
Planning Commission

Resolution #4099

WHEREAS, the Merced City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of October 19, 2022, held a public hearing and considered **Conditional Use Permit #1265**, submitted by Asem Almaamari, on behalf of Merced Home, LLC, property owner. This application involves a request for tobacco sales (for off-site consumption) for a new retail store at 900 Loughborough Drive, Suite D, generally located on the south side of Loughborough Drive, approximately 850 feet east of R Street, within a Zoning classification of Planned Development (P-D) #1, with a General Plan Designation of Regional/Community Commercial (RC) ; said property being more particularly described as Parcel A-2 as shown on that certain Parcel Map entitled “Parcel Map for City of Merced,” recorded in Book 30, Page 38 of Merced County Records; also known as Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) 236-310-006; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced City Planning Commission concurs with Findings/Considerations A through J (Exhibit B) of Staff Report #22-790; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced City Planning Commission concurs with the Findings for Conditional Use Permits in Merced Municipal Code Section 20.68.020 (E), and other Considerations as outlined in Exhibit B; and,

NOW THEREFORE, after reviewing the City’s Draft Environmental Determination, and discussing all the issues, the Merced City Planning Commission does resolve to hereby adopt a Categorical Exemption regarding Environmental Review #22-35, and approve Conditional Use Permit #1265 subject to the Conditions set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Upon motion by Commissioner Delgadillo, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and carried by the following vote:

- AYES: Commissioners Greggains, DeAnda, Delgadillo, White, Gonzalez, and Chairperson Harris
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Commissioner Camper
- ABSTAIN: None

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION #4099

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October 19, 2022

Adopted this 19th day of October 2022

Michael Harris

Chairperson, Planning Commission of
the City of Merced, California

ATTEST:



Secretary

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Conditions of Approval

Exhibit B - Findings

Conditions of Approval
Planning Commission Resolution #4099
Conditional Use Permit #1265

1. The proposed project shall be constructed/designed as shown on Exhibit 1 (floor plan) - Attachment C, and Exhibit 2 (exterior photographs) - Attachment D of Staff Report #22-790, except as modified by the conditions.
2. All conditions contained in Resolution #1249-Amended (“Standard Conditional Use Permit Conditions”—except for Condition #16 which has been superseded by Code) shall apply.
3. The developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend (with counsel selected by the City), and hold harmless the City, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof, from any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any officers, officials, employees, or agents thereof to attack, set aside, void, or annul, an approval of the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, advisory agency, appeal board, or legislative body, including actions approved by the voters of the City, concerning the project and the approvals granted herein. Furthermore, developer/applicant shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless the City, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, against any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, or judgments against any governmental entity in which developer/applicant’s project is subject to that other governmental entity’s approval and a condition of such approval is that the City indemnify and defend (with counsel selected by the City) such governmental entity. City shall promptly notify the developer/applicant of any claim, action, suits, or proceeding. Developer/applicant shall be responsible to immediately prefund the litigation cost of the City including, but not limited to, City’s attorney’s fees and costs. If any claim, action, suits, or proceeding is filed challenging this approval, the developer/applicant shall be required to execute a separate and formal defense, indemnification, and deposit agreement that meets the approval of the City Attorney and to provide all required deposits to fully fund the City’s defense immediately but in no event later than five (5) days from that date of a demand to do so from City. In addition, the

developer/applicant shall be required to satisfy any monetary obligations imposed on City by any order or judgment.

4. The developer/applicant shall construct and operate the project in strict compliance with the approvals granted herein, City standards, laws, and ordinances, and in compliance with all State and Federal laws, regulations, and standards. In the event of a conflict between City laws and standards and a State or Federal law, regulation, or standard, the stricter or higher standard shall control.
5. Sufficient lighting shall be provided throughout the site to provide a safe environment for employees and patrons of the business.
6. All landscaping shall be kept healthy and maintained in good condition and any damaged or missing landscaping shall be replaced immediately.
7. The premises shall remain clean and free of debris and graffiti at all times. Any damaged materials shall be replaced by matching materials.
8. A temporary banner permit shall be obtained prior to installing any temporary signs. Free-standing temporary signs (i.e., sandwich boards, A-frame signs, etc.) are prohibited.
9. The proprietor and/or successors in interest and management shall comply with all Municipal Codes relating to loitering, and other nuisance-related issues.
10. The City reserves the right to periodically review the area for potential problems. If in the opinion of the Police Chief, problems (on-site or within the immediate area) including, but not limited to, the illegal sale or use of narcotics, drugs or alcohol, disturbing the peace, and disorderly conduct result from the proposed land use, the conditional use permit may be subject to review and revocation by the City of Merced after a public hearing and in conformance with the procedures outlined in the Merced Municipal Code.
11. The business shall comply with all applicable requirements from the Merced County Health Department.
12. The applicant shall obtain proper permits and licenses from the State to sell tobacco products.
13. Building improvement work shall be done by qualified licensed contractors.

EXHIBIT A
OF PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION #4099

14. The applicant shall install exterior video surveillance cameras that continuously record outside activities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (locations to be worked out with the Police Department). Any video related to criminal investigations must be accessible immediately for viewing by the Merced Police Department or any other law enforcement agency. A recorded copy of surveillance video, requested in connection with a criminal investigation, must be reasonably accessible and available within 24 hours when requested by law enforcement. The business owner is responsible for maintaining the video surveillance equipment in an operable manner at all times.
15. To prepare food onsite, the applicant shall obtain all proper permits and comply with all requirements of the Merced County Health Department and the City of Merced Building Department.
16. Any music played shall be kept to a minimum noise level so as not to travel outside the immediate area around the building.
17. Signage approval is not being included with this request. Future signage shall match or compliment the design of the facade (in regard to color, design, and materials) and be in compliance with MMC 17.36. Article III.
18. Tobacco products and associated paraphernalia shall be kept inaccessible from the general public, stored behind the employee counter.

**Findings and Considerations
Planning Commission Resolution #4099
Conditional Use Permit #1265**

FINDINGS/CONSIDERATIONS:

General Plan Compliance and Policies Related to This Application

- A) The proposed project complies with the General Plan designation of Regional/Community Commercial (RC) and the Zoning classification of Planned Development (P-D) #1 with approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

Tobacco Sales

- B) Per Merced Municipal Code Land Use 20.44.160 – Tobacco Sales Prohibited Near Schools, a conditional use permit is required for tobacco sales within 600 feet of “youth oriented” facilities. A convenience market is principally permitted within the subject site, but the proximity to “At the Pier Arcade” within the Merced Mall is triggering the need for a conditional use permit. Tobacco Sales is a discretionary permit that does not require adoption of specific findings (such as is required for alcohol sales), but the general findings required for all conditional use permits is required and are being included under Finding I.

Neighborhood Impact

- C) The subject site is located in north central Merced and is surrounded by a variety of commercial and high-density residential uses. The tobacco sales ordinance (MMC 20.44.160 – Tobacco Sales Prohibited Near Schools) was adopted in 2016 through the City’s comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update, and then amended again in 2022. As such, there are several businesses throughout the community that were in operation prior to the adoption of the ordinance, selling tobacco products near schools and youth-oriented facilities. There are currently several businesses within a two-block radius selling tobacco products, which includes, but is not limited to, 7/11, Chevron, Valero, etc. Given the existing businesses selling tobacco in the area, staff does not anticipate that the approval of this convenience market with tobacco sales would create any unusual circumstances for the neighborhood.

A public hearing notice was circulated in the Merced County Times and mailed to property owners within 300 feet of the subject site three weeks prior to this public hearing. As of the date that this report was prepared, staff did not receive any comments from the public about this project.

Building Elevation

- D) The image at Attachment D of Staff Report #22-790 shows the existing façade for this site. The applicant is not proposing any modifications to the site plan or exterior elevations, beyond possibly adding new business signage (not provided). The exterior elevations were originally reviewed and approved by the City Council when the Site Utilization Plan Revision for this Planned Development was approved approximately 20 years ago.

Floor Plan

- E) As shown on the floor plan at Attachment C of Staff Report #22-790, the convenience market would be accessible through the main entrance along the south elevation. The floor plan includes several aisles with racks displaying snacks such as candies and chips near the center of the floor plan. Along the west and north walls would be large refrigerators to store a variety of beverages and water. Alcohol sales are not included with this request (alcohol sales would require a Conditional Use Permit and possibly a Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity). The floor plan also includes a restroom and break room. Tobacco products would be kept inaccessible to the general public, stored behind the employee counter (see Condition #18 of Planning Commission Staff Report #22-790). The market would also provide cell phone repair services.

Signage

- F) The applicant is not proposing any specific signage with this request. Typically, a signage plan is produced towards the end of the entitlement process. A formal request for permanent signage shall be reviewed with a building permit application and shall require compliance with the signage regulations for North Merced (MMC 17.36. Article III – Regulations for North Merced) as shown at Condition #17 of Planning Commission Staff Report #22-790.

Parking

- G) The building and site plan will remain as is. There are approximately 60 parking stalls on this parcel for the commercial tenants within this building. The applicant is not proposing anything that would require additional parking, such as adding square footage to the building or intensifying the site with a use that requires more parking. As such, the existing parking lot complies with the City's parking requirements.

Operation Details

- H) The applicant has indicated that they would like to operate daily from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The market would sell snacks, candies, and drinks normally found in convenience markets. Alcohol would not be sold at this location (this requires a conditional use permit and possibly a finding of public convenience or necessity). The business also includes a station to conduct cell phone repairs to the general public. Tobacco products would be stored away from the public, behind the employee counter. Tobacco products to be sold include, but is not limited to, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and e-cigarettes.

Conditional Use Permit Findings

- I) In order for the Planning Commission to approve or deny a conditional use permit they must consider the following criteria and make findings to support or deny each criteria per MMC 20.68.020 (E) – Findings for Approval.

1. *The proposed use is consistent with the purpose and standards of zoning district, the general plan, and any adopted area or neighborhood plan, specific plan, or community plan.*

As shown under Finding A, the proposed project complies with the General Plan designation of Regional Community Commercial (RC) and the Zoning classification of Planned Development (P-D) with approval of this conditional use permit.

2. *The location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposed use will be compatible with the existing and future land uses in the vicinity of the subject property.*

This application is for a land use request only (for tobacco sales). Modifications will not be made to the exterior of the existing building. Staff believes that the location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposal would be compatible existing and future land uses in the vicinity.

3. *The proposed use will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the city.*

As shown under Findings B and C, staff does not anticipate that this proposal would be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the City. Planning staff consulted with the Merced Police Department regarding tobacco sales at this location; the Police Department did not have any significant concerns with this request and is not requiring any conditions of approval not normally associated with tobacco sales for off-site consumption. Based on the information provided by the Police Department, staff does not anticipate that the approval of this request would adversely affect the public health, safety, and welfare of the City.

4. *The proposed use is properly located within the City and adequately served by existing or planned services and infrastructure.*

The subject site is existing and currently served by existing infrastructure.

Environmental Clearance

- J) Planning staff has conducted an environmental review (Environmental Review #22-35) of the project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and a Categorical Exemption (no further environmental review is required) is being recommended (Attachment E of Staff Report #22-790).



Merced Youth Jobs Monthly Update

Reyna Espinoza, Program Manager, Merced County DWI
Report Date: 10/21/22 Reporting Period: 9/1/22 – 10/1/22

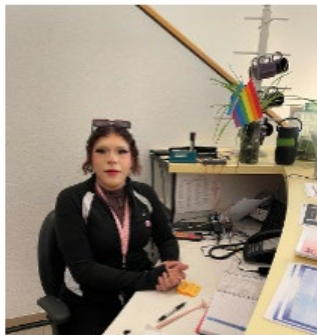
1. August 2022 Cohort Update (Cohort 1)

a. **Key Performance Indicators**

- 21 completed work readiness training
- 19 youth are currently working
- Of the 19 currently working, 1 has completed their hours
- Of the 19 currently working, 3 have exited the program before completing
- 6 have received a supportive service, with an average total of \$32.00

b. **Highlights**

Braulio Bravo is a 17-year-old graduate of Atwater Valley High School. He is a self-proclaimed gang member and the oldest of six siblings and recognizes his role as their role model. Braulio applied for the first cohort of Merced Youth Jobs in the hopes of transforming his life. He was adamant that he didn't want the actions of his past to define him. Braulio was the first in the program to complete his 200 hours. He worked at Catholic Charities from Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. He was punctual and did not miss one day of work. We continue to support him with his job-seeking endeavors.



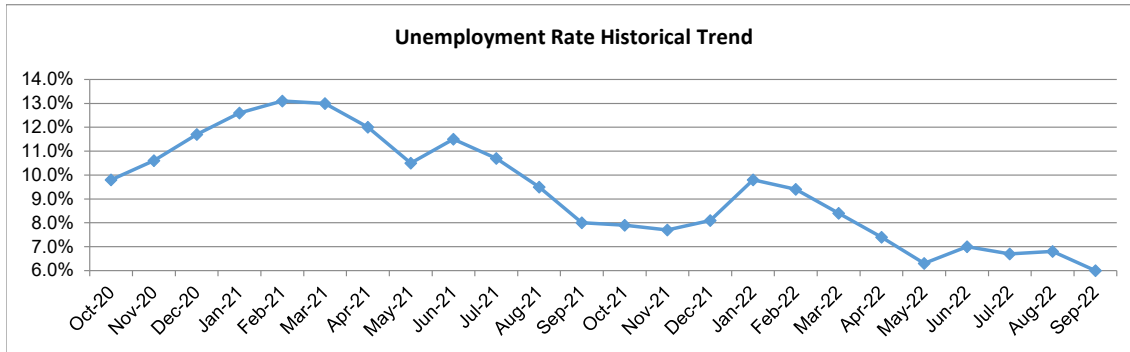
2. November 2022 Cohort Update (Cohort 2)

The next cohort is set to launch on November 1, 2022, largely pulling from the list of 96 applicants from the first cohort. Key points:

- Of 96 applicants, 11 have been enrolled to-date, with 8 in final stages of enrollment. Nineteen of those offered enrollment declined, citing other obligations or had already found employment. Eight percent of those did not respond to repeated outreach.
- New participants will be onboarded on November 1, 2, at Worknet Office, 4-6pm
- New participants will complete Merced College's workforce readiness training from November 7-10, taking place at the Business Center
- Youth will begin to be placed at work sites on November 28

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

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 6.0 percent in September 2022, down from a revised 6.8 percent in August 2022, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.7 percent for California and 3.3 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Aug-2022	Sep-2022	Change		Sep-2021	Sep-2022	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	87,700	90,500	2,800		89,000	90,500	1,500
Total Farm	15,800	17,300	1,500		17,700	17,300	(400)
Total Nonfarm	71,900	73,200	1,300		71,300	73,200	1,900
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,500	3,500	0		3,300	3,500	200
Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	0		10,700	10,800	100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,400	13,200	(200)		13,400	13,200	(200)
Information	200	200	0		200	200	0
Financial Activities	1,900	1,800	(100)		1,900	1,800	(100)
Professional & Business Services	3,900	3,900	0		3,800	3,900	100
Educational & Health Services	11,100	11,000	(100)		10,600	11,000	400
Leisure & Hospitality	7,100	7,000	(100)		6,500	7,000	500
Other Services	1,700	1,700	0		1,600	1,700	100
Government	18,300	20,100	1,800		19,300	20,100	800

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 21	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	118,300	117,200	117,100	119,100	1.7%	0.7%
Civilian Employment	108,800	109,300	109,100	111,900	2.6%	2.8%
Civilian Unemployment	9,500	7,800	8,000	7,200	-10.0%	-24.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.0%	6.7%	6.8%	6.0%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	6.1%	3.9%	4.1%	3.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.6%	3.8%	3.8%	3.3%		

Total, All Industries (2)	89,000	87,600	87,700	90,500	3.2%	1.7%
Total Farm	17,700	15,200	15,800	17,300	9.5%	-2.3%
Total Nonfarm	71,300	72,400	71,900	73,200	1.8%	2.7%
Total Private	52,000	53,400	53,600	53,100	-0.9%	2.1%
Goods Producing	14,000	14,300	14,300	14,300	0.0%	2.1%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,300	3,600	3,500	3,500	0.0%	6.1%
Manufacturing	10,700	10,700	10,800	10,800	0.0%	0.9%
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,200	9,300	9,300	0.0%	2.2%
Service Providing	57,300	58,100	57,600	58,900	2.3%	2.8%
Private Service Providing	38,000	39,100	39,300	38,800	-1.3%	2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,400	13,300	13,400	13,200	-1.5%	-1.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,200	-7.7%	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,500	8,400	8,400	8,300	-1.2%	-2.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,700	3,600	3,700	3,700	0.0%	0.0%
Information	200	300	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	-5.3%	-5.3%
Professional & Business Services	3,800	3,800	3,900	3,900	0.0%	2.6%
Educational & Health Services	10,600	11,000	11,100	11,000	-0.9%	3.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,500	7,100	7,100	7,000	-1.4%	7.7%
Other Services	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	6.3%
Government	19,300	19,000	18,300	20,100	9.8%	4.1%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	18,600	18,300	17,600	19,400	10.2%	4.3%
State Government	4,200	3,400	3,800	4,400	15.8%	4.8%
State Government Education	3,600	2,800	3,200	3,700	15.6%	2.8%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	700	16.7%	16.7%
Local Government	14,400	14,900	13,800	15,000	8.7%	4.2%
Local Government Excluding Education	4,100	4,100	4,000	4,100	2.5%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	700	600	700	16.7%	16.7%

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. Data may not add due to rounding.

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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REPORT 400 C
Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties
September 2022 - Preliminary
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	---	19,284,300	18,568,000	716,300	3.7%
ALAMEDA	15	830,400	806,500	23,900	2.9%
ALPINE	49	460	430	20	5.0%
AMADOR	31	14,530	13,980	550	3.8%
BUTTE	29	93,400	90,000	3,500	3.7%
CALAVERAS	15	22,200	21,550	650	2.9%
COLUSA	56	11,440	10,640	800	7.0%
CONTRA COSTA	17	554,700	537,700	17,000	3.1%
DEL NORTE	41	9,590	9,180	410	4.3%
EL DORADO	13	93,000	90,500	2,600	2.8%
FRESNO	52	455,300	430,500	24,800	5.4%
GLENN	44	12,750	12,180	570	4.5%
HUMBOLDT	21	60,800	58,900	2,000	3.2%
IMPERIAL	58	70,500	59,200	11,300	16.0%
INYO	13	8,390	8,160	240	2.8%
KERN	55	392,700	368,500	24,200	6.2%
KINGS	53	56,300	53,000	3,200	5.8%
LAKE	40	29,100	27,870	1,230	4.2%
LASSEN	21	9,230	8,930	300	3.2%
LOS ANGELES	44	4,942,300	4,721,500	220,900	4.5%
MADERA	50	63,300	60,000	3,300	5.2%
MARIN	4	130,400	127,600	2,800	2.2%
MARIPOSA	29	7,470	7,200	270	3.7%
MENDOCINO	17	38,200	37,000	1,200	3.1%
MERCED	54	119,100	111,900	7,200	6.0%
MODOC	28	3,270	3,150	120	3.6%
MONO	24	8,760	8,460	300	3.4%
MONTEREY	37	219,600	210,700	8,900	4.0%
NAPA	9	70,700	68,800	1,900	2.6%
NEVADA	10	48,580	47,270	1,320	2.7%
ORANGE	10	1,603,800	1,560,000	43,800	2.7%
PLACER	5	193,200	188,300	4,900	2.5%
PLUMAS	43	7,830	7,480	350	4.4%
RIVERSIDE	37	1,166,600	1,120,500	46,100	4.0%
SACRAMENTO	27	726,200	700,500	25,700	3.5%
SAN BENITO	36	33,100	31,800	1,300	3.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	31	1,020,300	981,400	39,000	3.8%
SAN DIEGO	17	1,584,800	1,536,200	48,600	3.1%
SAN FRANCISCO	2	577,400	565,200	12,200	2.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	47	338,400	321,900	16,400	4.9%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	5	137,500	134,100	3,400	2.5%
SAN MATEO	1	457,000	448,100	8,900	1.9%
SANTA BARBARA	10	226,400	220,400	6,100	2.7%
SANTA CLARA	2	1,057,200	1,034,900	22,400	2.1%
SANTA CRUZ	24	137,600	132,900	4,700	3.4%
SHASTA	31	72,400	69,600	2,800	3.8%
SIERRA	5	1,420	1,380	40	2.5%
SISKIYOU	41	16,760	16,030	730	4.3%
SOLANO	31	201,400	193,700	7,700	3.8%
SONOMA	5	250,800	244,400	6,400	2.5%
STANISLAUS	46	241,200	229,700	11,500	4.8%
SUTTER	51	45,900	43,500	2,400	5.3%
TEHAMA	37	26,230	25,170	1,060	4.0%
TRINITY	24	4,560	4,410	160	3.4%
TULARE	57	206,000	190,600	15,400	7.5%
TUOLUMNE	31	19,950	19,200	750	3.8%
VENTURA	23	413,700	400,200	13,500	3.3%
YOLO	17	109,000	105,600	3,400	3.1%
YUBA	47	31,100	29,500	1,500	4.9%

Notes

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- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2021 benchmark and Census Vintage 2021 population controls at the state level.