



# COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

January 12, 2024

## Practice for the 2024 Junior Warriors Basketball Season Underway

Young athletes are gearing up for an exhilarating basketball season. Community support is crucial in fostering an environment of encouragement and success for youth who are learning basketball skills and teamwork. The Parks & Community Services Team needs referees for the 2024 Junior Warriors basketball season. The minimum age requirement is 16. For information, call (209) 385-6235, or email [kindavongl@cityofmerced.org](mailto:kindavongl@cityofmerced.org).



### Community Members Invited to Support!

## JUNIOR WARRIORS GAME SCHEDULE:



Games Begin Week of January 22nd

Locations:

McCombs Youth Center Gym, 615 W 15th St  
Rivera Middle School Gym, 945 Buena Vista Dr

#### Girls:

Tuesday's  
McCombs Youth Center Gym  
6:15PM & 7:15PM

#### JV Boys:

Wednesday's  
McCombs Youth Center Gym  
6:15PM & 7:15PM

#### Varsity Boys:

Thursday's  
McCombs Youth Center Gym  
6:15PM & 7:15PM

#### Tiny Tots:

Saturday's  
Rivera Elementary School Gym  
8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
(Games every hour)

#### Pee Wee:

Saturday's  
McCombs Youth Center Gym  
9:00 AM-12:00 AM  
(Games every hour)



CITY OF MERCED PARKS AND RECREATION



# BASKETBALL REFEREES WANTED!

**TRAINING PROVIDED!**  
MINIMUM AGE : 16



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED EMAIL  
[KINDAVONGL@CITYOFMERCED.ORG](mailto:KINDAVONGL@CITYOFMERCED.ORG)  
OR CALL 209-385-6235



**Public Works in Action**



**Tree crews trimmed trees in the airport median**



**Water crews worked on Bel Air Drive**



**Street crews repaired a section of sidewalk on Kernland Ave**



**Water service was repaired due to tree root damage on Daffodil Drive**



**Crews worked with a private contractor on improvements to a commercial building's fire service line, located on G Street**



**Crews replaced a broken section of an old water main line and a leaking valve on Buckner Road**



**A 1" water service line was repaired on the 3800 block of Hwy 140.**



**A vehicle damaged fire hydrant was replaced on the 3300 block of M Street.**



**New 16” water main valve was installed near Canal and Main Streets.**



**Water crews responded to an emergency water main line break near Almond & Merced Avenues**



**Water crews worked in conjunction with a contractor to relocate a water main and install new fire hydrants on Bel Air Drive**



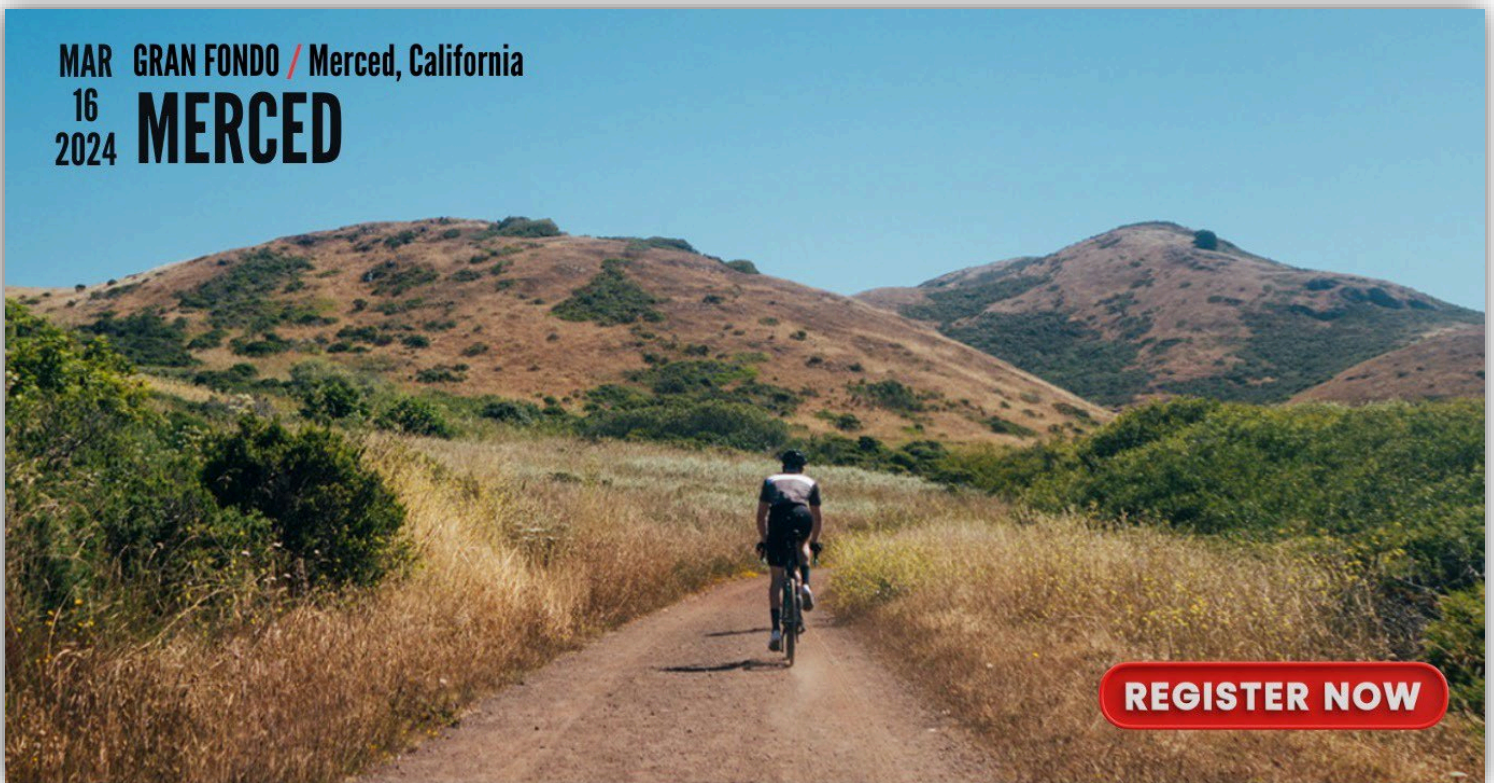
## Gran Fondo Hincapie is coming to Merced on March 16, 2024

The Gran Fondo Hincapie gravel ride is a cycling celebration with scenic routes and family fun. Choose between a shorter Piccolo (2 hours), a mid-length Medio (60 miles), or a longer Gran ride (84 miles) on one of the scenic routes mapped and tested by the Hincapie Team. The event is a chance to connect with other cycling enthusiasts and indulge your passion for cycling, no matter your skill level. For more information, visit [www.hincapie.com/pages/gran-fondo-merced](http://www.hincapie.com/pages/gran-fondo-merced).

If you want to learn more about the event, visit [www.hincapie.com/pages/gran-fondo-hincapie#section-event-faq](http://www.hincapie.com/pages/gran-fondo-hincapie#section-event-faq)

Cyclists under 18 can register and ride free.

You don't have to be a seasoned cyclist, but you'll need a bicycle!





# SAVE THE DATE

City of Merced

2024 Annual Town Hall Meetings

Tuesday, January 23rd 6 - 8 PM  
Merced Civic Center  
678 W. 18th Street

Monday, January 29th 6 - 8 PM  
Tenaya Middle School  
760 W. 8th Street

Thursday, February 15th 6 - 8 PM  
Chenoweth Elementary School  
3200 N. Parsons Ave

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS  
ASK QUESTIONS  
MEET YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**



# GUARDE FECHA

Ciudad de Merced

Reuniones Anuales del Ayuntamiento 2024

Martes, 23 de Enero 6 - 8 PM  
Merced Civic Center  
678 W. 18th Street

Lunes, 29 de Enero 6 - 8 PM  
Tenaya Middle School  
760 W. 8th Street

Jueves, 15 de Febrero 6 - 8 PM  
Chenoweth Elementary School  
3200 N. Parsons Ave

**TU VOZ IMPORTA  
HACER PREGUNTAS  
CONOZCA A LOS REPRESENTATES DE SU CONSEJO**

# It's Time to...

# ReThink Your Food Waste

## Have You Heard About SB 1383 and Organic Waste Diversion?

Senate Bill 1383 is the State of California's mandate for the separation of household organic waste, comprised of green waste, wood waste, food waste and soiled paper/cardboard waste in an effort to reduce greenhouse gases.

## So Why Do We Need Mandatory Organics Recycling?

Organic waste in landfills is one of our biggest contributors to greenhouse gases. So, the State of California passed SB 1383 to require the diversion of the organic waste so it doesn't end up in the landfill.

### What Does This Mean for You?



As of January 1st, 2024, your green can is now your Organic Waste Can. If you currently have a green waste exemption, the refuse division will be delivering a green can as the green waste diversion exemption no longer qualifies for can removal.

To meet state mandates, phase 1 of diverting food waste in our green organics waste can will require placing the food waste in separate plastic bag with the green waste remaining loose in the can.

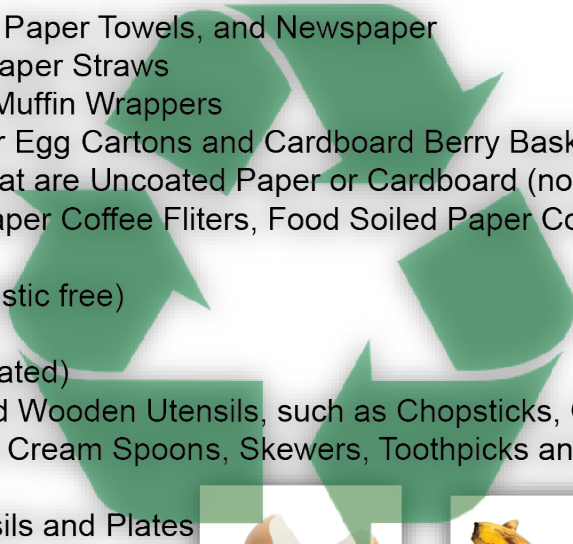
Food waste starts in the kitchen, **PLACE ACCEPTED ORGANIC ITEMS IN A SEPARATE PLASTIC BAG** and when you're done, **TIE IT UP AND PLACE IT IN THE GREEN CAN.** This will allow the food waste to be removed for processing and aids in SB 1383 compliance.

The City of Merced, with the use of the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant, was able to do a one time purchase of 2-gallon kitchen pails to distribute to our residential customers for food waste diversion use in the kitchen. We hope this will assist in having a successful organics diversion program.



## ACCEPTABLE FOOD WASTE ORGANICS:

- Food Waste
- Food Soiled Paper, Paper Towels, and Newspaper
- Paper Plates and Paper Straws
- Paper Cupcake or Muffin Wrappers
- Cardboard or Paper Egg Cartons and Cardboard Berry Baskets
- ToGo Containers that are Uncoated Paper or Cardboard (no metal or plastic)
- Coffee Grounds, Paper Coffee Filters, Food Soiled Paper Coffee Cups and Cup Sleeves
- Cloth Tea Bags (plastic free)
- Brown Paper Bags
- Wood Waste (untreated)
- Uncoated/Untreated Wooden Utensils, such as Chopsticks, Coffee Stirrers, Popsicle Sticks, Ice Cream Spoons, Skewers, Toothpicks and other Wooden Utensils
- Compostable Utensils and Plates
- Compostable Bags
- Wine Corks (cork)



## NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Animal Feces
- Foil
- Metal or Plastic To-Go Containers or Packaging
- Household Garbage
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Kitty Litter
- Liquids or Cooking Oil
- Plastics
- Recyclables



**RETHINK YOUR FOOD WASTE MERCED!**  
Organic Waste & SB1383



# COMMISSION VACANCY



The City wants YOU  
to apply for the Citizens Stipend  
Setting Commission!

7 VACANCIES

#### Description

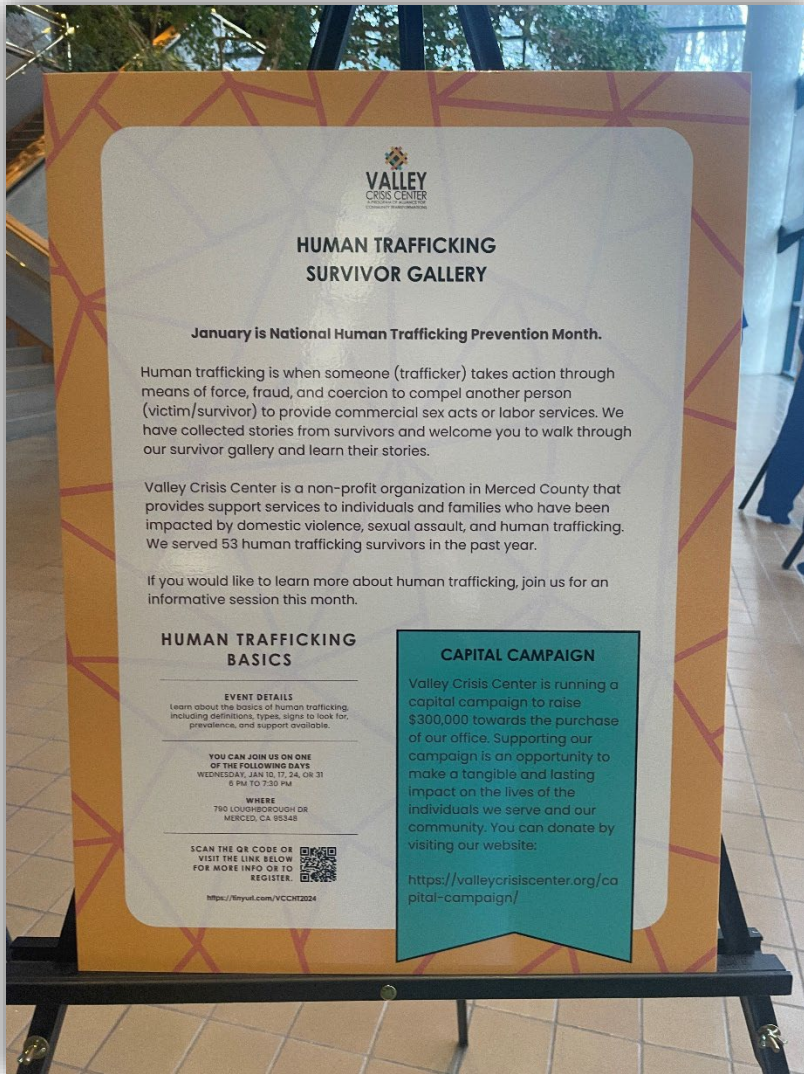
- The Commission holds (2) Public Hearings between March 1st and June 30th
- Recommends in writing to Council the monthly stipend deemed appropriate for the members of the Council for the next two years
- Recommends in writing to Council the monthly stipend deemed appropriate for the Mayor for his entire term

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Call or email the City Clerk's Office  
(209) 388-8650  
[cityclerk@cityofmerced.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofmerced.org)



## January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Valley Crisis Center of Merced County created a survivor gallery on the first floor of the Merced Civic Center to provide education about prevention. Visit the gallery to read survivor stories.



## Thank you, Dignity Health And thank you, Merced PD!

Amanda Ingram and the entire team at Dignity Health Hospital showed their appreciation by delivering delicious pizzas to the Merced PD in celebration of National Law Enforcement Day.

The surprise delivery of these tasty pizzas brought smiles to our officers' faces and warmed their hearts.



Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **10**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **162**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **6**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

- Affordable housing located at 3015 Park Ave.: 57,812 SF 3 story new construction, including a 2,744 SF community building. The project will provide 65 1 bedroom, 1-bathroom units and a single 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom unit.
- Two 1,336 SF duplexes located at 103 and 107 R St.
- A 4,624 SF 4-plex located at 1125 H St.
- A 2,600 SF duplex located at 531 Childs Ave.
- Emerald Village: 228 units in 18 buildings totaling 142,416 SF of living space, plus a 1,736 SF clubhouse located at 3622 N Hwy 59.
- Devonwood Apartments: 156 units in 5 buildings totaling 146,724 SF of living space, plus a 3,696 SF clubhouse located on the 1500 block of Devonwood Dr.

MFD permits issued:

- There were 0 multi-family 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 was 1 new tenant improvement permit issued during this period; for a 1,988 SF medical office remodel located at 310 Mercy Ave.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for a 3,695 SF community building at Devonwood Apartments located at 1535 Devonwood Dr.
- There were 3 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a 2,480 SF office located at 767 E Yosemite Ave Ste D, one for a 13,500 SF supermarket located at 1650 Yosemite Parkway, and one for a 4,600 SF split of a single tenant space into 2 separate spaces at 355 W Main St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There was 1 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofO issued for this period; for a 1,200 SF remodel for Merced County Probation located at 600 W. Olive Ave.

Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **3**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **178**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **8**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

- Affordable housing located at 3015 Park Ave.: 57,812 SF 3 story new construction, including a 2,744 SF community building. The project will provide 65 1 bedroom, 1-bathroom units and a single 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom unit.
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Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 0 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits submitted during this period.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for voluntary accessibility upgrades at 123 W. North Bear Creek Dr. and one for renovations at River Worship located at 1407 Merced Ave.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 0 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofO issued for this period.



# CITY OF MERCED

City Council Chamber  
Merced Civic Center  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

## Meeting Agenda

### Planning Commission

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Wednesday, January 17, 2024

6:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic  
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

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#### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

##### WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MERCED PLANNING COMMISSION

At least 72 hours prior to each regular Planning Commission meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the City's website at [www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org) or at the Planning Division Office, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. All public records relating to an open session item that are distributed to a majority of the Commission will be available for public inspection at the Planning Division Office during regular business hours. The Planning Commission also serves as the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Design Review/Historic Preservation Commission.

##### PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE CLERK

Members of the audience who wish to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium at the back of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins. Speakers will be called up, 3 to 5 at a time, in the order in which the forms are received. Please use the microphone and state your name and city of residence for the record. For permits, licenses, and other entitlements, the applicant will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), the appellant/leader of the opposition will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), and all other speakers shall have 5 minutes each, unless the number of speakers is over 3, which in that case, comments shall be limited to 3 minutes each. For all other issues, for 3 or less speakers, 5 minutes each and for over 3 speakers, 3 minutes each shall be allotted. A timer clock is located above the City Council dais illuminating the remaining time. Once the buzzer sounds, please be courteous and conclude your remarks.

Material may be emailed to [planningweb@cityofmerced.org](mailto:planningweb@cityofmerced.org) and should be limited to 300 words or less. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item # or Oral Communications. Your comments will be presented to the Planning Commission at the appropriate time. Any correspondence received after 1 PM will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

You may provide telephonic comments via voicemail by calling (209) 388-7390 by no later than 1 PM on the day of the meeting to be added to the public comment. Voicemails will be limited to a time limit of one (1) minute. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item #, Consent item #, or Oral Communications. Your comments will be played during the Planning Commission meeting at the appropriate time.

## INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the Planning Division at (209) 385-6858. Assisted hearing devices are available for meetings held in the Council Chamber.

### A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Moment of Silence

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

### B. ROLL CALL

### C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 5 minutes. The Chairperson may, at their discretion, reduce the time to 3 minutes if there are more than 3 speakers, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. State law prohibits the Planning Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item. Please submit a Request to Speak card prior to the item being called.

### D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made with one motion of the Planning Commission provided that any Planning Commission member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately. With Consent items, there is generally no staff presentation but staff is available for questions.

D.1 [24-073](#)      **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of January 3, 2024

**ACTION:**

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of January 3, 2024

### E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Commission for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Commission.

**E.1** [24-059](#)

**SUBJECT:** Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1327 and Site Plan Review Permit #530 (“Royal Wood Villas”) for Redondo and Cardella, LLC, property owner. This application involves a request to subdivide a 5.46-acre portion of a 10.42-acre parcel into 75 single-family lots (with zero-lot line dwellings) ranging in size from 1,500 square feet to 2,275 square feet, generally located on the south side of Cardella Road, west of El Redondo Drive (extended), within Residential Planned Development (RP-D) #57, with a General Plan designation of Village Residential (VR). \*PUBLIC HEARING\*

**ACTION:** Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #23-34 (CEQA 15162 Findings)
- 2) Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1327
- 3) Site Plan Review Permit #530

**SUMMARY**

This item was originally heard by the Planning Commission during the Planning Commission meeting of December 20, 2023, but due to an error in the meeting start time in the Public Hearing Notice this item is being reheard.

The subject site is located south of Cardella Road, west of future extended El Redondo Drive. The applicant is requesting to subdivide a 5.46-acre portion of a 10.42-acre parcel into 75 small single-family lots with zero-lot line dwellings. Royal Wood Villas would be a gated community with private streets. The proposed single-family home lots range in size between 1,500 square feet and 2,275 square feet. The subject site is located within a Residential Planned Development (RP-D) #57 with a General Plan designation of Village Residential (VR). Because the proposal is located within a Residential Planned Development, a site plan review permit is required to assess the proposed site plan and development standards.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #23-34 (CEQA Section 15162 Findings) and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1327 (“Royal Wood Villas”), Site Plan Review Permit #530 (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution)



subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of Draft Resolution #4126 at Attachment A of Planning Commission Staff Report #23-1069.

**E.2**     [24-079](#)     **SUBJECT:** Cancellation of February 7, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting due to lack of items

**ACTION:**  
Cancel the Planning Commission Meeting of February 7, 2024

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**F.1**     [24-090](#)     **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission - Definition, Powers and Duties

**ACTION**  
Information only.

**SUMMARY**  
Annual Introduction of Planning Commission to Community and New Commission Members.

**F.2**     [24-074](#)     **SUBJECT:** Report by City Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

**ACTION**  
Information only.

**F.3**     [24-075](#)     **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

Jan.	16	City Council, 6:00 p.m. <b>(Tuesday)</b>
	17	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
Feb.	5	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	7	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. <b>(To be cancelled)</b>
	20	City Council, 6:00 p.m. <b>(Tuesday)</b>
	21	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
	29	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Mar.	4	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	6	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. <b>(To be cancelled)</b>
	18	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	20	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**