



COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

APRIL 12, 2024

Celebrate Earth Day at Merced Applegate Zoo

Join us on April 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th
From 10am to 2pm!

Entry Prices

Under 2: Free	14-59 : \$4.00
2-5 : \$1.00	60+ : \$2.00
6-13 : \$3.00	<u>CASH ONLY</u>

April 20th & 21st: Meet your animal neighbors

Create enrichment items for some of the zoo animals and decorate paper turtles while learning about animals native to the area!

April 27th & 28th: Helping your animal neighbors

Learn about pollinators and how backyard gardens help local wildlife! Also, join us in coloring in an Earth Day poster!

Each weekend you can complete a scavenger hunt and win a prize!

Interested in helping at the event?



Scan Here!



Merced Applegate Zoo



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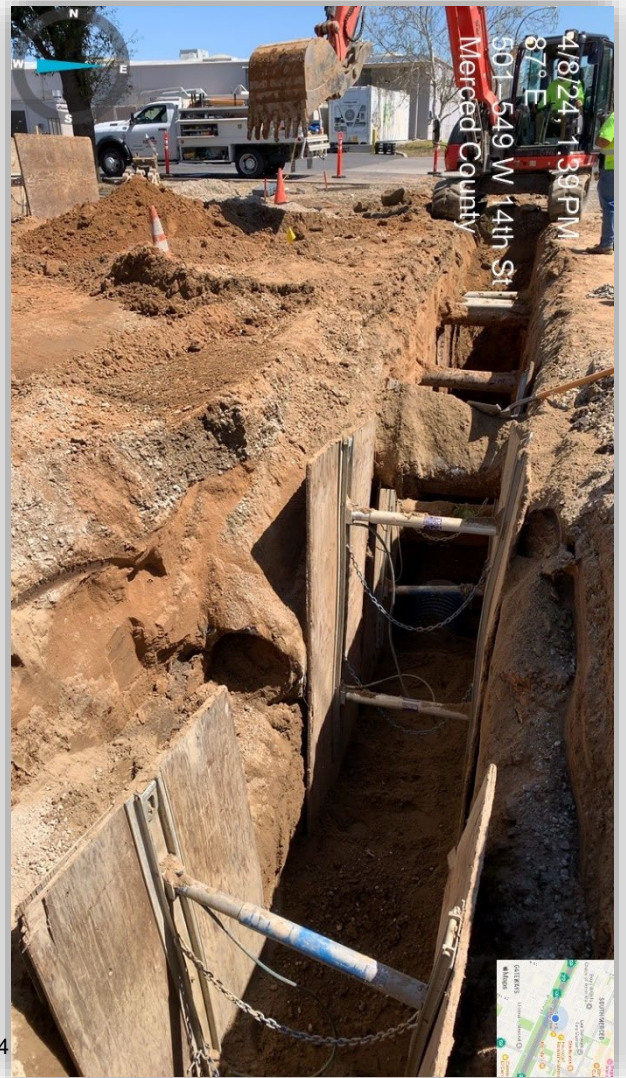
MERCED
APPLEGATE ZOO

Where every animal has a story!

Engineered for Success: Weekly Projects Update from the Engineering Department.

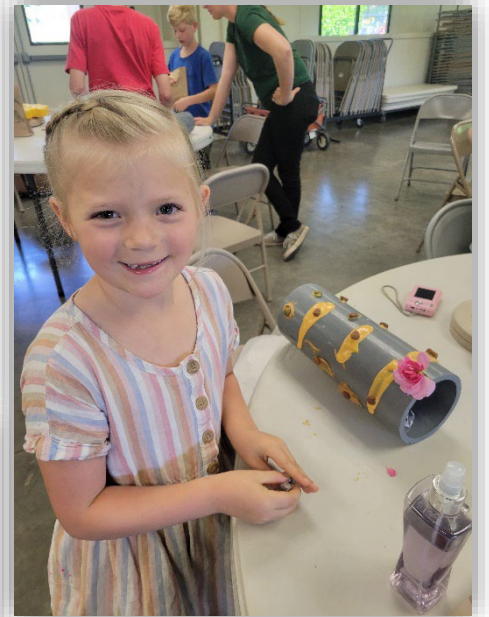
Orchard Lane Sewer Main Replacement: Crews began this week installing the bore pit to start the jack and bore for a new sewer line that will be in a 30’ steel casing that goes under Highway 99 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks along Orchard Lane between Main Street and Crist Avenue.

Canal St Water Main: Construction began a couple weeks ago on Canal St between 14th and 15th to replace a 16” water main. This project consists of the water main replacement, roadway reconstruction, storm drain replacement, signage, and striping.



Exploring Zookeeping

This week, children from the Lifegate Homeschool Group delved into the zookeeping world. They explored animal diets and pitched in with the zookeepers to nurture the animals, from prepping food to setting up enrichment activities. Afterward, they delighted in observing the animals enjoy their meals and engage in playful antics with the enrichment items.



Save the date! High Speed Rail will host an in-person open house in Merced on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024. The purpose of the open house is to share station concept designs and get feedback. Short presentations will be followed by an opportunity to discuss topics in an interactive setting.



High-Speed Rail Merced Station Open House

Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Merced Senior Community Center

755 West 15th Street, Merced, CA, 95340

Join California High-Speed Rail Authority representatives and the Central Valley Station Design team led by Foster + Partners and ARUP for an informational Open House. This event is open to the public and will offer the opportunity to meet the project team, learn more about system-wide and station design updates, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Event format:

- Short overview presentations repeated at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.
- Open house stations to learn more and meet the project team
- Community interest table to get involved
- Kids activity table
- In-person translation services will also be provided

Save the date and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Meeting facilities are accessible for persons with disabilities. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be made (72 hours) in advance of the meeting date. For additional information, please contact us at our TTY/TTD assistance line at (916) 324-1541 or the California Relay Service at 711. Spanish and Hmong interpretation will be available. Interpretación al español estará disponible. Peb yuav muaj neeg txhais lus hmoob.



Supporting the Week of the Young Child

The Merced Police Department participated in the Week of the Young Child over the weekend! This is an annual celebration in the United States that focuses on the needs of young children and their families. The event highlights the importance of early care and education while celebrating early learning and honoring families.



Autism Awareness

Merced PD announced that throughout April, its officers will wear autism awareness patches to raise awareness and support our community members with autism. PD's autism awareness stickers are coming soon.

Scenes from Merced Fire Department's Training Class 24-1



FREE


BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

CO-ED YOUTH SUMMER LEAGUE

JUNIOR GIANTS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY
-ALL ARE WELCOME TO PLAY!

CONFIDENCE
TEAMWORK
LEADERSHIP
INTEGRITY

← VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

TO SIGN UP, VISIT: 

City of Merced
Sign up online starting April 1 at gojrgiants.org! **GOJRGIANTS.ORG**

League starts early June | Ages 5-13
For questions, please contact:
Fritz Martinet
(209) 385-6855 | martinet@cityofmerced.org

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MERCED PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUMMER WILDERNESS CAMP

MON-FRI 8AM-12PM
\$50 A CHILD/WEEK
GRADES K-6TH
APPEGATE PARK
ROSSOTTI ED-ZOO-CATION CENTER

REGISTRATION APRIL 8TH

City of Merced Parks & Community Services Presents

INTO THE WILD SUMMER WILDERNESS CAMP

ONE WEEK SESSIONS
JUNE 10TH - AUGUST 2ND

Parks and Rec invite your child to get "Into the Wild" at our Summer Wilderness Camp!

Nature-based activities include
Birdwatching | Flora & Fauna education with Zoo Keepers | Learn Survival Skills | Special Guests & So Much More!

8AM - 12 PM | \$50 PER CHILD/WEEK | GRADES: K-6TH
ROSSOTTI ED-ZOO-CATION CENTER
1045 W 25TH ST. MERCED CA

REGISTER IN OUR OFFICE
632 W. 18TH ST
9 AM-12 PM & 1-5 PM
(209) 385-6855

Lunch Included
Space is Limited

USTA NORCAL
CITY OF MERCED PARKS AND RECREATION

TENNIS H.I.T.S.

Honesty.Integrity.Teamwork.Sportsmanship.

HITS 1 (Beginner)	HITS 2 (Intermediate)
Session 1: June 11th-20th Session 3: July 9th-18th	Session 2: June 25th-July 2nd Session 4: July 23rd-Aug 1st

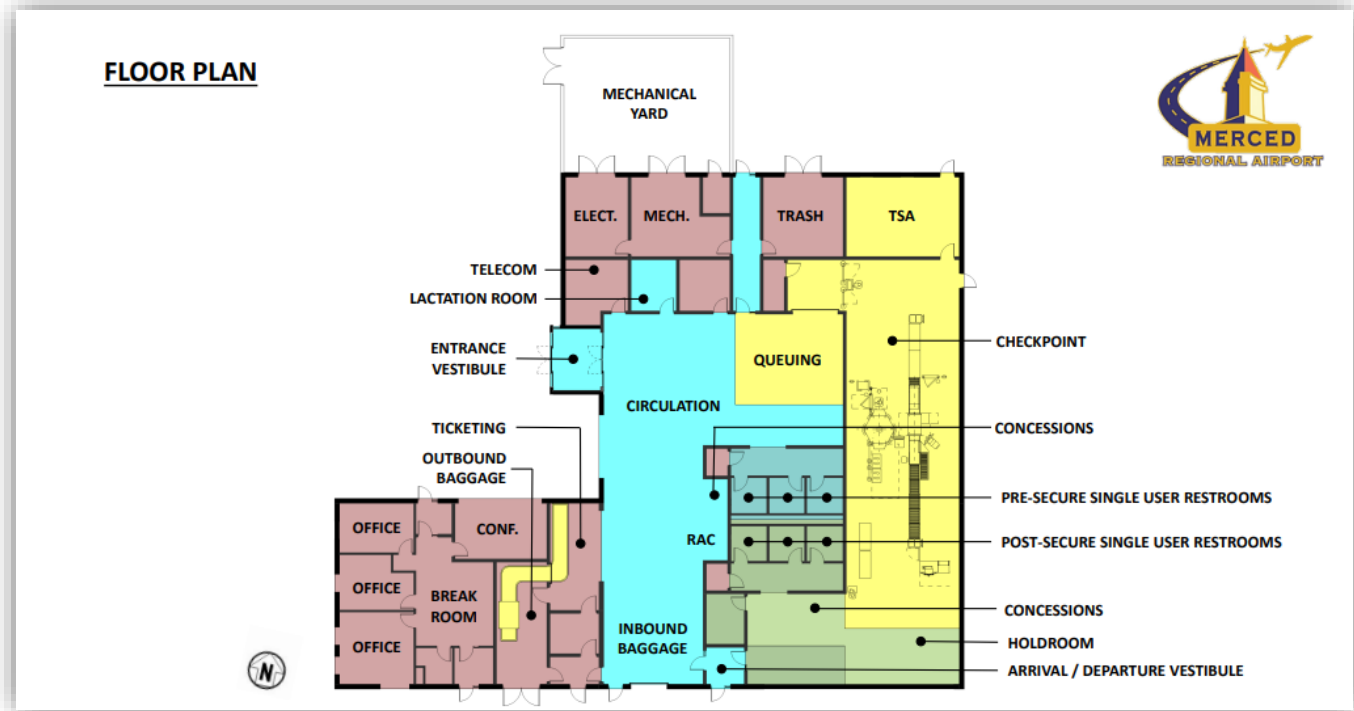
SUMMER SESSIONS
9 AM - 12 PM | TUES. & THURS. | AGES: 6-10YRS
1045 W. 25TH ST. MERCED, CA 95340
(NEXT TO THE BASKETBALL COURT)

FREE
Scan here for Application 

PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE
(209) 385-6855 • 632 W. 18th ST
MONDAY-FRIDAY • 9AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM

Airport Terminal Project Update

This week, soil was used to backfill the under-slab plumbing in preparation for pouring the concrete slab.



CalVIP Pathways to Success Parent Café

As Pathways to Success in the Youth Services division continues to launch its services to the community, they are happy to inform everyone about the new workshops. Pathways to Success-YS is excited to announce that they will be hosting Parent Café workshops in the community. Parent Cafés are an interactive place where community parents can engage in meaningful conversations about the challenges and joys in managing their families and homes. Parents can also learn about protective factors that strengthen their families. Parents will receive a small lunch and have an opportunity to win raffle prizes. These classes are in-person at the Trident Center in Merced.

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS
YOUTH SERVICES

PROBATION
MERCED COUNTY

MERCED

PARENT CAFE

At the Parent Café, you will learn:

- How to apply the Five Protective Factors
- How to strengthen your relationship with your child
- How to use resources in the community
- How to build a stronger community

Join Us!

Time:
3pm-5pm

Location:
3080 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

Phone:
(209) 385-7311
Ext. 4910

Dates:
Friday, March 29, 2024
Friday, April 26, 2024
Friday, May 31, 2024
Friday, June 28, 2024



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:00 PM

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

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 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 against 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 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 [24-346](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of April 3, 2024

ACTION:

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

D.2 [24-339](#) **SUBJECT:** Accept the Modified Resolution Recommending Denial to the City Council for General Plan Amendment #23-05, Zone Change #434, and Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81, and Adopt a Resolution of Denial for Conditional Use Permit #1276, Site Plan Review Permit #538, and Minor Use Permit #24-02.

ACTION

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Accept the Modified Resolution Recommending Denial for:

- 1) Environmental Review #23-45 (*Mitigated Negative Declaration*)
- 2) General Plan Amendment #23-05
- 3) Zone Change #434
- 4) Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81

Accept the Modified Resolution of Denial for:

- 1) Environmental Review #23-45 (*Mitigated Negative Declaration*)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1276
- 3) Site Plan Review Permit #538
- 4) Minor Use Permit #24-02

CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify:

- 1) Environmental Review #23-45 (*Mitigated Negative Declaration*)
- 2) General Plan Amendment #23-05
- 3) Zone Change #434 (on appeal)
- 4) Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81
- 5) Conditional Use Permit #1276 (on appeal)
- 6) Site Plan Review Permit #538 (on appeal)
- 7) Minor Use Permit #24-02 (on appeal)

SUMMARY

On April 3, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend denial to the City Council for General Plan Amendment #23-05, Zone Change #434, and Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81, and associated environmental review, and to deny Conditional Use Permit #1276, Site Plan Review Permit #538, Minor Use Permit #24-02, and associated environmental review. Staff modified the draft resolutions and findings, based on the reasons provided by the Planning Commission, and is asking the Planning Commission to accept the modified resolutions. The draft resolutions are attached for consideration and action at Attachments A and B.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends accepting the modified resolution recommending denial to the City Council for General Plan Amendment

#23-05, Zone Change #434, and Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81, found at Attachment A of Staff Report #24-339, subject to modified Findings as described in the Planning Commission Resolution at Attachment A. Planning staff also recommends accepting the modified Resolution of Denial for Conditional Use Permit #1276, Site Plan Review Permit #538, and Minor Use Permit #24-02 found at Attachment A of Staff Report #24-339, subject to the modified Findings as described in the Planning Commission Resolution at Attachment B.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

E.1 [24-324](#)

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit #1275, initiated by Marina Ochoa on behalf of Any Merced, Inc., property owner. This application involves a request to operate a food truck within the Gas N Save parking lot, generally located on the northeast corner of 16th Street and Q Street (963 W. 16th Street), within a Central Commercial (C-C) Zone. *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #24-02 (*Categorical Exemption*)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1275

SUMMARY

Marina Ochoa is requesting approval to operate a food truck within the Gas N' Save parking lot located at 963 W. 16th Street (Attachment B). The food truck would be located at the northeast corner of the parcel, along the adjacent alley (Attachment C). Per Merced Municipal Code Land Use Table 20.10-1 - Permitted Land Uses in the Commercial Zoning Districts, Mobile Food Vendors are considered a conditional use within a Central Commercial (C-C) Zone, outside of the "City Center" area. The Planning Commission will be reviewing this proposal to ensure that the food truck is operated in a manner that minimizes negative impacts to the existing site and promotes compatible and orderly development. Staff is recommending approval of this request subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #24-02 (Categorical Exemption) and Conditional Use Permit #1275 subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of Draft Resolution #4133 (Attachment A).

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [24-347](#)

SUBJECT: Report by Temporary Director of Development Services of

Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [24-348](#)

SUBJECT: Calendar of Meetings/Events

Apr.	15	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	17	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
	23	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 4:00 p.m
May	6	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	8	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
	20	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	22	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
Jun.	3	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	5	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
	17	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	20	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. (Thurs.) (To be
		Cancelled)
	25	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 4:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT