



COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

May 31, 2024

Celebrating the Graduation of Merced Fire Department Recruits, Recent Promotions, and Firefighter of the Year

This week, the City of Merced celebrated the graduation of the Fire Department Recruits from Academy 24-01. This milestone reflects the dedication and hard work of many individuals who contributed in various ways, from securing crucial grant funding to providing exceptional leadership and top-notch training.

In addition to the graduation, the City celebrated the recent promotions of Captain Grant Parker, Captain Josh Simmons, Fire Engineers Nate Lee, Austin Johnson, Dustin King, and Aaron Lusher and paid tribute to Firefighter of the Year, Fire Battalion Chief Jeremy Franklin.

Thank you to all the fire personnel who balanced their duties while offering support and mentorship to these new firefighters. A special thank you to the firefighters who remained on shift during the celebration to keep watch over the city.

These achievements are significant for all fire personnel and their families and a proud moment for the entire Merced community. Congratulations to Merced Fire Department.



Detective Christian Lupian Honored at Annual Awards Banquet

Each year, Merced County hosts its Annual Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award Banquet, giving each agency a chance to recognize outstanding individuals within their ranks. Detective Christian Lupian was honored at the 2024 Merced County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards this week.

The City of Merced is proud to have Detective Lupian as part of the Merced Police Department. His dedication, commitment, and hard work represent the department's values. Congratulations, Detective Lupian, on this well-deserved recognition. Keep up the excellent work.



Provide input on the State Route 99 Comprehensive Plan: Participate Virtually

Caltrans is developing the State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) to create a balanced transportation system while considering community and environmental impacts. The plan will prioritize improvements for all transportation modes and align them with funding programs at regional, state, and federal levels.

STATE ROUTE 99



COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN

MERCED, STANISLAUS & SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES ZOOM MEETING



TELL US HOW TO MAKE YOUR TRIP ALONG AND ACROSS STATE ROUTE 99 SAFER, EASIER, AND MORE RELIABLE.

Caltrans is preparing the State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP), a long-range planning document, with the goal of achieving a more balanced transportation system that addresses community and environmental impacts. It will identify and prioritize potential improvements that address all types of transportation along the corridor and align them with regional, state, and federal funding programs.

Register for participation at the links below and a Zoom link will be provided.

TUE, JUNE 25, 2024	WED, JUNE 26, 2024	THUR, JUNE 27, 2024
5:30 – 6:30 pm	6:30 – 7:30 pm	5:30 – 6:30 pm
Register:	Register:	Register:
bit.ly/44SnBsE	bit.ly/4bEp5IV	bit.ly/4art3Up

Spanish interpretation services will be provided.

For further information, please contact us via email at SR99CMCP@dot.ca.gov or call us at (559) 272-4561



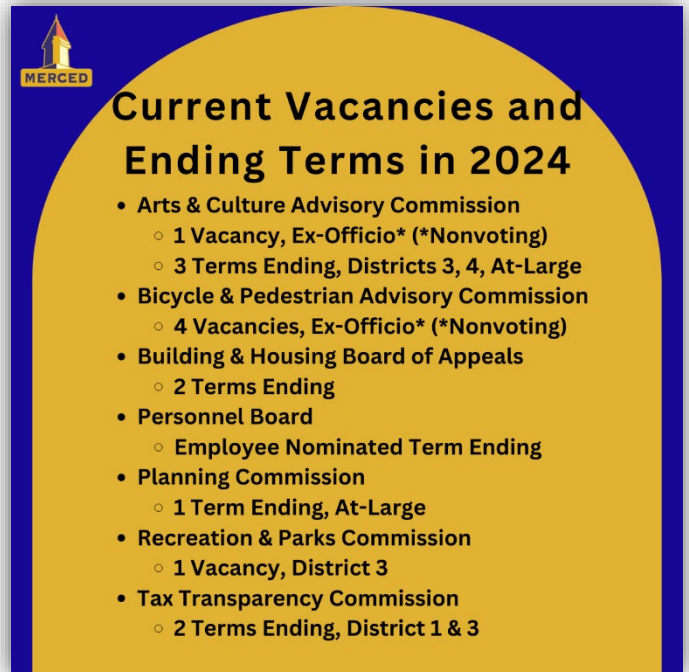


A graphic with a blue background and a yellow semi-circular top. In the top left corner is the Merced logo, which consists of a stylized building icon above the word "MERCED". The main text is centered in a bold, dark blue serif font and reads: "BOARD & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION DEADLINE JULY 5, 2024". Below the text is a circular inset photograph of a stone monument with the word "MERCED" on it, surrounded by pink flowers.

The Value of Merced Community Boards and Commissions

Participating in City of Merced Community Boards and Commissions offers an opportunity to contribute to the betterment of our community. Individuals joining these groups can help shape the city's future, from urban planning to public services.

Community member insights can improve infrastructure, public safety, and community programs. Additionally, serving on these boards and commissions fosters collaboration, networking, and civic engagement, ultimately creating a stronger, more inclusive Merced for all residents.

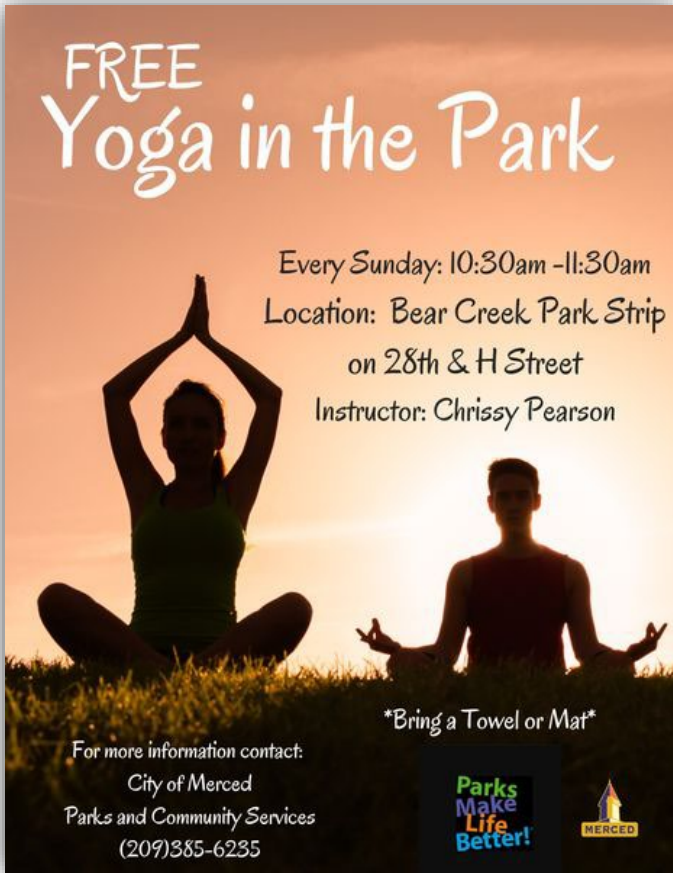


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- **Arts & Culture Advisory Commission**
 - 1 Vacancy, Ex-Officio* (*Nonvoting)
 - 3 Terms Ending, Districts 3, 4, At-Large
- **Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission**
 - 4 Vacancies, Ex-Officio* (*Nonvoting)
- **Building & Housing Board of Appeals**
 - 2 Terms Ending
- **Personnel Board**
 - Employee Nominated Term Ending
- **Planning Commission**
 - 1 Term Ending, At-Large
- **Recreation & Parks Commission**
 - 1 Vacancy, District 3
- **Tax Transparency Commission**
 - 2 Terms Ending, District 1 & 3



FREE Yoga in the Park

Every Sunday: 10:30am - 11:30am
 Location: Bear Creek Park Strip on 28th & H Street
 Instructor: Chrissy Pearson



Bring a Towel or Mat

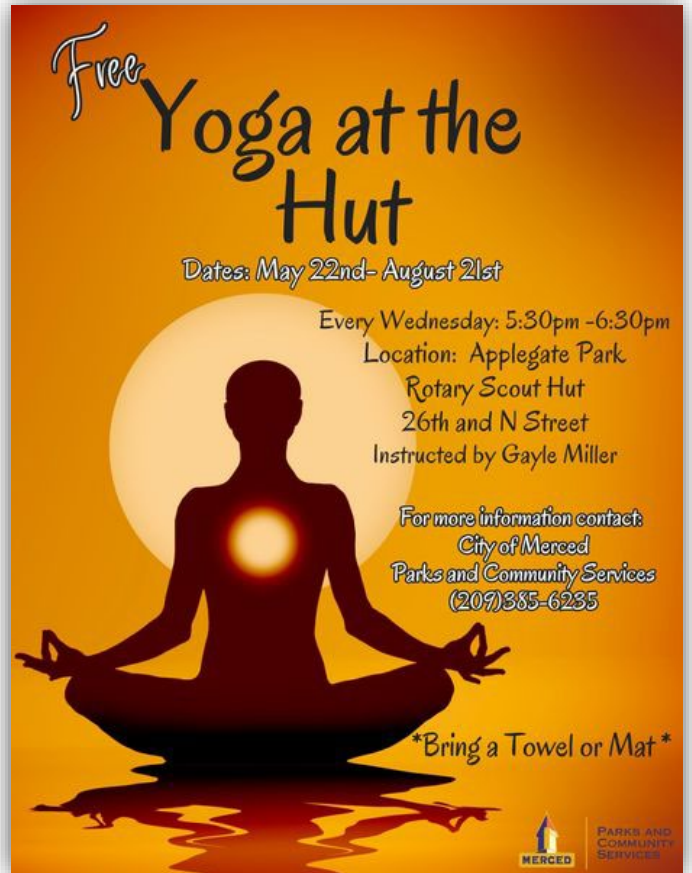
For more information contact:
 City of Merced
 Parks and Community Services
 (209)385-6235

Free Yoga at the Hut



Dates: May 22nd - August 21st

Every Wednesday: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 Location: Applegate Park Rotary Scout Hut
 26th and N Street
 Instructed by Gayle Miller



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FREE DAY AT KIDDIELAND




Central Valley Opportunity Fund
 A Central Valley Community Foundation Fund

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2024

Central Valley Opportunity Fund is sponsoring a free day for the community at Kiddieland!
 Join us from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm!




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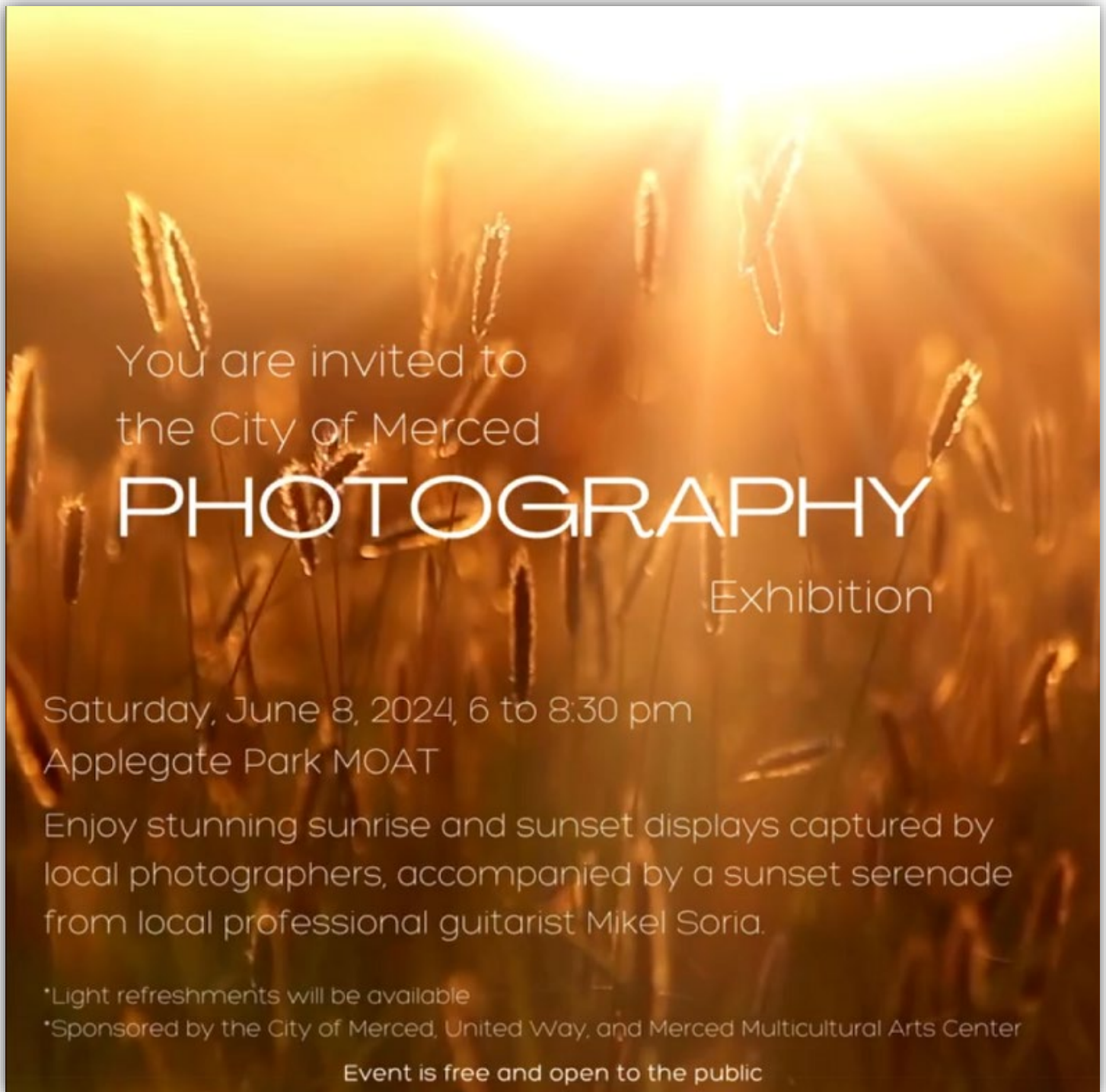
Summer Fun Awaits: Dive into Merced's Exciting Youth Programs

Parks & Community Services Director Christopher Jensen and Merced City School District Acting Superintendent Brian Mesienheimer recently teamed up to promote a variety of summer recreation opportunities for youth in our community. From movies in the park to summer swims, pickleball, street hockey at the Teal Top, and Tennis H.I.T.S, there's something for everyone. Encouraging local youth to get involved, these advocates are rallying support for programs available through the City of Merced.



Sunsets & Serenades: A Night of Photography and Music at Applegate Park

Join us for an evening at the Applegate Park MOAT on Saturday, June 8th, from 6 to 8:30 pm. Explore stunning sunrise and sunset displays captured by local photographers at the inaugural City of Merced Photography Exhibition. Enjoy live music by local professional guitarist Mikel Soria.



You are invited to
the City of Merced
PHOTOGRAPHY
Exhibition

Saturday, June 8, 2024, 6 to 8:30 pm
Applegate Park MOAT

Enjoy stunning sunrise and sunset displays captured by
local photographers, accompanied by a sunset serenade
from local professional guitarist Mikel Soria.

*Light refreshments will be available
*Sponsored by the City of Merced, United Way, and Merced Multicultural Arts Center

Event is free and open to the public



Parks and Community Services
Presents



MOVIES
in the **PARK**

 <p>June 14th Applegate Park (MOAT) W. 26 & O Street</p>	 <p>June 28th Joe Herb Park 2200 Yosemite Parkway</p>	 <p>July 12th McNamara Pool/ Grass Field 1040 Canal Street</p>	 <p>August 16th Rudolph Merino Park Pacific Dr. and El Redondo</p>	
 <p>August 30th Nannini Youth Sports Complex 1800 Wardrobe Ave.</p>	 <p>September 13th Merced Center Rooftop Garage 605 W.18th Street</p>	 <p>September 27th Bob Carpenter Park Parsons Ave. & Silverado Ave</p>	<p>For information about Sponsorship email us at kindavongl@cityofmerced.org</p>  <p>PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES</p>	 <p>Instagram facebook</p>



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 5, 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 [24-555](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of May 8, 2024

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of May 8, 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 [24-562](#)

SUBJECT: Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1331, initiated by Anthony Sutter, Civil Engineer, on behalf of Miok Kim, property owner. This application involves a request to subdivide 3.35 acres of land into 14 R-1-6 standard residential single-family lots ranging in size from 6,979 square feet to 9,826 square feet. This property is generally located on Massasso Street, approximately 400 feet north of Highway 140 and approximately 875 feet south of Bear Creek and has General Plan designation of Low Density Residential (LD) and a Zoning designation of Low Density Residential (R-1-6). **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION: Continue the public hearing to the Planning Commission meeting of July 3, 2024.

SUMMARY

Staff is requesting that consideration of this item be continued to the Planning Commission meeting of July 3, 2024, due to an error in the public hearing notice.

E.2 [24-414](#)

SUBJECT: Annual Review of the Five-Year (2024-2029) Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Determination of Whether the Individual Projects are Consistent with the General Plan Maps, Policies, and Principles and Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Consistency with the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan

ACTION Adopt a finding that the CIP is consistent with the General Plan

SUMMARY

A function of the Planning Commission is the annual review of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP is a list of the physical improvements the City plans on funding and constructing over the next five years. The Planning Commission's role is to determine whether the individual projects are consistent with the General Plan maps, policies, and principles. The Draft Project List for the 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program document is provided at Attachment A with the entire 2024-2029 CIP provided at Attachment B. Please note that the budget numbers are still being finalized so they are subject to change prior to City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council that the Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the "*Merced Vision 2030 General Plan*" and related master plans.

Sponsors: Public Works and Wegley

E.3 [24-556](#) **SUBJECT:** Cancellation of June 20, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting due to a scheduling conflict with the Council Chambers

ACTION:
Cancel the Planning Commission Meeting of June 20, 2024

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [24-553](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Temporary Director of Development Services of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION
Information only.

F.2 [24-554](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

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.
Jul.	1	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	3	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.
	15	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	17	Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT