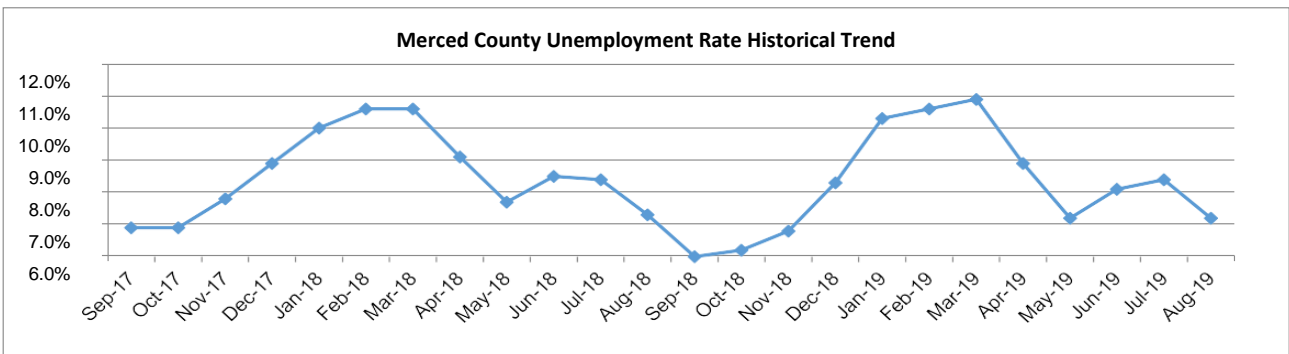




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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager
Date: September 20, 2019
Re: City Council Information Report



MERCED COUNTY LABOR MARKET INFORMATION – AUG 2019

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 7.2 percent in August 2019, down from a revised 8.4 percent in July 2019, and below the year-ago estimate of 7.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.2 percent for California and 3.8 percent for the nation during the same period. More information on the August labor market is attached.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Please see the attached Planning Commission Action Memo regarding the Sept. 18 Planning Commission meeting.

CHANGES AT THE ZOO

Eleanor, an African Spurred Tortoise was living with a family for the last 20 years, but due to the owner's old age, needed a new home. She is currently in quarantine, but will join Elroy, the Zoo's current African Spurred Tortoise, after her waiting period is over.



Also new is an unnamed fan-tailed pigeon. Staff had been searching for a companion for Odell, the current fan-tailed pigeon for quite some time.

Last, some sad news, Kiara, 13, the red tailed fox had to be put down. She began suffering periodic paralysis in her back legs due to her arthritis and old age. The decision was reached by staff and the veterinarian that it was best to put Kiara down.



FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON IS UNDER WAY



The Parks and Community Services Sports Division kicked off its 2019 Flag Football season on Sat., Sept. 14, with the first-ever Tiny Tots League. Players in grades K-2 took to the fields to display their skills and agility. Teams played a slightly different format than traditional football: 10 minutes on one side of the ball, then switched for another 10 minutes until they had played a 40-minute game.

The Pee Wee (grades 3-4) and JV (grades 5-7) leagues join in the fun this Saturday when they start their seasons. Each league will play ten games and there will be an end-of-season celebration on Sat., Nov. 2 after the final Tiny Tots games.

Games are held at the Joe Herb Park softball fields on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings.



TREE TRIMMING THROUGHOUT TOWN

Public Works Tree crews continue trimming trees around the Loughborough Drive area, as well as on South Fork Avenue at the Ridgeview Meadow Apartments.



BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF (HIGHWAY 59 & YOSEMITE AVENUE)

With construction nearing completion, the “Bulky Item Drop-off” site at Highway 59 and Yosemite Avenue will be opening to the public Oct. 1. City customers can drop off furniture, mattresses, appliances, e-waste, and other bulky items Tuesday through Friday from noon to 3 p.m., as well as the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon. See the attached informational brochure for program details.

URBAN FORESTRY MEETING

There will be a meeting on the City's 5-year Urban Forestry Management Plan from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 3, in the Council Chambers. The public will get a presentation on the plan and be asked their thoughts and ideas on pruning cycles, areas to prune, plantings, species to plant and any other ideas or concerns. A flier on the meeting is attached.

MERCED PD UPDATE

On Sept. 17, DART, Code Enforcement and Public Works staff worked several areas and were able to get them cleaned up.



On Weds., Sept. 18:

- DART and Public Works were able to clean up the 100 block of W. 28th St.
- DART and Public Works were able to clean up the 1300 block of G St.



TRANSITIONAL HOME GRAND OPENING

At the Sept. 16 meeting, Kelly Turner told the City Council about the grand opening of a Transitional Home for young women ages 18 to 24 that will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sat., Sept. 28 at the home at 1840 T St. A flier is attached.

RESTROOM TO BE REMOVED

Due to the substandard condition of the restroom at Fahrens Park, it will be demolished in the next two to three weeks. It was closed earlier this week and Public Works is obtaining bids for the demolition work. The restroom will be recommended at a top priority for funding from Proposition 68, the Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018. Each City is entitled to \$200,000 in grants in the Act.

SAVE THE DATE

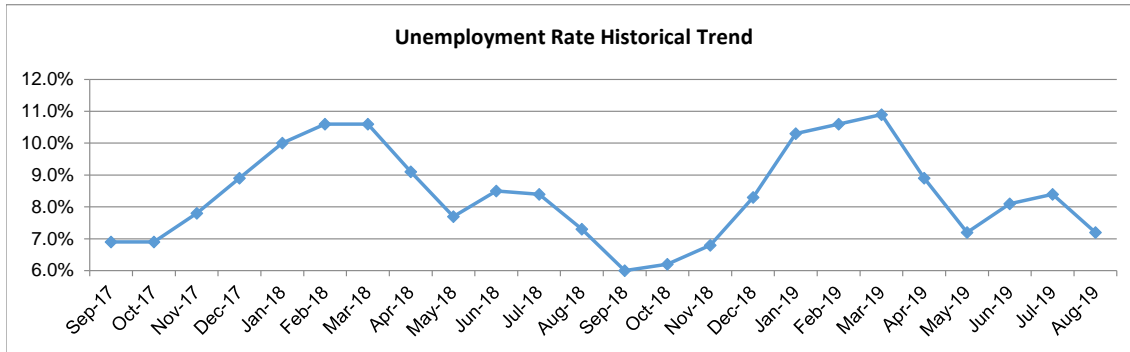
- Sept. 20 – Quote Valley Insurance Ribbon-Cutting, 5-7 p.m.
- Sept. 28 – Transitional Home Grand Opening, 2-4 p.m.
- Sept. 29 – 40 Years of Youth Soccer Celebration, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 2 – League of Cities Division Dinner, Long Beach, 6:30 p.m., Tequila Jacks
- Oct. 3 – MCOE Excellence in Education Awards, Merced Theatre, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4 – Peace for Families March & Gathering, 5:30-8 p.m.
- Oct. 12 – Local Culinary Talent & Vinters Event, 5:30-8 p.m.
- Oct. 26 – Merced County Nut Festival, Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Parade, Bob Hart Square, TBD
- Nov. 12 – Eggs & Issues: Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt. Act, 7:30-9 a.m.
- Nov. 15 – Pearl Family Dentistry 10th Year Anniversary Event, 12:00 p.m.

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

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Industry	Jul-2019	Aug-2019	Change		Aug-2018	Aug-2019	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	82,400	86,600	4,200		83,800	86,600	2,800
Total Farm	15,100	15,500	400		15,300	15,500	200
Total Nonfarm	67,300	71,100	3,800		68,500	71,100	2,600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	2,900	0		2,600	2,900	300
Manufacturing	10,400	10,600	200		10,800	10,600	(200)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,700	13,800	100		13,800	13,800	0
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	0		1,800	1,800	0
Professional & Business Services	4,300	4,400	100		4,400	4,400	0
Educational & Health Services	10,800	11,000	200		10,300	11,000	700
Leisure & Hospitality	6,100	6,100	0		5,800	6,100	300
Other Services	1,500	1,600	100		1,500	1,600	100
Government	15,500	18,600	3,100		17,200	18,600	1,400

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

	Aug 18	Jun 19	Jul 19 Revised	Aug 19 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	114,800	115,400	113,400	116,600	2.8%	1.6%
Civilian Employment	106,400	106,000	104,000	108,200	4.0%	1.7%
Civilian Unemployment	8,300	9,300	9,500	8,400	-11.6%	1.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	7.3%	8.1%	8.4%	7.2%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.3%	4.2%	4.5%	4.2%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%		

Total, All Industries (2)	83,800	85,100	82,400	86,600	5.1%	3.3%
Total Farm	15,300	15,100	15,100	15,500	2.6%	1.3%
Total Nonfarm	68,500	70,000	67,300	71,100	5.6%	3.8%
Total Private	51,300	50,000	51,800	52,500	1.4%	2.3%
Goods Producing	13,400	12,500	13,300	13,500	1.5%	0.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,800	2,900	2,900	0.0%	11.5%
Manufacturing	10,800	9,700	10,400	10,600	1.9%	-1.9%
Nondurable Goods	9,400	8,200	8,800	8,900	1.1%	-5.3%
Service Providing	55,100	57,500	54,000	57,600	6.7%	4.5%
Private Service Providing	37,900	37,500	38,500	39,000	1.3%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,800	13,200	13,700	13,800	0.7%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,300	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-11.1%
Retail Trade	8,500	8,400	8,500	8,500	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,500	3,500	3,600	3,700	2.8%	5.7%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	4,400	4,200	4,300	4,400	2.3%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	10,300	10,500	10,800	11,000	1.9%	6.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	6,000	6,100	6,100	0.0%	5.2%
Other Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,600	6.7%	6.7%
Government	17,200	20,000	15,500	18,600	20.0%	8.1%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	16,500	19,300	14,800	17,900	20.9%	8.5%
State Government	3,700	3,200	3,200	4,300	34.4%	16.2%
State Government Education	3,100	2,600	2,600	3,700	42.3%	19.4%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	12,800	16,100	11,600	13,600	17.2%	6.3%
Local Government Excluding Education	4,000	4,400	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%

Notes:

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

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. 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
August 2019 - Preliminary
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	---	19,424,900	18,617,500	807,400	4.2%
ALAMEDA	8	853,400	826,900	26,500	3.1%
ALPINE	43	490	470	30	5.7%
AMADOR	19	15,220	14,650	570	3.7%
BUTTE	39	101,300	96,300	4,900	4.9%
CALAVERAS	19	21,800	21,000	810	3.7%
COLUSA	56	11,240	10,290	960	8.5%
CONTRA COSTA	10	567,600	549,200	18,300	3.2%
DEL NORTE	40	9,910	9,370	550	5.5%
EL DORADO	17	91,800	88,400	3,300	3.6%
FRESNO	52	454,800	424,800	30,000	6.6%
GLENN	50	12,880	12,090	790	6.1%
HUMBOLDT	19	62,600	60,300	2,300	3.7%
IMPERIAL	58	71,600	55,800	15,800	22.1%
INYO	11	8,860	8,570	290	3.3%
KERN	55	393,700	364,500	29,200	7.4%
KINGS	53	58,200	54,100	4,000	7.0%
LAKE	33	29,970	28,630	1,340	4.5%
LASSEN	30	9,840	9,420	420	4.3%
LOS ANGELES	38	5,101,800	4,861,400	240,400	4.7%
MADERA	51	61,500	57,600	4,000	6.5%
MARIN	3	141,900	138,500	3,400	2.4%
MARIPOSA	19	8,260	7,960	310	3.7%
MENDOCINO	17	39,780	38,350	1,430	3.6%
MERCED	54	116,600	108,200	8,400	7.2%
MODOC	43	3,220	3,040	180	5.7%
MONO	11	9,100	8,790	300	3.3%
MONTEREY	29	232,600	222,800	9,800	4.2%
NAPA	5	75,300	73,300	2,000	2.7%
NEVADA	11	49,280	47,660	1,620	3.3%
ORANGE	7	1,611,800	1,563,400	48,400	3.0%
PLACER	11	185,800	179,800	6,100	3.3%
PLUMAS	45	8,290	7,810	480	5.8%
RIVERSIDE	35	1,093,500	1,042,800	50,800	4.6%
SACRAMENTO	24	713,100	685,500	27,600	3.9%
SAN BENITO	35	31,100	29,600	1,400	4.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	28	962,400	922,800	39,600	4.1%
SAN DIEGO	15	1,596,900	1,543,300	53,600	3.4%
SAN FRANCISCO	2	586,900	573,600	13,300	2.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	45	324,500	305,800	18,800	5.8%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	8	137,200	133,000	4,200	3.1%
SAN MATEO	1	463,500	453,600	10,000	2.1%
SANTA BARBARA	15	217,700	210,300	7,400	3.4%
SANTA CLARA	4	1,063,100	1,035,200	27,900	2.6%
SANTA CRUZ	24	143,800	138,200	5,600	3.9%
SHASTA	32	74,200	70,900	3,300	4.4%
SIERRA	35	1,340	1,280	60	4.6%
SISKIYOU	40	17,750	16,780	970	5.5%
SOLANO	23	207,300	199,300	8,000	3.8%
SONOMA	5	263,700	256,500	7,200	2.7%
STANISLAUS	45	245,900	231,600	14,300	5.8%
SUTTER	48	46,600	43,800	2,800	6.0%
TEHAMA	40	25,720	24,310	1,410	5.5%
TRINITY	33	4,950	4,730	220	4.5%
TULARE	57	205,900	186,900	19,000	9.2%
TUOLUMNE	30	21,740	20,810	920	4.3%
VENTURA	24	417,300	401,200	16,100	3.9%
YOLO	24	109,200	105,000	4,200	3.9%
YUBA	48	29,100	27,300	1,700	6.0%

Notes

- 1) Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.
- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2018 benchmark and Census 2010 population controls at the state level.

City of Merced
MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 2019
TO: City Council
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Actions at the Planning Commission Meeting of September 18, 2019

At their meeting of September 18, 2019, the Planning Commission heard a presentation on Community Gardens from a representative of the Merced County Health Department.

The Commission discussed Sign/Zoning Ordinance Amendment #19-04 regarding shopping center signs and voted to continue the public hearing to their regularly scheduled meeting of October 9, 2019.

Chairperson Drexel informed the Commission that he had accepted a job that would require him to move outside of Merced and his resignation would be effective immediately following the meeting. As a result, the Planning Commission currently has three vacancies.

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

n:shared:Planning:PCMemos2019

No need to wait for Spring Clean Up to dispose of your bulky items. The City of Merced has opened a bulky item drop-off site to aid our residential customers throughout the year.

Drop-Off Procedures:

- Check in with City staff upon arrival.
- They will check your residential service verification, 2 forms of proof are needed. (please see what type of proof below)
- City staff will check the items and direct you to each station needed.

**Please drive slow while on the site, 5 MPH, and no using your cell phone.



Residential Service Verification

1. Driver's license or Id card
2. Utility bill

Acceptable utility bills are:

- City of Merced Water, Sewer & Garbage
- PG & E
- MID



Don't Let Your Food Be Wasted!

WHAT DID YOU RECYCLE TODAY?

Paper Metal Glass Plastic



DON'T FORGET TO KEEP YOUR GREEN CLEAN

www.cityofmerced.org

209.385.6800

Bulky Item Drop-off

Hours of Operation

Tuesday to Friday

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

1st Saturday of the Month

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

City of Merced Hwy 59 Site

At the corner of

North Hwy 59 & Yosemite Ave



Public Works Department

209.385.6800

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Accepted items

Furniture



Mattresses

Passenger/Pickup Tires up to 5

Metal / Appliances

Propane/helium tanks with the valve **REMOVED**

E-Waste



Not Accepted items

General Household Waste

Green Waste

Household Hazardous Waste

Liquids of any kind



Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste is defined as any leftover household product that can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic.

Items such as fluorescent light tubes/ bulbs, paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, antifreeze and pesticides are some of the more commonly known household hazardous wastes.



Corrosive



Flammable



Explosive



Poison

To find out which Items are accepted everyday, collection event days or for any questions regarding disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, please call the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority at 209-723-4481 or check out their website at <http://mcrwma.org/31/Household-Hazardous-Waste>

COMMUNITY MEETING

City of Merced 5 year
Urban Forestry Management Plan



Bring your thoughts on pruning cycles, areas to prune, plantings, species to plant and any ideas or concerns you have about Merced's urban forest to the meeting

THURSDAY, OCT. 3 • 5:30-7PM

Merced City Council Chambers,
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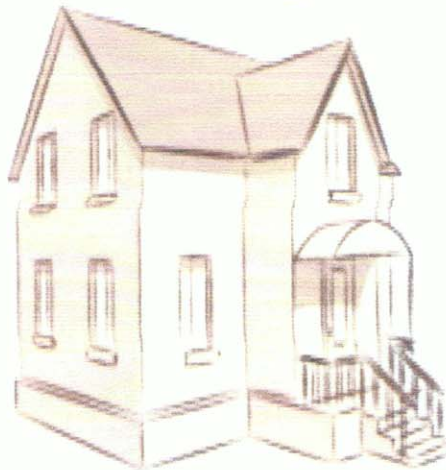
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Transitional Home

for

Ladies 18-24 years old

Grand Opening



September 28, 2019

2:00-4:00 pm

1840 T Street

Merced, CA 95340

Free: Appetizer Provided

Donation: Of all gently used household items and women's clothing appreciated.

For more information contact Kelly or Louise at 209-349-8355