



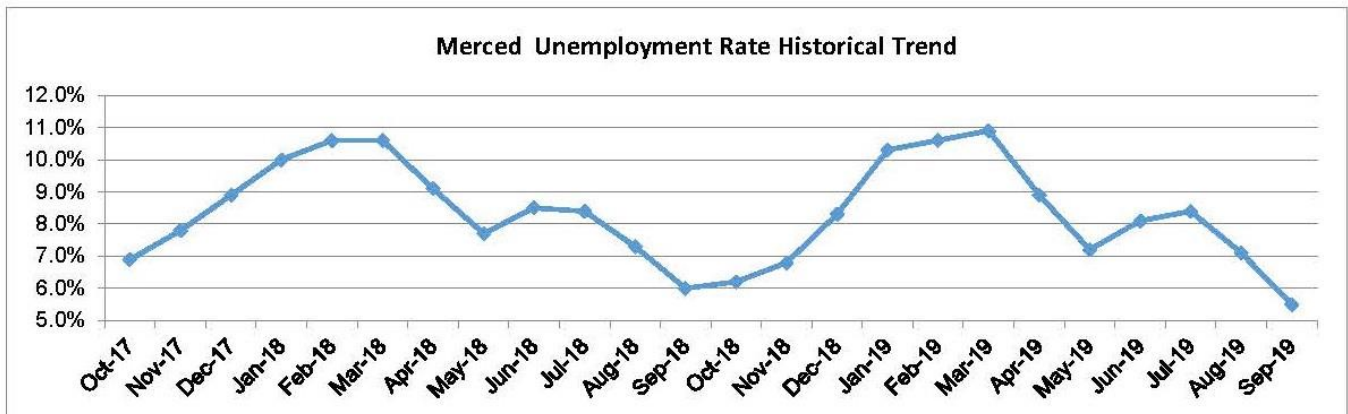
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**To:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager  
**Date:** October 18, 2019  
**Re:** City Council Information Report

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## MERCED UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN AGAIN



The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 5.5 percent in September 2019, down from a revised 7.1 percent in August 2019, and below the year-ago estimate of 6.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.5 percent for California and 3.3 percent for the nation during the same period.

The complete Labor Market report is attached.

## MERCED FIRE GETS A HAND



On Sun. Oct. 13, Merced Fire Department Engine 55B and Merced PD attended a service at the Christian Life Center in Merced where the church provided first responders with blankets. The blankets are to be given out to families after a fire or significant incident. Pictured are Firefighter Tom Sletto, Captain Kevin Ploog and Engineer Richard Ramirez.





## MERCED FIRE LENDS A HAND



On Thurs., Oct. 10, the City of Merced Fire Department assisted with and participated in the funeral for Cal Fire Fire Captain Paul Rotondaro. The City of Merced assisted with flying the flag in front of the church where the services took place. Department personnel also covered Atwater City and Merced County Fire Stations so the on duty Cal Fire members could attend the services for the fallen firefighter.



## MERCED FIRE ASSESSES FIRE ENGINEERS



On Tues., Oct. 8, the Fire Department conducted its fire engineer assessment center. The exam covered a pre-trip inspection, an engine component identification, driving course, and pumping evolution. Above is one of the pumping evolutions where the engineer had to pump multiple hose lines while securing a water supply from a fire hydrant. Thank you to Dan Million from Fleet for assisting as an evaluator for the pre-trip inspection.





## MERCED FIRE TEACHES THE CHILDREN



On Mon., Oct. 14, the Fire Department presented a public education demonstration to Our Lady of Mercy School. This was one of many public education presentations that occurs during the month of October and is geared towards second graders.

In this presentation, Firefighter Daniel Gragg is explaining to the students that they want to stay low when getting out of the home during a fire. Captain Jeff Tomerlin did a great job demonstrating how to exit the home during a fire.

## M STREET TREE TRIMMING

Public Works Tree crews began trimming trees fronting M Street (12<sup>th</sup> Street to Ironstone Drive) this week. Crews will continue to trim along M Street for the next couple of weeks.



## APPLEGATE TREE PLANTING EVENT SATURDAY



Public Works Tree crews also prepped sites in Applegate Park for a tree planting event scheduled for this Sat., Oct. 19. Over 20 trees have been donated by Clean Earth. Anyone that would like to attend is asked to meet at the Applegate MOAT at 8 a.m. on Saturday for a safety briefing.

## IRRIGATION REPAIRS AT JOE HERB

Public Works Parks Division crews repaired an irrigation main line break at Joe Herb Park this week.





## TINY TOTS PUMPKIN PARTY

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tiny Tots Pumpkin Party Weds., Oct. 16 in the City Hall foyer. Superheroes, princesses ghosts and ghouls decorated pumpkins, danced to the spooky music and gobbled treats. Partygoers selected their pumpkins, decorated them in the dark spooky room and engaged in fun Halloween crafts. The party had over 250 attendees. The event was made possible by sponsors, including Home Depot, Lowe's and First 5 of Merced County. The First 5 grant made it free to everyone.



The event has gained in popularity with attendees and continues to grow each year. A special thank you to the student volunteers from all levels of education; middle and high school, as well as UC Merced students who helped make the evening a success.

Parent Chris Chavez said, "This is a great event for the kids and the community." He plans to be back next year.



## MERCED POLICE UPDATE

Two new dispatch trainees started with the Merced Police Department in the dispatch center Oct. 7. Currently, the Department is fully staffed in dispatch, with three dispatchers still in training.



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### *Abandoned Camp*

DART received a complaint of large camp behind 4200 Theresa Ct. The area was found abandoned and cleared.



Before



After



### ***Park Transients***

DART has been working around the Dennis Chavez Memorial Park and area of West 11<sup>th</sup> Street and W Street after receiving several reports of transients. The photo below shows residents enjoying the park after the cleanup.



### **MERCED GATEWAYS MEETING**

Economic Development Director Quintero and Economic Development Associate Mendoza met with Merced Gateways property owner Eric Pluim and his land agent Dan Gallagher. Pluim reported to staff that the development team is getting ready to start work on the master infrastructure improvements by late October or early November with the hope of breaking ground on the first retail project by early Spring 2020. Quintero noted that he has been responding to a number of inquiries from developers interested in 8.4-acre multi-family site. The multi-family portion of the project is for sale, and is being listed by Gonella Realty Commercial Division.

On other commercial projects, Maria Mendoza responded to inquiries from the Dutch Brothers developer, Coddling Enterprises, and Seritage who is redeveloping the former Sears store at the Merced Mall. Planet Fitness is open for business, and received a warm welcome from Merced residents. Quintero met with a representative of the London Plaza where the former Pocket 8s Restaurant is located. The representatives asked questions about building codes and business licenses should another restaurant occupy the tenant space.



## **MERCED COLLEGE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

City of Merced staff attended the Merced Flag Raising Ceremony on Thurs., Oct. 17. This project was made possible by a generous donation from the Toney Family, members of the community, and spearheaded by Chuck Fennessy who is a former veteran and long-time member of the Merced College Foundation.

The American Legion Post 83 Honor Guard performed the opening rites and the American Legion Riders Post 83 raised the flag. Merced College relocated the flagpole to make it the focal point of the new plaza and to create a unified space near the southwest lawn where the District lays out the Field of Honor every November for Veterans Day.





## **NAACP FREEDOM FUND BANQUET**

Mayor Murphy, Council Member Martinez, and Council Member McLeod attended the NAACP's 58<sup>th</sup> Freedom Fund Banquet on Sat., Oct. 12. Jerome Rasberry served as the Master of Ceremonies, and Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Vice President Anissa Fragoso was the keynote speaker. Parks and Recreation Director Joey Chavez successfully bid on a cake which was enjoyed by the Council members and City staff attending the function.



## **HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

Please find attached a flier and news release on the Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday.

## **DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The draft 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) has been released by Merced County Association of Governments for public review and comment. The 30-day comment period ends at 5 p.m., Mon., Nov. 18. The news release on the announcement is attached.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

Please find attached the Planning Commission agenda for the Weds., Oct. 23 meeting.

## **PARK AND REC SIGN UPS**

Please find attached fliers for the adult basketball and the Junior Warriors basketball programs.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Oct. 26 – MC Aggie Fest 2019 Suds and Sausage, Fairgrounds, 4-6 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. 13 – GEO Reentry Services, Fall Transition, Gateway Gardens, 5:30 p.m.  
Nov. 15 – Pearl Family Dentistry 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Event, 12:00 p.m.  
Nov. 19 – DY Project Fundraiser, MultiCultural Arts Center 6-8 p.m.

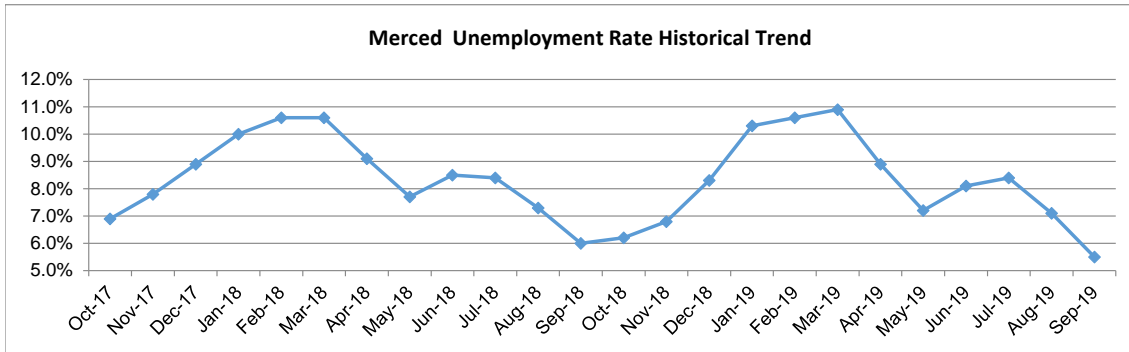
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IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 5.5 percent in September 2019, down from a revised 7.1 percent in August 2019, and below the year-ago estimate of 6.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.5 percent for California and 3.3 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Aug-2019	Sep-2019	Change	Sep-2018	Sep-2019	Change
	Revised	Prelim			Prelim	

Total, All Industries	86,500	88,900	2,400	87,300	88,900	1,600
Total Farm	15,500	16,600	1,100	17,100	16,600	(500)
Total Nonfarm	71,000	72,300	1,300	70,200	72,300	2,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	2,800	(100)	2,600	2,800	200
Manufacturing	10,600	10,500	(100)	10,800	10,500	(300)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,700	13,700	0	13,800	13,700	(100)
Information	300	300	0	300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	0	1,800	1,800	0
Professional & Business Services	4,300	4,300	0	4,300	4,300	0
Educational & Health Services	11,100	10,900	(200)	10,200	10,900	700
Leisure & Hospitality	6,100	6,000	(100)	5,800	6,000	200
Other Services	1,600	1,600	0	1,500	1,600	100
Government	18,600	20,400	1,800	19,100	20,400	1,300

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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 18	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	117,500	113,400	116,400	118,500	1.8%	0.9%
Civilian Employment	110,400	104,000	108,100	111,900	3.5%	1.4%
Civilian Unemployment	7,100	9,500	8,300	6,500	-21.7%	-8.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.0%	8.4%	7.1%	5.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	4.5%	4.2%	3.5%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.6%	4.0%	3.8%	3.3%		

Total, All Industries (2)	87,300	82,400	86,500	88,900	2.8%	1.8%
Total Farm	17,100	15,100	15,500	16,600	7.1%	-2.9%
Total Nonfarm	70,200	67,300	71,000	72,300	1.8%	3.0%
Total Private	51,100	51,800	52,400	51,900	-1.0%	1.6%
Goods Producing	13,400	13,300	13,500	13,300	-1.5%	-0.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,900	2,900	2,800	-3.4%	7.7%
Manufacturing	10,800	10,400	10,600	10,500	-0.9%	-2.8%
Nondurable Goods	9,300	8,800	9,000	8,800	-2.2%	-5.4%
Service Providing	56,800	54,000	57,500	59,000	2.6%	3.9%
Private Service Providing	37,700	38,500	38,900	38,600	-0.8%	2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,800	13,700	13,700	13,700	0.0%	-0.7%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-11.1%
Retail Trade	8,300	8,500	8,500	8,400	-1.2%	1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,700	3,600	3,600	3,700	2.8%	0.0%
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	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	0.0%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	10,200	10,800	11,100	10,900	-1.8%	6.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	6,100	6,100	6,000	-1.6%	3.4%
Other Services	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,600	0.0%	6.7%
Government	19,100	15,500	18,600	20,400	9.7%	6.8%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	18,400	14,800	17,900	19,700	10.1%	7.1%
State Government	4,000	3,200	4,300	4,600	7.0%	15.0%
State Government Education	3,400	2,600	3,700	4,000	8.1%	17.6%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	14,400	11,600	13,600	15,100	11.0%	4.9%
Local Government Excluding Education	4,100	4,100	4,000	4,100	2.5%	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**  
**September 2019 - Preliminary**  
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	---	<b>19,564,900</b>	<b>18,876,300</b>	<b>688,600</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
ALAMEDA	9	860,200	838,900	21,300	2.5%
ALPINE	45	480	460	20	4.6%
AMADOR	19	15,190	14,740	450	3.0%
BUTTE	34	103,900	100,100	3,800	3.7%
CALAVERAS	19	21,660	21,010	640	3.0%
COLUSA	56	11,050	10,310	730	6.6%
CONTRA COSTA	10	571,800	557,200	14,700	2.6%
DEL NORTE	43	9,910	9,460	450	4.5%
EL DORADO	16	92,300	89,700	2,600	2.8%
FRESNO	52	456,000	431,700	24,300	5.3%
GLENN	41	13,190	12,600	580	4.4%
HUMBOLDT	13	64,200	62,400	1,800	2.7%
IMPERIAL	58	72,700	57,700	15,100	20.7%
INYO	13	8,860	8,630	240	2.7%
KERN	55	392,400	368,900	23,500	6.0%
KINGS	54	57,900	54,600	3,300	5.7%
LAKE	34	29,950	28,850	1,100	3.7%
LASSEN	28	10,010	9,690	330	3.3%
LOS ANGELES	43	5,140,600	4,911,800	228,800	4.5%
MADERA	51	62,600	59,500	3,200	5.0%
MARIN	3	143,100	140,400	2,700	1.9%
MARIPOSA	19	8,160	7,920	240	3.0%
MENDOCINO	18	39,760	38,600	1,160	2.9%
MERCED	53	118,500	111,900	6,500	5.5%
MODOC	41	3,220	3,070	140	4.4%
MONO	19	8,780	8,510	260	3.0%
MONTEREY	28	232,000	224,300	7,700	3.3%
NAPA	5	76,100	74,400	1,600	2.2%
NEVADA	10	48,730	47,440	1,290	2.6%
ORANGE	7	1,631,900	1,592,800	39,100	2.4%
PLACER	10	187,200	182,300	4,900	2.6%
PLUMAS	45	8,010	7,640	370	4.6%
RIVERSIDE	38	1,103,200	1,061,400	41,800	3.8%
SACRAMENTO	23	717,000	695,000	22,000	3.1%
SAN BENITO	34	31,200	30,100	1,100	3.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	28	970,700	938,600	32,100	3.3%
SAN DIEGO	13	1,608,100	1,564,800	43,400	2.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	2	591,400	580,800	10,700	1.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	48	326,700	311,500	15,200	4.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	7	140,200	136,900	3,300	2.4%
SAN MATEO	1	467,300	459,300	8,000	1.7%
SANTA BARBARA	16	218,100	211,900	6,100	2.8%
SANTA CLARA	4	1,071,800	1,049,100	22,700	2.1%
SANTA CRUZ	23	143,300	138,800	4,500	3.1%
SHASTA	32	74,200	71,500	2,600	3.5%
SIERRA	32	1,410	1,360	50	3.5%
SISKIYOU	40	17,740	16,980	760	4.3%
SOLANO	23	208,400	202,000	6,400	3.1%
SONOMA	5	266,300	260,600	5,700	2.2%
STANISLAUS	45	244,800	233,400	11,300	4.6%
SUTTER	50	45,800	43,500	2,200	4.9%
TEHAMA	39	26,200	25,110	1,090	4.2%
TRINITY	34	4,780	4,600	180	3.7%
TULARE	57	204,500	189,000	15,500	7.6%
TUOLUMNE	31	21,780	21,040	740	3.4%
VENTURA	27	421,100	407,800	13,300	3.2%
YOLO	23	109,300	106,000	3,400	3.1%
YUBA	49	29,300	27,900	1,400	4.8%

**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.

## For Immediate Release

October 15, 2019

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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION IN MERCED

**Merced** – The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (Authority) is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Merced landfill located at 7040 North Highway 59.

There is no cost to dispose of HHW for residents within Merced County and discounted rates will apply to businesses. Before bringing items to the facility, please call Clean Harbors at 916-396-1505 to identify the amount and type of HHW items that will be dropped off. Please note, under State of California transportation regulations, there are quantity limitations on how much HHW can be brought to the landfill at one time; please contact Clean Harbors for details.

Household Hazardous Waste is any household product that contains ingredients that are corrosive, reactive, flammable, and/or toxic. Some examples of HHW are ammonia-based cleaners, fluorescent tubes, car batteries, paint, and used motor oil. Items commonly found in homes that cannot be brought to the landfill at any other time except HHW collection days include wet chlorine tablets, full or partially full aerosol containers, and lithium-ion batteries that have started to bulge or become hot. This kind of battery is found inside rechargeable devices such as cordless tools, mobile phones, laptops, cameras, and children's shoes, and should be brought to the landfill in the item it is powering.

For more information on types of HHW or what quantities will be accepted at the landfill, please visit [www.mcrwma.org/31/Household-Hazardous-Waste](http://www.mcrwma.org/31/Household-Hazardous-Waste) or call the Regional Waste Authority at (209) 723-4481.

The Merced County Association of Governments provides administrative oversight of the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority. The Regional Waste Authority operates two regional landfills, one in Merced on North Highway 59 and the Billy Wright landfill in Los Banos. For more information, visit [www.mcagov.org](http://www.mcagov.org) or the Regional Waste Authority page on Facebook.

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## Yard

Insect Spray • Pesticides  
Fertilizers • Herbicides • Weed Killers  
Pool Chemicals • Bait or Poison for rodents

## Home

Batteries • Aerosol Cans • Drain Cleaners • CFL Bulbs  
Ammonia Based Cleaners • Oven Cleaners • Moth Balls  
Bait/Poison • Spot Removers

## Garage

Antifreeze • Motor Oil • Oil Filters • Brake Fluid • Grease  
Batteries • Paint • Wood Preservatives • Paint Remover  
Items containing Mercury • Fluorescent Lamps and Tubes  
Chemicals



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT HIGHWAY 59 LANDFILL

7040 N Highway 59 Merced, CA 95348

### ⊘ WE DO NOT ACCEPT: ⊘

- Medical waste • Radioactive material • Large, compressed gas cylinders •
- Agricultural waste • Explosives • Munitions •
- Waste from large-quantity generators •

Note: There are some quantity restrictions and/or small fees associated with some household hazardous waste items, particularly for 'Conditionally-Exempt Small-Quantity Generators'. Please contact Clean Harbors in advance for more information:

Phone: 916-396-1505 Email: [roa.renea@cleanharbors.com](mailto:roa.renea@cleanharbors.com)  
[www.mcrwma.org](http://www.mcrwma.org)





**For Immediate Release**

October 17, 2019

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**Regional Transportation Improvement Plan Released for Comment  
Public Hearing to be held on October 24 in Merced**

**MERCED** – The draft 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) has been released by Merced County Association of Governments for public review and comment. The 30-day comment period ends at 5:00pm on Monday, November 18.

The RTIP is a regional transportation funding plan that is submitted to the California Transportation Commission every two years for consideration in the update of their five-year budget. This year, MCAG is recommending that the funding available for transportation projects within the Merced County region be used for the construction of the Atwater Merced Expressway Phase 1B and local transportation planning studies. The plan also includes policy language that establishes the Pioneer Road widening project in Los Banos as the priority project for the next cycle of RTIP funding.

The draft 2020 RTIP can be found online at [www.mcagov.org/RTIP-2020-Draft](http://www.mcagov.org/RTIP-2020-Draft). A public hearing on the RTIP will be held on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Merced County Administration Building located at 2222 M Street in Merced. Comments may also be submitted in writing to Matt Fell at [matt.fell@mcagov.org](mailto:matt.fell@mcagov.org) or delivered to the MCAG office at 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Merced.

MCAG is the regional transportation planning agency and metropolitan planning organization for Merced County. In addition to regional transportation planning, MCAG also manages The Bus, YARTS, the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority and administers Measure V funds. For more information, visit [www.mcagov.org](http://www.mcagov.org).

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**City of Merced**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Agenda**

SEMIMONTHLY REGULAR SESSION

Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities may be Prearranged  
and Assisted Listening Devices Available in the Council Chambers  
Please Contact the Recording Secretary at (209) 385-6858

CALL TO ORDER

Merced City Council Chambers  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019

MOMENT OF SILENCE

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. MINUTES:                      October 9, 2019

**S P E A K E R S**

Please be brief and to the point - preferably 3 to 5 minutes.

Max Time Limit prior to Agendized items: 15 minutes. Once the maximum has been reached, remaining speakers will be asked to wait until the end of the meeting to make their comments.

To address the Planning Commission, complete a Request to Speak Form and place in the drop box located to the right of the speaker podium prior to the opening of the public hearing or the announcement of the item by the Chairperson. 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.

Information/instruction on how the meeting will be run appears on the reverse side of this page.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/REPORTS:**

Permits, license, and other entitlements:

Applicant's Representative – 15 minutes (including rebuttal)

Appellant's Representative – 15 minutes (including rebuttal)

All other speakers will have 5 minutes each.

All other issues:

3 or less speakers: 5 minutes each

Over 3 speakers: Maximum of 3 minutes each

A timer clock is located directly across from the podium, illuminating the speaker's remaining time. Once the time is exhausted, a buzzer sounds. Please be courteous and conclude your discussion promptly.



# PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Planning staff can assist you with other planning questions on matters such as annexation to the city, land subdivision, downtown Merced projects, home occupation permits, zoning, population and housing. (Phone 385-6858) 678 West 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. Prior to each regular Commission Meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review in the Planning Department at 678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, and on the City's website at [www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org). Any documents provided to a majority of the Commissioners after this agenda is posted will be available for public inspection in the Planning Department during normal business hours.

## THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The citizens of Merced elect the members of the City Council. They in turn appoint seven advisors, the Planning Commission, to make recommendations on planning matters. The Commissioners are civic-minded citizens who serve an average of 35 meetings a year with no pay. Meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday nights following the first and third Mondays of the month, in addition to special meetings as called.

The staff assists the Commission but does not vote. The City Attorney provides legal assistance and assists the Commission on procedural matters; the Planning Director and staff prepare the agenda, provide reports, etc. Other City staff members such as the Civil Engineer also serve as advisors to the Commission.

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Commissioners are interested in your views and want to hear them. Information on a proposed action is publicized before it is brought before the Planning Commission. For example, on a proposed zoning action, mailers are sent to all property owners within a 300-foot radius and a notice appears in the legal advertisement section of the Merced Sun-Star. Important pending items will also often be mentioned in pre-meeting references in the local newspaper.

### Consent Items

Items noted as "(CONSENT)" are considered routine and will normally be approved without a staff presentation or discussion by the Planning Commission unless a Commissioner or member of the audience has a question(s) or wishes to make a statement or discuss an item. If so, please approach the microphone at the time the particular item is reached.

### Public Hearings

The Commission will ask those who are for\* or against\*\* a proposal to speak at all public hearings. The sequence of events is:

1. Staff report of facts and a recommendation.
2. Applicant's statement.
3. Proponents\* of the proposal.
4. Opponents\*\* of the proposal.
- (5. If necessary, a summary statement or rebuttal from the applicant.)

If you decide to speak, please submit a "Request to Speak" form prior to the start of the public hearing. You will be called up to speak at the appropriate time by the Recording Secretary. Please start by giving your name and city of residence, then tell the Commissioners your concern. We want your views; don't worry about how to say them. If several people have spoken, try not to be repetitious. If there are several in your area with concerns, why not appoint a spokesman. The Commission is particularly interested in the specific reasons you are for or against a proposal because their decision has to be based on specific reasons.

A Commission denial of a request or proposal is final in the case of Conditional Use Permit Applications (unless appealed to City Council within five business days) and Tentative Subdivision Maps (unless appealed to City Council within 10 business days). On many other items, the Commission RECOMMENDS ACTION to the Council. If your item is passed on to the City Council, be sure to follow up by attending the Council hearings and expressing your point of view.

You may also find that the Commission may not get to your item - set for 7:00 p.m. public hearing - until 10:00 p.m. for instance. We regret you having to wait. Experience has shown that setting hearings 1/2 - 1 hour apart is unwise, however. Sometimes matters are withdrawn or are resolved quickly leaving the Commission and public in a position of waiting for an appointed time to arrive.

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3. COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, any member of the audience may comment on any matter which is not listed on the agenda. Please submit a “Request to Speak” form prior to the announcement of the item by the Chairperson.

4. ITEMS

Any matters listed as (“CONSENT”) in the descriptions below are considered routine by the Planning Commission and will be adopted by one action of the Commission unless any citizen submits a “Request to Speak” form or Commission member has any question or wishes to make a statement or discuss an item. In that event, the Chairperson will remove that item from the Consent Calendar and place it for separate consideration.

4.1 **Conditional Use Permit #1235**, initiated by J Dean Investments, property owner. This application involves a request to allow for three small lots (each approximately 6,575 square feet) for single-family homes at 1406 and 1426 E. Alexander Avenue. The subject site is generally located on the south side of Alexander Avenue, 350 feet west of Nottingham Lane, within a Low Medium Density Residential (R-2) Zone with a Low to Medium Density Residential (LMD) General Plan designation. \*PUBLIC HEARING\*

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

1. Environmental Review #19-26 (Categorical Exemption)
2. Conditional Use Permit #1235

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Calendar of Meetings/Events (see below)

6. ADJOURNMENT (Traditionally no later than 11:00 p.m.)

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/EVENTS

October	21	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	22	Bicycle Advisory Commission, 3:00 p.m.
	23	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
November	4	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	6	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
	18	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	20	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. ( <i>May Be Cancelled</i> )
December	2	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	4	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
	10	Bicycle Advisory Commission, 3:00 p.m.
	16	City Council, 6:00 p.m.
	18	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. ( <i>May Be Cancelled</i> )

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# ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2020

Men's League Now Forming:  
18 and older and out of High  
School

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Season starts January 12, 2020

**Registration Period:**  
November 4 - December 6, 2019  
**Team entry fee:**  
\$500  
**Format:**  
10 games guaranteed plus  
playoffs

Registration forms available at Parks &  
Recreation Office

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Parks & Recreation 632 W. 18th St, Merced  
Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Closed 12:00 - 1:00 PM)





CITY OF MERCED PARKS & RECREATION

# 2020 JR. WARRIORS BASKETBALL LEAGUE



Season runs January - March 2020

\$65 per player

\* Mandatory Coupon Book Fundraiser

**REGISTRATION: NOVEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 6, 2019**

**Tiny Tots (Coed):** K - 2nd Grades

**Pee Wee (Coed):** 3rd - 4th Grades

- Saturday mornings only

**Jr. Varsity:** 5th - 6th Grade

**Varsity:** 7th - 8th Grade

Monday - Thursday evenings

All Games Played at McComb's Youth Center

**DO YOU LOVE  
BASKETBALL?  
HELP IS NEEDED!**

- Volunteer Coaches
- Sponsors

Please call or stop by to see how  
you can help

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For more information call (209) 385-6895 or  
email [reidm@cityofmerced.org](mailto:reidm@cityofmerced.org)

