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Attn: Vicki Frago
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF LEGAL ADVERTISING – EOC (911 DISPATCH)

Please publish the enclosed Notice of Intent to Adopt for the Merced EOC and 911Dispatch Center Project, Merced County, California.

The notice is to be published one time, with the appearance being on Thursday, May 5, 2011, in the Merced County Times.

Please provide two (2) Proofs of Publication and bill us in triplicate to Merced County Department of Public Works, Professional Services Division.

Very truly yours,

Janet L. Resch
County Office Supervisor

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

for the

Merced EOC and 911Dispatch Center Project
Merced County, California

The Merced County Department of Public Works (County) announces the availability of a Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Merced EOC and 911 Dispatch Center Project (proposed project). The County is proposing to remodel and expand Building #1230 at Castle Air Force Base to help consolidate various emergency operation functions currently managed by the County at several locations spread throughout the County area. The adjacent building (facing Heritage Drive) is currently used as the County's Castle Commerce Aviation & Economic Development Office (CAED). Upon its completion, the total building area (CAED & EOC/911) would be approximately 30,915 square feet. To address building code requirements, the building complex will be considered two separate buildings and will be defined by a 2-hour fire/seismic wall. The CAED's current physical address is 2507 Heritage Drive, Atwater, CA 95301; however, after the addition of the proposed project, the building will have an additional address along Apron Drive. Tenants and operations to be housed at the new EOC/911 Building will include the Sheriff 911 Dispatch Center (with operations: 24 hours per day, seven days per week, year round), offices of the Merced County Office of Emergency Services, the Merced County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and the Merced County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC will operate only during emergency events.

The County has reviewed the project and has determined that with the implementation of proposed mitigation measures, no significant environmental effects are associated with this project. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15070 of the California Code of Regulations. The project site is identified on a list of sites associated with hazardous materials or wastes, compiled per Government Code Section 65962.5.

The comment period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on May 5, 2011, and closes on June 3, 2011. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2011. Please send your comments to Robert Y. Dinuzzo, Merced County Department of Public Works**,** at 715 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced, CA 95341. Please provide your name and an address, email, or phone number where you may be contacted.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and related documents will be available for review at the Merced County Department of Public Works, 345 W. 7th Street, Building A, Merced, CA 95341. The office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, please call the Department of Public Works at (209) 385-7601.