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COUNTY ANNOUNCES FINAL SERIES OF 15 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS ON GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Residents are encouraged to attend and share comments

MERCED – Today, Merced County announced the final series of fifteen (15) community workshops to be held November 10th through November 20th throughout the County as part of the County's General Plan Update process. The community workshops are designed to gain valuable community feedback on growth and future development as presented this past summer in the Alternatives Report.

The County General Plan sets the growth philosophy and course of action for development within the County, including where and how growth should occur in order to protect valuable farmland and natural resources, while meeting the needs of the County's growing population. The Alternatives Report identifies three potential growth alternatives that will enable the decision makers and the community to weigh choices for the future of the County. The Alternatives Report can be downloaded from the General Plan Update website at www.co.merced.ca.us/gpu/documents.html.

The County has already held 30 community workshop meetings on the General Plan to invite public comment and input. At a future joint study session by the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission, a summary of the comments received from the various community and focus group meetings will be presented along with a discussion of the General Plan policy alternative process. The General Plan Update will be a 20-year Plan that will set County policy in the subjects of agricultural preservation, land use and development, circulation and transit systems, environmental resources protection, economic development, housing, public infrastructure, public safety and noise.

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General Plan Update
Community Workshops

All workshops will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The dates and locations for the workshops are as follows:

Hilmar	Hilmar Grange Hall	8188 Lander Ave.	Nov. 10
LeGrand	LeGrand Community Center	13038 Jefferson Ave.	Nov. 10
Delhi	Sarah Jane Clegg Conference Room	16091 Locust Street	Nov. 12
Dos Palos "Y"	Dos Palos Y Service Club	8083 Dairy Lane	Nov. 12
UC Merced/ North Merced	Kolligian Library, Room 232	5200 N. Lake Road, Merced	Nov. 17
Santa Nella	Ramada Inn, Balboa Room	13070 State Hwy. 33	Nov. 17
Snelling	Snelling School Cafeteria	16099 State Hwy. 59	Nov. 17
Ballico/Cressey	Ballico Veterans Hall	11305 Ballico Ave.	Nov. 18
Planada	Planada Community Center	9167 E. Stanford Ave.	Nov. 18
Midway/ South Dos Palos	George Washington Carver Center	21476 Reynolds Ave. Dos Palos	Nov. 18
Franklin/ Beachwood	Franklin School Cafeteria	2736 N. Franklin Rd.	Nov. 19
Winton	Winton Community Hall	7091 Walnut Ave.	Nov. 19
Los Banos	Los Banos Fairgrounds, Germino Building	403 F Street	Nov. 20
McSwain	McSwain School Cafeteria (West Campus)	926 N. Scott Road	Nov. 20
South Merced	Alicia Reyes Elementary School	123 South N Street, Merced	Nov. 20

If you have any questions about the workshops, please contact Bill Nicholson, Assistant Development Services Director, at 209.385.7654 or email bnicholson@co.merced.ca.us.