NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT #14-06, ZONE CHANGE #421, AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A public hearing will be held by the Merced City Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the City Council Chambers located at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, concerning General Plan Amendment #14-06 and Zone Change #421, initiated by Golden Valley Engineering, on behalf of Merced Holdings, LP, property owner. This application is a request to change the General Plan and Zoning designations for two parcels totaling 5.42 acres located at the southeast corner of Yosemite Avenue and McKee Road. The requested change is to amend the General Plan designation from Low Density Residential (LD) to Neighborhood Commercial (CN) and to change the Zoning designation from R-1-6 to Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) to allow the future construction of an approximately 62,000-square-foot shopping center. The property is more particularly described as: Parcels 1 and 2 as shown on that certain map entitled "Parcel Map for Nuketa L. Pretzer-Jensen," recorded in Book 58, Page 44 of Merced County Records; also known as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 008-310-038 and -050.

An environmental review checklist has been filed for this project, and a draft mitigated negative declaration has been prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act. A copy of this staff evaluation (Initial Study #14-32) is available for public inspection at the City of Merced Planning Department during regular business hours, at 678 West 18th Street, Merced, California. A copy of this document can also be purchased at the Planning Department for the price of reproduction.

All persons in favor of, opposed to, or in any manner interested in this request for a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, are invited to attend this public hearing or forward written comments to the Director of Development Services, City of Merced, 678 West 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. The public review period for the environmental determination begins on March 19, 2015, and ends on April 8, 2015. Please feel free to call the Planning Department at (209) 385-6858 for additional information. If you challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Merced at, or prior to, the public hearing.

After the Planning Commission makes its decision on this matter, the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change will also be considered at a public hearing before the City Council. A separate notice of that public hearing will also be given.

March 13, 2015

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