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MERCED COUNTY OPENS ONE-STOP "DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER"

MERCED – Last month, Merced County completed renovations to its Development Services Center, otherwise known as the "One-Stop Permitting Center," which combines development-related services at one location for the public.

The Development Services Center brings together all development-related functions, such as building permitting, building inspection information, land use entitlement permits, zoning information, Fire services, business license issuance, Code Enforcement and LAFCo. By pulling together these development-related services under one management team, the new Development Services Center will create a central location to comprehensively address development topics while fostering better collaboration between County departments.

The ultimate goal is to facilitate a faster and more efficient permitting process through enhanced customer service.

While the Development Services Center is currently in operation, the County will hold a grand opening of the renovated site at 4 p.m. Monday, June 19 on the Second Floor of the Merced County Administration Building at 2222 M St. in Merced, where the Center is located.

"The grand opening of the Development Services Center represents years of hard work and planning here at the County," said District Three Supervisor Daron McDaniel, Chairman of the Merced County Board of Supervisors. "Our vision is to improve the coordination of our departments, thereby streamlining the permitting experience for those wanting to start or grow a business, among other endeavors."

The Development Services Center management team is available on a daily basis to help citizens, customers, and professionals address permit, plan review and inspection questions or concerns. Please contact Deputy Planning Director Steve Maxey at 209-385-7654 x4425 or smaxey@co.merced.ca.us with questions regarding the Development Services Center.

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