

**APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND  
COMMITTEES  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2021**

**MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (MCAG)  
GOVERNING BOARD**

**Representative: Juan Aguilar Alternate Representative: Maria Soto**

**ABOUT THE GOVERNING BOARD AND MEETINGS**

The 11- member MCAG Governing Board includes a supervisor from each of the five county districts and an elected official from each of the six incorporated cities in Merced County: Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos, and Merced.

Board meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 3:00 p.m. at varied locations throughout Merced County.

**ABOUT MCAG**

Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is an association of city and county governments, with members who meet to solve regional problems such as transportation, solid waste, and air quality. This Association of Governments is where the cities and the county come together as equal partners to solve problems that can only be accomplished by working together.

MCAG was formed through a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) signed by member jurisdictions in November, 1967. As a regional collaborative agency, MCAG serves in a number of transportation planning roles in Merced County based on local, state, and federal designations. These designations offer increased funding for MCAG activities, primarily in transportation planning for the unincorporated areas of Merced County.

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**MERCED COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
(LAFCO)**

**Representative: Raul Garcia**

**MEETINGS**

The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, **except for November and December, when the two months are combined and one meeting is held on the second Thursday of December.** The meetings are from **10:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 p.m.** and are held in the **Board Chambers of the County Administration Building at 2222 "M" Street, Merced.**

**LAFCO Meeting Dates:**

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Contact Kim Zinke at LAFCo's Office at (209) 385-7671 if you have any questions.

### **ABOUT LAFCO**

The **Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)** is an independent commission created by the State to promote the wise use of land resources while providing for the present and future needs of a community. LAFCo Commissioners have a responsibility to exercise their independent judgement while making decisions concerning appropriate local governmental boundaries and service providers.

To guide their decisions, the Merced LAFCo Commission has adopted the following four goals:

1. Planned, well-ordered, and efficient development patterns.
2. Governmental services are delivered efficiently and effectively.
3. The need to provide for urban development is balanced with the conservation of open space and prime agricultural lands.
4. Urban land use patterns maximize the opportunity for local jurisdictions to provide their fair share of regional housing needs for all income levels.

These goals were created to carry out the State's legislative intent codified within the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (**CA Govt Code § 56001**) of 2000: "The Legislature recognizes that the logical formation and determination of local agency boundaries is an important factor in promoting orderly development and in balancing such development with sometimes competing state interests of discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open space and prime agricultural lands, and efficiently extending government services. The Legislature also recognizes that providing housing for persons and families of all incomes is an important factor in promoting orderly development."

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**CENTRAL VALLEY DIVISION LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES**  
**Representative: Maria Soto and Alternate Representative: Jose Moran**

**MEETINGS**

The Central Valley Division membership meetings are held quarterly, splitting our meetings between the northern and southern cities.

2021 Central Valley Division Quarterly Meetings

March 11th,

June 10th

September 9<sup>th</sup>

December 9<sup>th</sup>

Location varies. The meetings start at 6:00 p.m.

For event information and opportunities to support the Central Valley Division please contact Stephen Qualls at [squalls@cacities.org](mailto:squalls@cacities.org)

**ABOUT CENTRAL VALLEY DIVISION**

The Central Valley Division includes 25 cities in Calaveras, Merced, Madera, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties and provides members with the opportunity to exchange ideas and information and share the advantages of cooperative advocacy.

Angels Camp	Livingston	Patterson
Atwater	Lodi	Ripon
Ceres	Los Banos	Riverbank
Chowchilla	Manteca	Sonora
Dos Palos	Merced	Stockton
Escalon	Modesto	Tracy
Gustine	Newman	Turlock
Hughson	Oakdale	Waterford
Lathrop		

The division is guided by an executive committee under the leadership of a division president. Elected city officials and professional city staff attend division meetings throughout the year to share what they are doing and advocate for their interests in Sacramento.

Division members also participate in the development of League policy through representation on:

- The League Board of Directors;
- Policy Committees;
- The Annual Conference Resolution Committee; and
- The Annual Conference Program Committee

## **MERCED COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Representative: Gagandeep Kang and Alternate Representative: Jose Moran**

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Location varies.

### **MISSION**

Merced County Mosquito Abatement District is dedicated to improving the quality of life for our local community by providing best management practices of mosquito control and disease prevention. We are a special district that is publicly funded with the goal of preventing mosquito borne diseases throughout Merced County. The commitment to our work is shown through our detailed surveillance, proven treatment programs and our constant efforts to control the mosquito population. It is our responsibility and honor to provide such preventative services in the most cost effective, environmentally responsible manner possible. We find it extremely important to educate the public on what we do and how residents can help make a difference. Public outreach and our education campaign are other services we offer in addition to mosquito control. We thoroughly enjoy engaging with the public and are grateful to have been serving Merced County since 1946.

District Board of Directors are responsible for reviewing financial statements, spending, payment authorizations, review contracts and audits, etc.

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## **SPECIAL CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

**Representative: Maria Soto**

### **MEETINGS**

Once a Year. They don't have a date or time yet.

### **ABOUT THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is made up of eight counties in California's Central Valley: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and [the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin portion of Kern](#).

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## The Air District's Mission

The San Joaquin Valley Air District is a public health agency whose mission is to improve the health and quality of life for all Valley residents through efficient, effective and entrepreneurial air quality management strategies. Our Core Values have been designed to ensure that our mission is accomplished through commonsense, feasible measures that are based on sound science.

## The Air District's Vision

Healthful air that meets or exceeds air quality standards for all Valley residents. The District is a leader in air-pollution control. Valley residents take pride in our collective efforts to continuously improve air quality.

## Core Values

**Protection of Public Health** – The District shall continue to strive to protect the health of Valley residents through efforts to meet health-based state and federal ambient air-quality standards, based on science and prioritized where possible using health-risk reduction strategies.

**Active and Effective Air Pollution Control Efforts while Seeking to Improve the Valley's Economic Prosperity and Grow Opportunities for All Valley Residents** – District staff shall work diligently to adopt and fully implement cost-effective air pollution-control measures, provide meaningful incentives for reducing emissions, and develop creative alternatives for achieving emissions reductions.

**Outstanding Customer Service** – District staff shall work to provide excellent customer service for stakeholders in activities including: rule and plan development; permitting and emissions inventory functions; compliance activities; financial and grant-funding transactions; and responses to public complaints and inquiries.

**Ingenuity and innovation** - The District values innovation and ingenuity in meeting the challenges we face. Examples of this spirit of innovation include developing programs that provide new incentives for emissions reductions, and providing alternate compliance strategies that supplement traditional regulatory efforts and generate more emissions reductions than could otherwise be reasonably obtained.

**Accountability to the public** – The District serves, and is ultimately accountable to, the people of the Valley for the wise and appropriate use of public resources, and for accomplishing the District's mission with integrity and honesty.

**Open and transparent public processes** – The District shall continue to provide meaningful opportunities for public input and be responsive to all public inquiries.

**Recognition of the uniqueness of the San Joaquin Valley** – The Valley's meteorology, topography and economy differ significantly from those in other jurisdictions. Although it is valuable to review and evaluate efforts of other agencies, we must consistently look for solutions that fully consider the Valley's unique needs.

**Continuous improvement** –The District works to continually improve its internal operations and processes, and strives to streamline District operations through optimally utilizing information technology and human resources.

**Effective and efficient use of public funds** – The District shall continually strive to efficiently use all resources and to minimize costs associated with District functions.

**Respect for the Opinions and Interest of All Valley Residents** – The District shall respect the interests and opinions of all Valley residents and fully consider these opinions, seeking collaboration with federal, state, and local agencies, agriculture, businesses, community groups and residents in carrying out the District’s mission.

**Robust Public Outreach and Education on Valley Air Quality Progress and Continuing Air Quality Efforts** – As we move forward in achieving our mission, the District shall continue its ongoing efforts to educate the public about air quality, and the significant clean air investments and air quality progress that have been made in the Valley.

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## **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON – LIVINGSTON PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **Liaison: Maria Soto**

The Planning Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council on land-use and development issues. Responsibilities of the Planning Commission include:

- Interprets, administers, and enforces the provisions of the City's Zoning Ordinance and other land use regulations, in such a way as to carry out the intent and purpose of the General Plan as interpreted on the official Zoning Map;
- Acts on Variances from the provisions of Title 5 regarding the development of land, construction, enlargement or alteration of any building or structure;
- Acts on Use Permits, Variances, and Parcel Maps. It revokes Use Permits as necessary; provides interpretations of zoning ordinance;
- Provides recommendations to the City Council on Site Plan & Design Reviews, Rezonings, Tentative Maps, Development Agreements and General Plan Amendments.

The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission meetings are held at the City Council Chambers, 1416 C Street, Livingston, CA 95334.

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## **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON – PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION**

### **Liaison: Jose Moran**

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission acts in an advisory and volunteer capacity in the development of parks, recreation and art opportunities for Livingston residents. In their capacity, the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission shall:

- Recommend to the City Council a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. If directed by the City Council, the commission shall recommend to the City Council a Parks, Recreation and Arts Master Plan, either in lieu of or in addition to, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. After any initial Master Plan has been

adopted by the City Council, the commission shall periodically review the Master Plan and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council.

- Recommend to the City Council individual Park Master Plans for each park in the City of Livingston.
- Constructively encourage public recreational and art activities in Livingston.
- Recommend projects, legislation, policies, funding allocations, and other measures, programs, or activities for the development of park, recreation and art opportunities in Livingston.
- Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to recreation.
- Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to art or art programs within the City.
- Carry out projects, programs, or activities as directed by the City Council.
- Consider the annual budget for recreation during the annual budget process and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council.
- Initiate, sponsor, and promote involvement, activities and contributions by the private sector for the development of parks, recreational and art activities in the City.
- Assist in the planning of a Recreation Program for City residents, promote and stimulate public interest therein, and solicit the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies interested therein. (Ord. 633, 2-20-2018)

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission holds monthly meetings on the fourth (4th) Thursday of every month at City Hall's Council Chambers at 6pm.

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## **UTILITY STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE**

**Representatives are: Jose Moran and Juan Aguilar**

### **Meetings**

As needed.

### **About the Committee**

The Utility Stakeholders Committee is an ad-hoc committee that is comprised of residents, business and elected officials that represent different sectors of the community. The primary purpose of the committee is to analyze and have fruitful discussions that will lead to the most optimal utility rates.