



At a glance (June 2008)

- CCEDC participated with SoCal Corenet Golf Event and completed a broker mission on June 2nd and 3rd.
- EDA staff tour Merced College's Los Banos campus June 18th and finalize details for grant funding for Innovation Place Network.
- EDA invited formal application for a planning grant for design and development of new business parks in Atwater, Gustine and Merced.
- Finalization of the Merced County Enterprise Zone nears as two more of the six conditions required HCD were completed. The draft Enterprise Zone EIR is in the final stages and projected to be completed shortly.
- Los Banos and Gustine approve service agreements for 2008-09.
- MCEDCO acknowledges renewal of seven private sector members and the addition of two new investors totaling nearly \$14,000 in annual support.
- Outreach efforts made 43 contacts and recorded 12 project leads.

Upcoming: Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce and Go Media Business Expo and Education Conference August 5, 2008, Merced County Fairgrounds

- MCEDCO joined the CCEDC and staffed the 'watering hole' at the annual southern California Corenet golf tournament. The CCEDC collected dozens of new contacts and renewed acquaintances with many brokers who interacted with CCEDC over the past year. The next day MCEDCO called upon three Corenet members to discuss investment opportunities for their clients in the Central Valley.
- Federal EDA staff met with representatives of Los Banos, Merced College and MCEDCO June 18th to discuss the status of various projects, and finalize details of the pending Innovation Place Network project. Following the meeting EDA staff toured the new campus facility.
- The EZ EIR final draft comments were forwarded to consultant Quad Knopf for incorporation to the final report to be soon presented to the Merced County Board of Supervisors for consideration. The document includes letters of support from several agricultural business citing the EZ as a major asset to supporting agriculture operations in the County. MCEDCO provided Housing and Community Development staff with information confirming two more conditions of the zone's designation being satisfied.
- During the first week of June, the Cities of Los Banos and Gustine each approved service agreements with MCEDCO for 2008-09. Each City also agreed to a supplemental contract to manage their commitment to support the Merced County Enterprise Zone.
- MCEDCO acknowledges with thanks the recent renewal of memberships received from 3rd Millennium Investments, Berliner Cohen, Enos Family Partners, Mapes Ranch/Lyon's Investment, Mercy Medical Center and Tinetti Realty Group. The organization also notes and appreciates the sustained support from the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce whose members donate \$5,000 per year for the Chamber to convey to MCEDCO. Two new investors were welcomed by MCEDCO – Laird Manufacturing, Merced and V.H. Azderian Co. of Los Banos.
- Outreach efforts and follow up reached 43 contacts; Twelve new projects leads were recorded ranging from pet food manufacturers to solar energy initiatives.