



**MERCED COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION OF  
GOVERNMENTS**

## Monthly Newsletter

**JULY 2022**

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## CHOOSE THE BUS AND RIDE FOR FREE ALL SUMMER



This summer, funding from the state's Low Carbon Transit Operations Program has made it possible for Merced County residents to make The Bus their transportation of choice! UC Merced and Merced College students, seniors, veterans, and ADA-certified passengers already ride The Bus for free thanks to Measure V and other local partnerships. And starting July 1 everyone else can also enjoy riding for free too! The free-fare summer program runs through September 30 and applies only to those who do not already ride for free under another program. By choosing to ride The Bus Merced County residents will travel in air conditioned and ADA-accessible vehicles equipped with bike racks and free Wi-Fi. In addition, riders will be doing their part to improve the region's air quality while also saving money on gas.

The Bus schedules and hours of operation can be found at [www.mercedthebus.com](http://www.mercedthebus.com) or by calling (209) 723-3100. Download the free 'The Bus live' app for real-time information regarding bus locations, services and arrival times. To book rides on The Micro Bus on the west side of Merced County download 'The Micro Bus' app on your smart phone or call (209) 725-3813.



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT



The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority is hosting a FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event on Saturday, July 16, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Highway 59 Landfill HHW Facility, 7040 N. Highway 59, Merced. HHW is any household product that contains ingredients that are corrosive, reactive, flammable, and/or toxic. Some examples of HHW are ammonia based cleaners, fluorescent tubes, all batteries, paint cans and bottles, and used motor oil. The Regional Waste Authority partners with Clean Harbors to conduct quarterly HHW collection in Merced County. Before bringing items to the landfill, customers should call Clean Harbors at 916-396-1505 to identify the amount and type of HHW that will be dropped off. For more information on types of HHW or what quantities will be accepted at the landfill, please visit [www.mcrwma.org/31/Household-Hazardous-Waste](http://www.mcrwma.org/31/Household-Hazardous-Waste) or call the Regional Waste Authority at (209) 723-4481.



## KICK-OFF TO SUMMER AT THE MERCED COUNTY FAIR



After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, the Merced County Fair returned to Merced! MCAG, The Bus and the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (RWA) were present at the fair providing families with information, fun activities, free shuttle from the Downtown Transpo Center to the Fairgrounds, and the opportunity to take home a large oil pan, countertop food waste bucket and a new bike. Families learned about SB 1383 and the upcoming changes to food waste disposal, recycling do's and don'ts, how to properly secure a bike on The Bus' bike racks, free YARTS passes and much more!







## HELP WANTED! JOIN THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (COC)!

A group of committed, volunteer citizens from across the County needs your help! They are the Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) and they provide the oversight of the Measure V funds required to ensure the success of the Measure V program. The COC was established in the language of the Measure V Expenditure Plan that was passed by voters and is tasked with the review of financial and performance audits, reports from member agencies, annual receipts, and other documents necessary to assess that these taxpayer dollars are being spent appropriately. The committee also prepares an annual report to inform the public how Measure funds were spent in the last fiscal year.

The COC consists of 14 representatives appointed by the MCAG Governing Board; one is nominated by each of the member jurisdictions (seven in total), with the remaining seven seats reflecting representation from various interest groups. Committee members serve two-year terms and may serve no more than eight years on the committee in total. Currently, there are six vacancies on the COC for the representatives from the Cities of Dos Palos, Livingston, and Los Banos along with at-large representatives from the agricultural industry, an environmental advocacy group, and a private sector employer.

Individuals interested in representing one of the cities on the COC should contact their local city clerk for an application. For those interested in one of the at-large seats the application can be downloaded on the Measure V website: <https://www.mcagov.org/319/Citizens-Oversight>. All COC members must be U.S. citizens, 18 years of age or older who reside in Merced County, and are not public employees at any state, county or local city agency within Merced County (except for educational institutions), or an elected official of the County of Merced or any of the Cities within the County.

*Measure V was passed by Merced County voters in November 2016 and will be in place until 2047. Half of all Measure V revenue goes directly to the six cities and the County of Merced and must be used for local transportation improvements; of this share, the jurisdictions must use 20 percent on alternative transportation modes projects such as sidewalks and bike lanes. Regional transportation projects located on both the east and west sides of the county receive 44 percent of the Measure V dollars and five percent goes toward public transit. Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) receives one percent of the funding for administrative work related to Measure V.*

## MEASURE V @ WORK

### HAVE YOU SPOTTED MEASURE V AT WORK IN MERCED COUNTY?

Snap a picture and send it to [measurev@mcagov.org](mailto:measurev@mcagov.org) or tag us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @mcag\_merced or use the hashtag #MeasureV\_mcag

Private Sector Employer	<b>VACANT</b>
Agriculture	<b>VACANT</b>
Environmental Advocacy Group	<b>VACANT</b>
City of Livingston	<b>VACANT</b>
City of Los Banos	<b>VACANT</b>
City of Dos Palos	<b>VACANT</b>
County of Merced	Jim Cunningham
City of Atwater	Ron Daugherty
City of Gustine	Joe Oliveira
City of Merced	Robert Tyler
Bike/Pedestrian or Transit	Lisa Kayser-Grant
Building Industry	Lucas Dias
Ethnic Community Group	Michelle Allison
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## Stay Informed



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Merced, CA 95348  
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Los Banos, CA 95348  
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**Monday - Saturday**  
**7:00 am - 3:30 pm**

For more information about Regional Waste Authority please visit: [www.mcrwma.org](http://www.mcrwma.org) or download the 'Merced Recycles' app on the App store and Google play.



May you and your family have a happy and safe day while celebrating our nation's Independence Day!

## JULY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- July 1, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) - 8:30am
- July 13, Technical Review Board (TRB) - 12:00pm
- July 16, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event - 8:00am
- July 18, YARTS Governing Board - 1:00pm
- July 21, MCAG Governing Board - 3:00pm

*The meeting location or Zoom information is listed on the cover of each agenda. To access all meeting agendas, please visit:*  
[www.mcagov.org/agendacenter](http://www.mcagov.org/agendacenter) or contact us at [info@mcagov.org](mailto:info@mcagov.org).

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# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

**HWY 59  
LANDFILL**  
7040 N HIGHWAY 59  
MERCED, CA 95348

## **YARD**

INSECT SPRAY • PESTICIDES  
FERTILIZERS • WEED KILLERS  
HERBICIDES • POOL CHEMICALS  
BAIT OR POISON FOR RODENTS

## **HOME**

BATTERIES • AEROSOL CANS • CFL BULBS  
DRAIN CLEANERS • MOTH BALLS  
AMMONIA BASED CLEANERS  
OVEN CLEANERS • BAIT/POISON  
SPOT REMOVERS

## **GARAGE**

ANTIFREEZE • MOTOR OIL • OIL FILTERS  
BRAKE FLUID • GREASE • CAR BATTERIES  
CHEMICALS • WOOD PRESERVATIVES  
PAINT • PAINT REMOVER  
ITEMS CONTAINING MERCURY  
FLUORESCENT LAMPS AND TUBES

## **NOT ACCEPTED:**

MEDICAL WASTE • RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL  
LARGE, COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS  
AGRICULTURAL WASTE • EXPLOSIVES • MUNITIONS  
WASTE FROM LARGE-QUANTITY GENERATORS

# JULY

# 16TH

**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

## **RESTRICTIONS/FEEES**

Disposal of most household hazardous material is free; however, there are quantity restrictions and/or small fees associated with some items, particularly for conditionally-exempt small-quantity generators'. Please contact Clean Harbors in advance at [roa.renea@cleanharbors.com](mailto:roa.renea@cleanharbors.com) or (916) 396-1505 for more information.