



MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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**JULY 2019**

**OPEN SEAT FOR MEASURE V  
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

MCAG is currently accepting applications for a representative from a bicycle, pedestrian and/or transit advocacy group to sit on the Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee.

The Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) was created as a result of the passage of Measure V in 2016. Its main function is to review the local, half-cent transportation tax expenditures to ensure they conform to the Measure V Expenditure Plan approved by Merced County voters. Committee members are appointed by the MCAG Governing Board to serve two-year terms. Each COC member may serve up to eight years, if reappointed. The COC meets quarterly at the MCAG office in Merced; all meetings are open to the public and governed by the Brown Act. Committee members are volunteers and receive no compensation.



Additional information about the COC and the application packet are available on the Measure V website: [www.mcagov.org/MeasureV](http://www.mcagov.org/MeasureV) or at the MCAG office on 369 W. 18th Street in Merced. The deadline for submission is Friday, August 2nd.

MCAG is the state-designated Local Transportation Authority for Merced County responsible for the implementation and administration of overseeing Measure V.

**CALTRANS NAMES DAN MCELHINNEY  
NEW DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR**

Last month Caltrans named Dan McElhinney as the new Director of Caltrans District 10 in Stockton.



As District 10 Director, McElhinney will oversee more than 3,500 lane miles of highways in eight counties including Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin counties along with the Mountain Region of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa counties.

McElhinney provides oversight of the District's Transportation Planning, Local Assistance and Environmental; Administration; Program and Project Management; and Maintenance and Traffic Operations. He is responsible for a territory with more than 1,400 highway miles including four Sierra passes, three rest areas, 29 cities, the Port of Stockton, numerous transit authority partners and \$2.4 billion worth of programs and highway construction.

Prior to accepting the District 10 Director role, McElhinney served as the Caltrans Bay Area District 4 Chief Deputy District Director, where he led nearly 3,000 employees, who successfully with transportation partners, industry contractors and small/disadvantaged businesses, completed over \$17 billion worth of mobility improvement projects in areas such as San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose.

Dan McElhinney is a graduate from the Colorado School of Mines with a Bachelor of Science Degree in engineering and he is a California Licensed Civil Engineer. Welcome Dan!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



MCAG congratulates Marty Yerrick on his recent promotion to Deputy Director of the Regional Waste Management Authority! Marty was born in Dos Palos and raised in Merced County. He served four years in the United States Air Force before starting his career with Regional Management Waste Authority in June of 1993. Over the past 26 years Marty has served as a Landfill Supervisor, Superintendent and Operations Manager at both the Highway 59 and Billy Wright landfills.

Thank you Marty, for all of your hard work and dedication to the agency!

## JULY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

**07/04** MCAG and RWA offices closed in observance of 4th of July

**07/04** City of Gustine Fireworks Celebration, 6:30 pm, Gustine High School Football field

**07/04 –07/06** Livingston's 4th of July Festival, 5:00 pm—12:00 am, For more info visit: <http://livingston4thofjuly.com/>

**07/10** Technical Review Board meeting, City of Atwater

**07/12** CAC Meeting, 8:30 am, MCAG Office

**07/17** YARTS AAC Quarterly , 1:30 pm, MCAG Office

**07/18** Governing Board meeting, City of Atwater

**07/20** Merced Art Hop, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm, For more info visit: [mercedarthop.org](http://mercedarthop.org)

**07/22** YARTS JPA Quarterly, 1:00 pm, MCAG Office

*For more information about these events, or if your City or community has public events you would like published in our newsletter, contact Eva Garibay at: [eva.garibay@mcagov.org](mailto:eva.garibay@mcagov.org)*

## YARTS TO OFFER FREE SERVICE TO YOSEMITE ON THE 4TH OF JULY

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) will offer free transit service to Yosemite National Park on the 4th of July. Free service is made possible through grant funding from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP).

Reservations will not be accepted, and the service will be based on a first-come, first-served policy. Passengers are encouraged to arrive at least one hour prior to the scheduled departure times to wait in line for a seat as seating is limited. For more information about YARTS, or the seasonal schedules, please visit [www.yarts.com](http://www.yarts.com) or call 1-877-989-2787.



As a reminder, the Merced County Regional Waste Authority Highway 59 and Billy Wright landfills are open every Saturday from 8:00 am to Noon. In addition, both landfill locations have extended hours until 3:30 pm during the first Saturday of the month and on any Saturday following a closed holiday. For more information please visit: [www.mcrwma.org](http://www.mcrwma.org)

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### HIGHWAY 59 LANDFILL

7040 N Highway 59  
Merced, CA 95348 Phone:  
209-723-4481

### BILLY WRIGHT LANDFILL

17173 S Billy Wright Road  
Los Banos, CA 95348  
Phone: 209-826-1163

Monday - Friday:  
7:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon

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**July 6, 2019 (1st Saturday):** 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

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# MeasureV

**JULY 2019—UPDATE**

Measure V, Merced County's ½ cent transportation sales tax, was passed by Merced County voters with 71% approval in November 2016. In an effort to keep the community informed about this transformative measure, MCAG will feature monthly updates in this newsletter. You can also visit [www.mcagov.org/measureV](http://www.mcagov.org/measureV) for the latest!

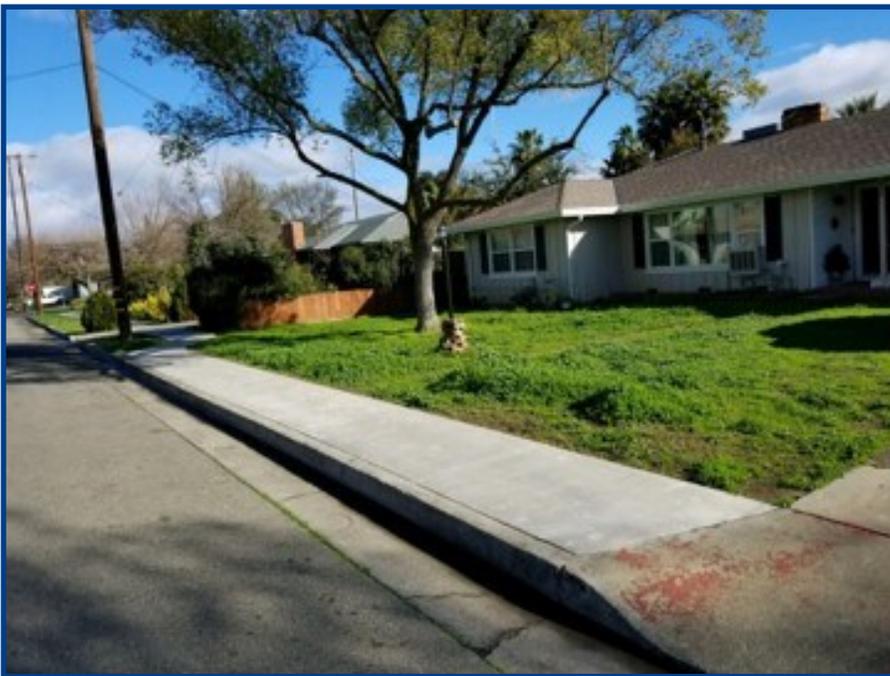
The 30-year Measure, which commenced in April of 2017, allocates 50% of all its revenue to the cities of Merced, Los Banos, Gustine, Atwater, Livingston and Dos Palos, along with the County of Merced, to pay for local transportation projects including roads, bike paths, and sidewalks. Regional transportation projects located on both the east and west sides of the county receive 44% of the funding with five percent reserved for public transit purposes. MCAG receives one percent of the monies to administer all fiduciary and reporting requirements.

Over the past year, local jurisdictions have made steady progress on Measure V projects around the County. The City of Gustine focused on sidewalk replacement projects to create a more walkable city. Through their recent public-private partnerships, Gustine replaced older, cracked sidewalks near Gustine High School and Our Lady of Miracles (OLM) Catholic School, providing a safer route to school for students. Additionally Gustine is replacing sidewalks in residential areas such as along Linden Ave. (see below). Their next major project will focus on Lucerne Ave. between Laurel Ave. and Linden Ave.

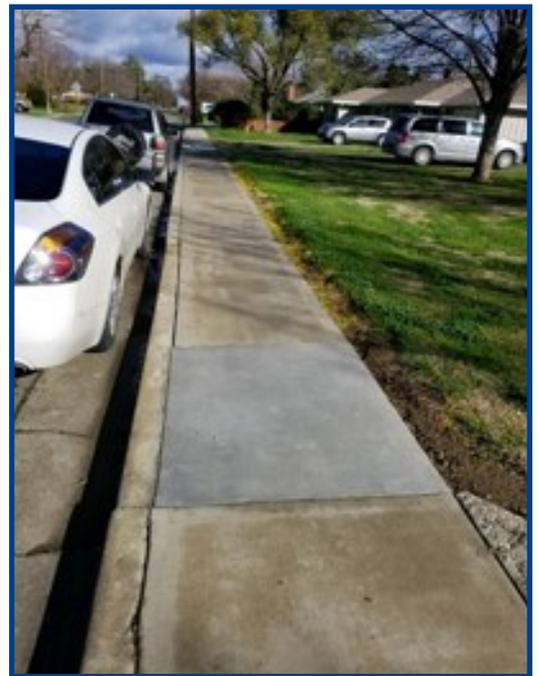
**HAVE YOU SPOTTED  
MEASURE V AT WORK  
IN MERCED COUNTY?**

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  
#Measurev\_mcag



*New sidewalks on Linden Ave*



*Patched sidewalks around OLM*

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# TAKE YARTS TO YOSEMITE FOR 75% OFF!



**July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

YARTS will offer **ALL MERCED COUNTY** residents two (2) reduced adult round-trip passes to Yosemite for only \$7.50 each.

With every reduced fare adult ticket purchased a child 17 and under may ride for free.

**To get tickets, visit:**

**[WWW.YARTS.COM](http://WWW.YARTS.COM)**

This program is made possible through funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP).

**Terms and Conditions:** A valid photo ID and/or proof of address (i.e: driver's license, utility bill) must be presented when purchasing tickets. Limit 2 per household through June 30, 2020. Seating on YARTS is based on availability. YARTS is not responsible for items lost or damaged during transport. Park entrance fee is included in the ticket price.