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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 14 foreclosed homes purchased in Kerman using \$1.5 million in federal funds from the Housing & Recovery Act of 2008.
- Kerman's \$6.0 million wastewater treatment plant expansion project nears completion.
- Fast Fact: Kerman has a population of 13,751 as of January 2011.



Panoche Creek recently completed a third major expansion of its almond processing plant.

The expansion consists of adding approximately 102,000 square feet to the

existing facility for a total of 320,000 square feet under roof.

Panoche Creek is one of the largest almond handlers in the industry. The plant operations year round with

approximately 160 employees.

Since the company located in the industrial park several years ago, it has now consolidated all of its operations at the Kerman site.

APARTMENT COMPLEX TO BREAK GROUND

The Hacienda Heights apartment complex is expected to break ground this fall.

The 68-unit apartment project will be developed on a 5.5 acre in-fill site located at the southeast corner of Siskiyou Avenue and Gateway Drive.

The project consists of 2 and 3 bedroom units that will feature a community room, computer center, swimming pool, playground and barbecue area.



Artist Rendering of Hacienda Heights

The Mediterranean style architecture features tile roofs, stone veneer, archways, and decorative wrought iron throughout.

The project will be devel-

oped by Willow Partners, LLC and financed through a combination of tax credits, Fresno County HOME Funds, and Kerman RDA housing tax increment funds.

VALLEY HEALTH TEAM TO OFFER DENTAL CARE

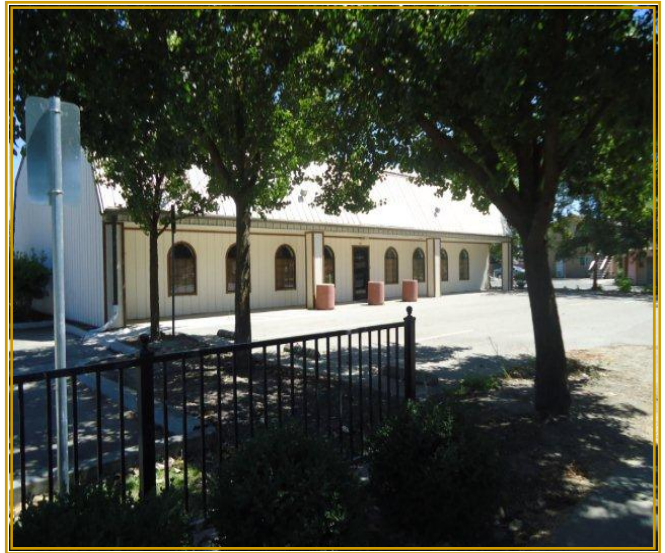
Valley Health Team, Inc. (VHT) will soon be offering dental care in Kerman. VHT entered into a long-term lease with the City of Kerman to convert an existing building located at 942 S. Madera Avenue into a dental care center.

VHT is in the process of making tenant improvements to renovate the 3,375 sq. ft. space to in-

clude reception area, six dental exam areas, lab rooms, and future optical exam rooms for optometric services.

VHT is a federally qualified health care clinic that is headquartered in the City of San Joaquin.

VHT has operated a health care clinic in Kerman for several years.



Future Home of Kerman Dental Clinic

KEARNEY PALMS PHASE III BREAKS GROUND



Phase III of the Kearney Palms seniors complex broke ground and is under construction.

The 44 one- and two-bedroom unit project is located adjacent to the existing units. With com-

pletion of Phase III, Kearney Palms will have a total 104 units.

The rents are affordable to qualifying seniors age 55 or older. The project developer is Willow Partners, LLC.

CITY WORKING ON MADERA AVENUE STREETSCAPE MASTER PLAN

The City of Kerman is working on a Master Streetscape Plan for Madera Avenue from Whitesbridge Road to California Avenue. The project is made possible by a \$157,500 grant from the California Department of Transporta-

tion (Caltrans).

The plan will focus on pedestrian safety, traffic calming, streetscape and landscaping that ties the 2-mile stretch of roadway together. The Master Plan is expected to be completed in early 2012.



Photo of Madera Avenue (SR. 145)

KERMAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY WINS TOP HONORS

MEC Aerial Works Platforms was awarded Product of the Year for the Titan Boom™ at the 2011 International Awards for Product Access (IAPA) at a ceremony held in Amsterdam this past April.

The Titan Boom™ is a self-propelled boom lift with a 22 ft x 7.5 ft platform and a lift capacity of 4,000 lbs.



MEC won a similar North American award in November at the 2010 Lift and Access Leadership in Lifting Equipment and

Aerial Platforms (LLEAP) Awards.

MEC manufactures a series of scissor lifts, booms, and telehandlers

for customers worldwide. MEC has over 100 employees. The company relocated to Kerman in 2009.

KERMAN—FASTEST GROWING CITY IN THE DECADE

The City of Kerman grew by 68.2 percent between 2000 and 2010, according to the state Department of Finance.

Kerman's percentage growth was the fastest in the region for the past decade (see table).

Kerman's population as of January 1, 2010 stands at

14,381, up from 8,548 in 2000.

Although new single family construction has ebbed recently, Kerman remains a strong attraction for new residents and business.

Recent retail developments include CVS Pharmacy, Rite Aide, and Auto-Zone. A Walmart store is

also planned.

In addition, several existing companies have also expanded in recent years adding jobs and sales tax revenues. These include Helena Chemical, Kerman Ag Resources, and Panoche Creek Packing.

Kerman continues to be a good place to live, work and do business.

Population estimates
Fresno's population has surpassed a half-million people, according to new estimates from the state Department of Finance.

	As of Jan. 1	Year	Decade
		% growth	% growth
Fresno County	953,761	1.4	19.3
Clovis	96,868	2.0	41.4
Coalinga	19,065	-0.1	20.7
Firebaugh	6,941	2.1	20.9
Fowler	5,764	1.8	42.5
Fresno	502,303	1.4	17.5
Huron	8,062	3.3	29.1
Kerman	14,381	2.4	68.2
Kingsburg	11,504	0.8	24.6
Mendota	9,966	1.1	26.3
Orange Cove	11,049	1.2	43.1
Parlier	13,658	0.9	22.5
Reedley	26,227	2.1	26.4
Sanger	25,664	1.1	35.6
San Joaquin	4,071	0.5	24.5
Selma	23,435	0.7	20.5
Unincorporated	174,783	0.9	6.3
Kings County	156,289	1.2	20.7
Avenal	16,236	2.4	10.6
Corcoran	25,692	-0.7	23.3
Hanford	53,266	1.3	27.8
Lemoore	25,461	2.8	29.2
Unincorporated	35,634	0.7	9.5
Madera County	153,655	1.0	24.8
Chowchilla	18,698	-1.8	29.7
Madera	59,243	1.8	34.8
Unincorporated	76,714	1.1	17.1
Tulare County	447,814	1.6	21.7
Dinuba	21,542	1.6	27.9
Exeter	10,752	1.0	17.3
Farmersville	10,971	2.0	25.6
Lindsay	11,800	1.2	14.6
Porterville	52,960	1.9	33.7
Tulare	59,535	1.9	35.3
Visalia	125,971	2.0	37.1
Woodlake	7,927	2.2	19.1
Unincorporated	146,356	1.0	3.9
California	38,648,090	1.0	14.1

Source: State Department of Finance

GRANADA COMMONS APARTMENTS COMPLETED

The Housing Authorities Serving City and County of Fresno completed a new 16-unit affordable housing complex. The \$4.4 million dollar project was partially funded by \$3.4 million in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

funds, Rural Housing and Economic Development Grant, and Fresno County HOME funds.

The project consists of 3 and 4 bedroom units and includes a clubhouse and playground.



Granada Commons

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Other notable projects:

- **Kerman Solar Training Center:** Visalia-based Proteus, Inc. is offering solar training at the Kerman Service Center. The six-week class provides hands on training on solar installation in partnership with nonprofit GRID Alternatives. Students are prepared to take the entry level certification exam of the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).
- **Garcia Market:** A new independently owned grocery store occupied tenant space vacated by Save Mart. The new grocery store is located in the Kerman Plaza shopping center.

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WHERE "COMMUNITY COMES FIRST"

NEW GOLDENROD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPENS

The new Goldenrod Elementary School opened for the 2011 school year. The school is located at the northwest corner of Goldenrod Avenue and Kearney Boulevard.

The state-of-the-art elementary school features 27 classrooms, library/administration building, multi-purpose room, and lighted athletic fields. The baseball and soccer fields

will be equipped with benches, lights and concession.

The new school was made possible by Measure K—a school bond passed by voters in 2008.

