

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 1/11/07

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Enterprise Zone Update

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: In November 2006, Merced County was notified that it had conditional approval for a new Enterprise Zone designation. As of this time, the final approval has not been received.

The County's application was forwarded to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for initial consideration. In the original application, the entire County was to be included in the Enterprise Zone. That application is now being reworked to eliminate or reduce agricultural lands, wetlands, and wildlife refuge areas.

Mr. Scott Galbraith of the Merced County Economic Development Corporation is the Enterprise Zone manager for the new zone. He will be convening planning meetings beginning in mid-January to accomplish the rezoning requirements.

ATTACHMENT (S): N/A