

TO: WIB

DATE: 05/11/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

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For Discussion

SUBJECT: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program assists taxpayers who have limited or moderate incomes, have limited English skills, or are elderly or disabled. Merced County has had a VITA Program operated through the Department of Workforce Investment for the past four years.

This year the program involved volunteers from the Department of Workforce Investment; the Department of Commerce, Aviation and Economic Development; the Human Services Agency; UC Merced; Best Buy; and a student from Le Grand High School.

The following data is presented:

Year	# Refunds	\$Refunds	Economic Impact
2004	147	\$116,660	\$816,662
2005	78	\$82,331	\$576,317
2006	167	\$200,126	\$1,400,882

ATTACHMENT (S): N/A