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## Staff Report

ITEM 4D

**To:** Lemoore City Council  
**From:** J.R. Laws, City Manager   
**Date:** February 12, 2014  
**Subject:** Resolution 2014-04 in Support of the Redesignation of the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone

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### **Discussion:**

The Kings County Economic Development Corporation has asked that the council approve the Resolution supporting the Redesignation of the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone due to an increase in boundaries. The Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) combines recycling with economic development to fuel business development and create jobs. Companies within the zone that use recycled materials or divert their waste from the landfill have access to low-interest capital and a variety of other benefits. A business that is within the zone may qualify for a direct, low-interest loan of up to \$2,000,000 from the (RMDZ), if they use postconsumer or secondary waste materials to manufacture new products or divert solid waste from the landfill. These funds can be used for equipment and machinery acquisition, leasehold improvements, working capital, inventory, real property, debt refinancing. Each eligible business may borrow up to 75% of the cost of a project, for a maximum loan of \$2,000,000. Interest rates are below market rate, and are fixed for the term of the loan.

Attached is the current (RMDZ) map along with the proposed (RMDZ) map for Kings and Tulare Counties.

A Representative from the Kings County Economic Development Corporation is here tonight to answer any questions council may have.

### **Budget Impact:**

None.

### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Council, by motion, adopt Resolution 2014-04 to support the Redesignation of the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone due to an increase in boundaries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE  
SUPPORTING THE REDESIGNATION OF THE GREATER SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN  
VALLEY RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE DUE TO AN INCREASE IN  
BOUNDARIES**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore duly called and held on February 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. on said day, it was moved by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and carried, that the following Resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, California Public Resources Code Section 42010, et al. provides for the establishment of the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program throughout the State which provides incentives to stimulate development of post-consumer and secondary materials markets for recyclables; and

**WHEREAS**, all California jurisdictions must meet a 50% reduction in landfill waste disposal as mandated by the California Integrated Waste Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone includes designated areas in Kings and Tulare Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone is dedicated to establishing, sustaining and expanding recycling-based manufacturing businesses, which is essential for market development and to assist these jurisdictions in meeting the established landfill waste reduction goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the unincorporated areas of Kings County and the City of Avenal desire existing and new recycling-based manufacturing businesses located within their jurisdictions to be eligible for the technical and financial incentives associated with the RMDZ program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone is expanding to include the unincorporated areas of Kings County and the City of Avenal as reflected in the attached map; and

**WHEREAS**, the addition of these jurisdictions to the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone is necessary to facilitate local and regional planning, coordination, and support existing recycling-based manufacturing businesses, as well as attract private sector recycling investments to the RMDZ; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued development of local markets for recycled materials would reduce the need to transport them out of the region in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the current and proposed waste management practices and conditions are favorable to the development of post-consumer and secondary waste materials markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature has defined environmental justice as "the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies" [Government Code section 65040.12(e)], and has directed the California Environmental Protection Agency to conduct its programs, policies, and activities that substantially affect human health or the environment in a manner that ensures the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income levels, including minority populations and low-income populations of the state [Public Resources Code section 71110(a)]; and

**WHEREAS**, CalRecycle has adopted a goal to continuously integrate environmental justice concerns into all of its programs and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties of Kings and Tulare and their respective Cities have agreed to submit an application to CalRecycle requesting the redesignation of the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone due to a change in boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Kings has agreed to act as Lead Agency for the proposed redesignation; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Kings County Board of Supervisors hereby finds that this RMDZ redesignation is exempt pursuant to Section 15061.(b)(3) of the *Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines)*; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lemoore City Council finds there are no grounds for the City of Lemoore to assume the Lead Agency role or to prepare an environmental document.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The City of Lemoore, as Responsible Agency, approves the redesignation of the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone and directs the Director of the Kings County Job Training Office to submit an application to CalRecycle requesting redesignation of the Greater South San Joaquin Valley Recycling Market Development Zone which includes the Counties of Kings and Tulare and their respective Cities.

2. The County of Kings will administer the RMDZ program in a manner that seeks to ensure the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures and incomes,

3. Including but not limited to soliciting public participation in all communities within the RMDZ, including minority and low income populations.

Passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 18th day of February 2014 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstaining:

Approved:

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William M. Siegel Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Mary J. Venegas, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
COUNTY OF KINGS        ) ss.  
CITY OF LEMOORE         )

I, MARY J. VENEGAS, City Clerk of the City of Lemoore do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemoore was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council held on the 18th day of February, 2014

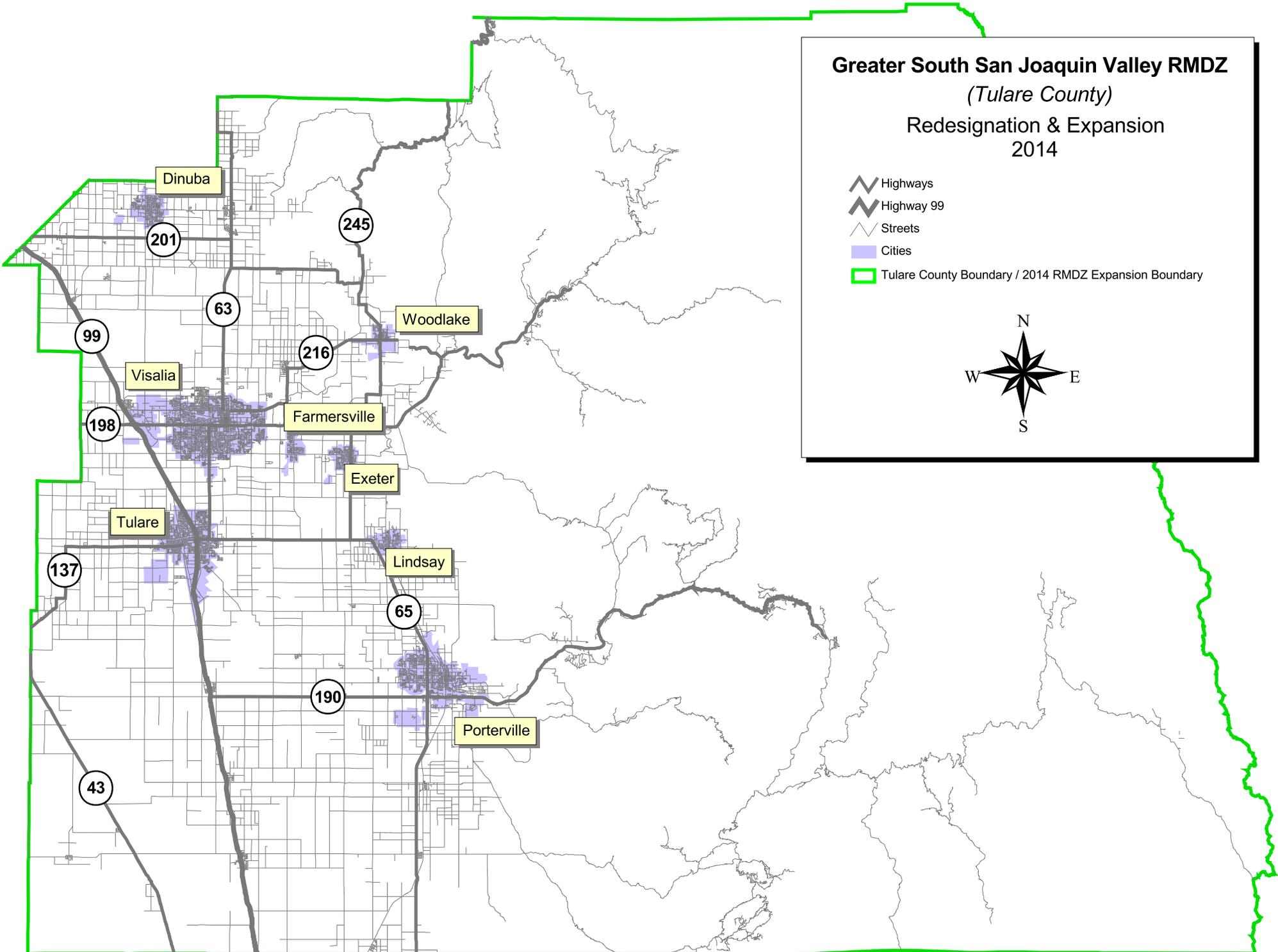
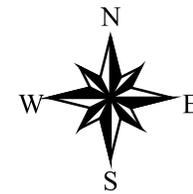
Dated: February 18, 2014

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Mary J. Venegas  
City Clerk

**Greater South San Joaquin Valley RMDZ**  
*(Tulare County)*  
Redesignation & Expansion  
2014

-  Highways
-  Highway 99
-  Streets
-  Cities
-  Tulare County Boundary / 2014 RMDZ Expansion Boundary



# Greater South San Joaquin Valley RMDZ

(Kings County)

Redesignation & Expansion

2014

-  Original RMDZ Boundary (Kings Co)
-  Highways
-  Interstate
-  Streets
-  Cities & Communities
-  Kings County Boundary / 2014 RMDZ Expansion Boundary

