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TACO BELL RETURNS KERMAN

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sales tax receipts for FY 2011-12 were up 17% compared to FY 2010-11.
- Construction values from January through November of this year total \$10.4 million.
- Governor's Economic Development Initiative (GEDI) is the new employee credit program that is based on wages above \$12 per hour. Employers may earn up to \$56,000 credit per employee. For more information and free training contact call (559) 464-5550.



After a short absence, Taco Bell returned to Kerman by opening a new 2,000 square foot restaurant in a new develop-

ment located in front of the Walmart shopping center at the southwest intersection of Whitesbridge Rd. and

Goldenrod Avenue. Taco Bell is one of several new businesses to locate in the Walmart shopping center.

KERMAN WELCOMES PANDA EXPRESS

Panda Express opened its doors this past September in Kerman. They are the anchor tenant in a new 8,125 square foot retail building located in the Walmart shopping center.

The sit-down restaurant features a new prototype interior and exterior design with an outdoor covered seating area.



UNITED HEALTH CENTERS ADDS OPTOMETRY SERVICES

United Health Centers (UHC) of the San Joaquin Valley now offers Optometry services at the Kerman Health Center.

Services include vision exams and provide patients with glasses and/or contact lenses on site.

Established in 1971, UHC provides a range of health care services in 8 rural communities, such as family practice, internal medicine, dental care, OB/GYN, pregnancy and woman’s health, pharmacy and x-ray services.



NEW 10,000 SQ. FT. DIALYSIS CENTER PLANNED

A Fresno-based company hopes to break ground on a new 10,000 square foot dialysis clinic in Kerman.

The facility will feature state-of-the-art Hemodialysis machines to treat patients at the clinic.

The company expects to begin construction on the medical building in the fall of 2014 with an opening date in the Spring of 2015.

The clinic will provide much needed services to Kerman and surrounding communities.



CITY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

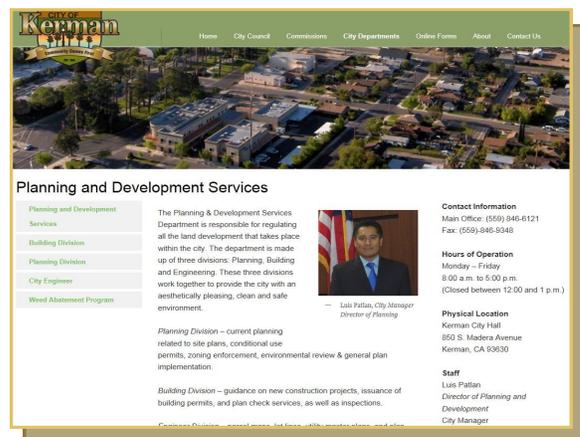
The City of Kerman recently launched a new website. The website was funded by the Fresno EDC through a USDA grant.

Vortel Me was retained by the Fresno EDC to work with the City on a

new design and layout for the website.

The website is easy to navigate, making it customer-friendly, and includes much more information.

Visit the website at www.cityofkerman.org.



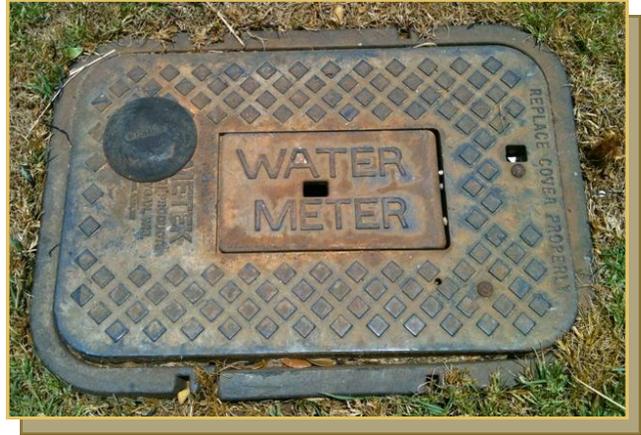
CITY AWARDED \$724,000 GRANT FOR RESIDENTIAL METER INSTALLATION

The City of Kerman was awarded a \$724,000 Proposition 84 grant for Phase II of its residential water meter installation project.

The grant funds will be used to install 665 residential water meters. In the first Phase, the City installed 1,725 residen-

tial water meters in compliance with state mandate. These meters were installed in all homes built after 1992.

Phase II will complete the installation of water meters in the remaining residential units years ahead of the 2025 deadline.



LOCAL BUILDER BUYS INFILL LOTS—STARTS NEW HOMES

R.J. Hill Homes started construction on ten new homes in a partially completed subdivision that went dormant during the housing collapse in 2009.

R.J. Hill homes is optimistic that the local housing market has turned a corner, and

intends to purchase more lots if demand remains strong.

Homes range in size from 1,600 sq. ft. up to 2,100 sq. ft. and are priced in the high \$200,000.

For information about the homes, visit website at rjhillhomes.com.



SOLAR PROJECT AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ON-LINE

The solar array at the Kerman Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is now on-line.

The system produces 590kW of electricity generated from solar energy to power the WWTP. Borrego Solar

installed the system at no cost to the City under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

The City is negotiating with Borrego to expand the system to power all city facilities including water wells.



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Prospective Projects:

- **Tractor Sales:** A local company is exploring possible relocation into Kerman's industrial park for their tractor repair and sales business.
- **Neighborhood Retail:** A developer is in the process of purchasing a 4.5 acre parcel for a neighborhood-serving retail development.
- **Regional Commercial:** A developer is conducting due diligence on a 29 acre regional commercial parcel for a possible mixed use development.
- **Senior Housing:** A developer is interested in building a 58 unit senior complex on a 4.5 acre parcel.

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CITY RECEIVES CSMFO BUDGET IN EXCELLENCE AWARD

The City of Kerman received the Excellence in Budget Award from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) for the Fiscal Year 2013/14 Budget on its first submittal last year.

The budget was reformatted to be user-friendly, informative and transparent.

The City submitted the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget to the CSMFO as well as to the Government Finance Officers

(GFOA) for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The awards are given to recognize state and local governments that prepare budget documents of the very highest quality in line with established guidelines.

