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Free Workshop for Lathrop Businesses

Lathrop, CA, March 1, 2010 – On Wednesday, March 17th, the city of Lathrop in partnership with the San Joaquin County Enterprise Zone, Pacific Gas & Electric, and F&M Bank will be holding a free workshop at city hall for all Lathrop businesses. The event, which will be held in the city council chambers, will run from 9am-10am. “Our goal is to get as much information on Enterprise Zone incentives and energy efficiency programs out to our local businesses as possible” said Steve Carrigan, Lathrop’s Economic Development Administrator.

The San Joaquin County Enterprise Zone was established on June 22, 2008, and is one of 42 zones in the state of California. “The Zone covers 656 square miles in San Joaquin County and it includes virtually all of the commercial and industrial areas in Lathrop” Carrigan said. Granted for 15 years, the Enterprise Zone offers businesses within the zone substantial reductions in operating costs by accessing a variety of State tax incentives.

“Business owners, general managers, store managers, human resource managers, and accountants should attend this event” commented Ed Wanket, Enterprise Zone Specialist. “We will be discussing how your business can qualify for tax savings of \$37,400 or more per employee along with other tax incentives.”

PG&E’s Theresa English-Soto said, “Pacific Gas & Electric is encouraging all Lathrop businesses to participate in this event. We will be discussing energy efficiency programs, rebates, and free energy audits.”

This free event, which is sponsored by F&M Bank, runs from 9am-10am at Lathrop City Hall, 390 Towne Center Drive in Lathrop. Please RSVP by calling Steve Carrigan at 209-941-7232 or by e-mailing scarrigan@ci.lathrop.ca.us