



Madera County... The Perfect Location

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MADERA COUNTY SUBMITTED FIVE SITES FOR CALIFORNIA'S HIGH SPEED RAIL MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Madera County has been very active in the competition for a High Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility site. On January 15, 2010 Madera County submitted a total of five sites to the High Speed Rail Authority. The selection of the Heavy Maintenance Facility site in Madera County has been a top priority for Madera County officials, especially since it was announced that Madera County will not have a rail stop. Madera County residents feel that a Heavy Maintenance Facility may be the only way that Madera County will benefit economically from the project. Madera County sites are well suited for the heavy maintenance facility because the High Speed Rail planning process has both north-south and east-west routes converging in Madera County. "Madera County is an ideal choice for the High Speed Rail Authority considering it is positioned in the north-south, east-west corridor and is strategically situated to pull employees from both Merced and Fresno counties creating an enormous amount of available workforce," said Chairman of the Madera County Board of Supervisors, Tom Wheeler. County of Madera, the cities of Madera and Chowchilla and the Madera County Economic Development Commission, have researched the best Madera County sites for the Heavy Maintenance Facility. During the research process officials worked diligently to form partnerships with the local governmental jurisdictions, landowners and industrial development companies in preparing very attractive proposals for the State to review. Madera County is confident the five proposed sites that were submitted to the California High-Speed Rail Authority will be extremely competitive sites during the selection process.

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About Madera County EDC

Madera County Economic Development Commission (MCEDC) is a joint Powers Authority comprised of the County of Madera, the City of Madera, and the City of Chowchilla. MCEDC's mission is to position Madera County as an economically viable and vibrant county through a multifaceted and diversified economic base. MCEDC assists business with development projects, site selection, demographics, and business incentives.