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35th District Agricultural Association



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Merced County Fair Board Officers Announced for 2025 *Mark Erreca named as new President of the Fair Board*

MERCED, CALIFORNIA, February 5, 2025 – The Merced County Fair is proud to announce the 2025 officer positions for the 35th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors, which was voted on at the December 18, 2024 Board meeting. Those positions are: Mark Erreca, President; Emily Haden, First Vice President; and Mark Pazin, Second Vice President.

“Mark has been a dedicated presence on our Fair Board for over two decades,” said Teresa Burrola, CEO of the Merced County Fair. “He was actually Board President the year I was appointed CEO; a meaningful connection in our shared Fair history together. His passion for our Fair, exhibitors and broader community is remarkable. I look forward to working alongside him and the rest of the Board, seeing the community come together once again at this year’s Fair – a cherished community tradition.”

Board President, Mark Erreca, of Los Banos, was first appointed to the Merced County Fair Board in 2003. He is the Owner of Erreca Cattle Company and has been a realtor since 1994, currently with PMZ Real Estate. Mark is on the Merced County Planning Commission, previously serving as its Chairman, and was Past President of the California County Planning Commissioners’ Association. He is an active Board Member of the Grassland Resource Conservation District.

“There is something truly special about fairs, especially the Merced County Fair,” said Mark Erreca, President of the Merced County Fair Board of Directors. “It’s a time-honored tradition that celebrates our agricultural roots and unites the community. From showcasing livestock to enjoying Fair favorites like food, live music, daily car shows and carnival rides, the Fair creates lasting memories – including many of my own. I’m honored to help carry on this beloved tradition and look forward to the best Fair yet, a fitting sendoff for our decadelong CEO, Teresa Burrola. I can’t wait to see the community come together this June to celebrate all that makes our Fair so special.”

First Vice President, Emily Haden, of Merced, has served on the Merced County Fair Board since 2012. She graduated from Merced High in 1999 and from Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin in 2003 with degrees in history and Spanish. Emily returned to California in 2005 and graduated with distinction from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, in Sacramento in 2009. Emily, a sixth-generation attorney, joined her father in practice in 2010. Her practice areas include business law, with a focus on contract negotiation, estate planning and probate, and real estate. Emily has served as president of the Merced County Bar Association, the Merced County Law Library and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Merced County. She’s also active on the Merced College Foundation.



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Second Vice President, Mark N. Pazin, of Merced, has served as Chief of Law Enforcement at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services since 2014. He's served as Sheriff for Merced County from 2002 to 2013 and previous to that has held several positions in the Merced County Sheriff's Department from 1981 to 2002, including Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Commander and Assistant Sheriff. He's earned a Master of Arts degree in national security from American Public University. Pazin is currently a member of the Merced Area Boosters Organization; and the California State Sheriff's Association where he served as President from 2011 to 2012. Mark's father, John Pazin also served on the Merced County Fair's Board from 1996 to 2000.

Fair Highlights:

- **Merced County Fair Pre-Party** | If you haven't already, get your tickets for the Merced County Fair's Annual Pre-Party on February 28. Tickets are \$75 per person, which includes dinner and hosted bar. Guests will enjoy live entertainment by Scotty Rich, a silent and live auction, a 50/50 raffle, and of course your fair food favorites of corn dogs and kettle corn! Attendees must be 21 years old. Tickets are available for purchase online only at www.mercedcountyfair.com/pre-party.
- **2025 Merced County Fair** | The 2025 Merced County Fair will kick off the summer, June 4 - 8. Be sure to check the website (www.MercedCountyFair.com), entertainment announcements and the Competitive Exhibits books will be posted soon.
- **Stay In The Know** | Want to be the first to know about concerts, new featured food items, admission discounts and more? Then sign up for our email newsletter at (www.mercedcountyfair.com/contact-us) or connect with us on our social media handles.

RESOURCES:

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Board Photos and 2025 Merced County Fair Theme Logo

About The Merced County Fair:

The Merced County Fair, first founded in 1891, represents the 35th District Agricultural Association. The fair's mission statement outlines that it "*promises to meet the needs of our community by providing a fun, safe venue to celebrate our area's agricultural heritage, discover new technology and be entertained.*" This year marks the 133rd year of operation for the Merced County Fair. The Merced County Fair annually welcomes nearly 70,000 people from throughout Merced County and beyond to attend the five-day fair each June. Members of the Board of Directors include: President, Mark Erreca; First Vice President, Emily Haden; Second Vice President, Mark N. Pazin; Vicky Banaga; Lori Gallo; Luis Lara; Kim Rogina; and Carol Sartori-Silva. Teresa Burrola heads up the daily operations in her role as CEO. The 2025 Merced County Fair will return to kick off the summer, June 4 - 8. For more information about the Merced County Fair, please visit www.MercedCountyFair.com. Connect with the Fair on Facebook ([@mercedfair](https://www.facebook.com/mercedfair)), Twitter ([@Merced_CA_Fair](https://twitter.com/Merced_CA_Fair)), Instagram ([@mercedcountyfair](https://www.instagram.com/mercedcountyfair)) and Tik Tok ([@mercedcountyfair](https://www.tiktok.com/@mercedcountyfair)).

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