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Taft District Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau
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2017-2018



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Welcome from the Taft Chamber

Welcome to the Taft District Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau!
Our **2017-2018 Membership Guide and Business Directory** is here!

The Taft Chamber Directory is provided to business members, visitors to the Taft area, people relocating or considering relocation to our area, and entrepreneurs looking to begin or to expand their businesses on the West Side. Working closely with the City of Taft, your Taft Chamber is available to assist in helping people to find their way around the City, to locate shopping and eating opportunities, and to settle in to restful accommodations for the night or for an extended stay.

We have organized the information in the Directory so that you may easily become acquainted with Taft and its surroundings. Important City and County leaders and their contact information, public service institutions like police and fire, social services, and service clubs, in addition to schools and special districts, we have tried to include all the information people would need in order to be well-informed about our area.

Although our community, whose economics are largely based on the petroleum industry, has been affected by the economic downturn, we are experiencing positive signs of recovery, stabilization, and even, growth. Most of our members not only staunchly remained in our membership during tough times, they have continued to support us through Annual Chamber Sponsorships, event sponsorships, and their generous volunteerism. Although our main focus at the Chamber is the advocacy for our businesses, our goal is to create excitement about our community, to attract people who may not know about Taft to come and visit.

Our Annual Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, the Golf Tournament, and our Trout Fishing Derby bring hundreds of visitors to our area. Our weekly Sit n Sips, monthly business mixers, and the annual State of the City Luncheon help to keep people in our area informed. Our Independence Day Fireworks Show on the Rails to Trails and our Christmas Parade down Center Street in December are the traditional gifts to the people of Taft arranged by the Chamber each year. And when the Chamber is not hosting its own event, we are busy promoting the events that enrich the life of our community provided by our Special Districts and the service clubs in town.

The Chamber maintains a strictly non-partisan stance on political issues, but it remains deeply committed to providing a clearinghouse and a forum to provide information on candidates, propositions, and other decisions important to the citizens of the West Side. Candidates for local and County offices are invited to share their views through informal talks and highly-organized forums provided by the Chamber. The Chamber is a Staff of three part-time individuals, governed by a Board of Directors of two dozen business and civic leaders. Our goal is clear: to advocate for our members and to attract business, economic growth, and contributing citizens to our community.

We thank the community of Taft for their unwavering support, and we look forward to growth and prosperity for the City of Taft, its surrounding areas, and the people of Taft who work hard to make the West Side their home.

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City of Taft, California

The City of Taft has a colorful history. Before becoming Taft, our city was known as Moron, and for obvious reasons, there was a push to rename the city. Legend has it that the decision was made to name the city Taft because during a discussion of changing the name, a government official leaned back in his chair, dislodging from the wall a picture of the current seated President of the United States. The portrait of President William Howard Taft fell into the lap of the official, and the new name of the former Moron was decided.

The City of Taft was incorporated in 1910; however, the community of Greater Taft includes the county areas of South Taft, parts of Taft Heights to the southwest, and Ford City to the north. The official population of Taft City is nearly 10,000; Greater Taft boasts a population of 19,000.

History of Taft officially must begin with the Tlamniui Indians who settled on the west shore of the Buena Vista Lake about seven miles from where Taft is currently located. These Indians have been credited by the Smithsonian Institution, as early as 1934, as having used the substance we now know as petroleum to waterproof and reinforce their daily implements. The first recorded oil strike in the area occurred in 1901, and Taft's commercial association with oil began.

Now Taft is at the center of the Midway Sunset Oilfield, the largest oilfield in the lower forty-eight states and is the lifeblood of our community. The largest industry in Kern County is centered on the West Side, boasting the iconic names in petroleum of Chevron, AERA Energy, Exxon Mobil, Phillips 66, California Resources Corporation, Key Energy, Berry Petroleum, Holmes Western, and many others. As part of the 2015 Oildorado celebration, renowned oilman T. Boone Pickens, was the featured speaker at the West Kern Petroleum Summit (hosted by the Taft College Foundation) and he commented about the importance of the petroleum industry and their resilience which greatly impacts the City of Taft.

The City of Taft has an active City Council, Planning Commission, Police Department, Public Works Department, and City Manager who work closely with businesses to offer products and services the community desires.



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One of the best reasons to live in Taft is that it is SAFE. Voted one of the five safest cities in the United States, the Taft Police Department and the Kern County Sheriff's Department have an outstanding partnership with regards to working together to maintain the safety of the citizens of Taft.

Taft is uniquely situated on the western side of Kern County. Within two hour's drive from Taft, a traveler can be at the coast, in the mountains, or enjoying boating, fishing, hunting, or sports of all kinds. Through the use of Interstate and state highways, folks can easily connect with the large metropolitan areas of San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco on the coast, and the inland hubs of Sacramento and Fresno.

Taft is affordable. Housing, commercial property, and land are relatively inexpensive. Although "landlocked" in the past by oil company holdings, new, modern housing developments and commercial venues have refreshed the community's landscape. Sandy Creek Estates will add over 200 new homes before it is completed, and the Taft Inn, the area's newest Best Western Hotel have made a huge, positive impact on the economic and housing options for our community.

Taft's governing entities are stable. The City of Taft, under the direction of the City Council, boasts years of calm, thoughtful decision-making. Although not without its challenges due to economic downturn, drought, and State and Federal governmental regulations, the City has remained steady in its vision of growth. Aided by well-managed special districts, Taft has enjoyed the benefit of careful planning

by people who have selflessly served to make water, healthcare, recreation, mosquito abatement, and cemetery services available and affordable.

Taft's schools are excellent. If one doubts the importance of education to the community of Taft, one need look no further than the schools. Taft City School District, Taft's elementary district, has been engaged in a refurbishing program financed by bonds voted in by citizens in 2001. Every school in the district has been modernized through the support of the community. Taft Union High School, an extraordinarily beautiful and well-maintained fixture in Taft for over 100 years, is often confused with the Community College just adjacent, Taft College. The West Kern Community College (Taft College) has been modernized recently and

will soon begin a major construction project to improve services and amenities specifically for students. It also is home to the Transition to Independent Living (TIL) program, internationally known for its success in moving developmentally disabled young adults into living on their own, financially independent through their own employment.

Within the community of Taft, there are a variety of unique restaurants, antique stores, and retail shops. Taft offers salons, grocery stores, gas and service stations, and family owned businesses to satisfy the wants and needs of the community. The City works closely with the Chamber to attract new businesses for more variety. City of Taft can be reached at 661-763-1222.



Community Events

January

Taft College Triple Play Dinner
Friends of the Fort Annual Dinner

February

Taft Chamber Installation & Awards
Westside Recreation Father-Daughter Dance
West Kern Oil Museum Annual Dinner
The Fort Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

March

Taft Sportmen's Club Clay Shoot



April

Soroptimist Garden Tour & Luncheon
Al Baldock Golf Tournament
TUHS Hall of Fame Awards
TUHS Honors Night
State of the City Luncheon
Little League Opening Ceremony & Parade
Kiwanis Kolor Run
Alpha House BBQ
Rotary Club Health Fair
Taft Community Garden Arbor Day Celebration

May

Taft Relay for Life
West Kern Oil Museum Pioneer Days BBQ

June

Taft Chamber Car, Truck, and Bike Show
West Kern Oil Museum Yard Sale

July

Taft Independence Day & Fireworks Show
Tumbleweed Festival



August

Back to School
Moron Golf Tournament
Back to School Connection

September

The Fort Okie Dinner
Kern County Fair



Community Events



October

Taft Chamber Golf Tournament

Taft Chamber Gala

Taft College Cougar Cookout

West Kern Oil Museum Boomtown Days

Taft Community Garden Pumpkin Harvest

The Fort Pumpkin Patch

Halloween Spooktakular
Oildorado (held every 5 years)

November

Taft Chamber Trout Fishing Derby

The Fort Fall Dinner

West Side Recreation Holiday Craft Fair

Taft College Hall of Fame

December

Taft Christmas Parade

Photos with Santa

Elf Olympics / Santa Fun Run

The Fort Gift Show

Taft College Bookstore Open House

Soroptomist Fashion Show & Home Tour

West Kern Oil Museum Tea



Monthly Happenings

Petroleum Club Industry Night – 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm

First Friday Cruise Night – 1st Friday of the month, 6:00pm

Chamber Mixer – 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00pm

Meetings

City Council – 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

Planning Commission – 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:00pm

Chamber Board – Last Wednesday of the month, 4:00pm

Sit n Sip – Every Wednesday @ Taft Chamber featuring speakers and community leaders, 9:00am

Soropotimist Club - Tuesdays @ Jo's Restaurant, 12:00pm

Taft Rotary Club - Wednesdays @ Jo's Restaurant, 12:00pm

Kiwanis Club - Thursdays @ OT Cookhouse, 12:00pm

Taft Midway-Sunset Lions Club - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ Paik's Restaurant, 7:00pm

Taft Host Lions Club - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ Paik's Restaurant, 7:00pm

Taft City School District Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm

Taft Union High School District Board Meeting - 2nd Monday of the month, 6:00pm

Taft College/West Kern Community College District Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00pm

Places to See



Taft Oilworker Monument

Built as a tribute to the men and women whose hard work and determination built the petroleum industry, the Taft Oilworker Monument was conceived by longtime Taft businessman Victor Killingsworth. The monument's artistic creator was Benjamin Victor, noted sculptor, chosen from a field of artists to become the creator of the largest bronze sculpture west of the Mississippi. The Taft Oilworker Monument is one of the newest additions to the City of Taft, built in time for the centennial celebration of the 2010 Oildorado. The Monument is located at the intersection of Sixth Street and Supply Row, adjacent to the Rails to Trails. Commemorative bricks may be purchased at the Taft Chamber at 400 Kern Street or by calling 661-765-2165.

Tule Elk State Natural Reserve

The Tule Elk State Natural Reserve protects a herd of Tule Elk which had been greatly reduced due to

over hunting and loss of habitat before Henry Miller, a cattleman, began efforts to save the elk in 1874. In 1932, the herd was given permanent protection on the land now known as the Tule Elk State Natural Reserve. To date, there are over 4,000 Tule Elk in the Reserve, a number that does not include the elk that have been successfully transported to other areas of California. The elk are most active from late summer through early autumn. Visitors are encouraged to bring binoculars for better viewing. The picnic area offers an excellent opportunity to observe birds of the Southern San Joaquin Valley. For information on the times of the year and operating hours of the Reserve call (661) 764-6881.

Taft Historic Fort

The Historic Fort, a slightly larger replica of Sutter's Fort in Sacramento, was dedicated on May 22, 1940, 100 years after the original Sutter's Fort was built. As a joint venture between the Works Project Administration and County of Kern, the Fort covers three acres including an adobe structure that has two courtyards, a gazebo, and an auditorium. The Fort was dedicated as a State Historic Landmark in 1980, and listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1981. Currently the Taft Fort is used for offices, meeting rooms, and as a wedding and meeting venue including indoor and outdoor space and is managed by an on-site Executive Director, Edith Laurin. The Fort is located at 915 N. 10th Street and is available by calling 661-765-7371.





Wind Wolves Preserve

The Wind Wolves Preserve, the West Coast's largest non-profit preserve, is a unique preserve of the flora and fauna in this region of the San Joaquin Valley. Located south of Highway 166, between Maricopa and Interstate 5, Wind Wolves is a 30-square-mile sea of grasslands flowing into a California Blue Oak and Valley Oak Savannah with Riparian Wetlands. The Preserve is open daily from 9 a.m - 5 p.m. for hiking and picnicking. Campground hours are from Friday after 2:30 P.M. Contact Wind Wolves by visiting www.wildlandsconservancy.org or by calling 661-858-1115.

Carrizo Plain National Monument

Carrizo Plain is the largest single native grassland remaining in California. Natural and human history in a backdrop of scenic beauty awaits the visitor to the Carrizo Plain. Only 20 minutes from Taft, the Carrizo Plain is one of the best kept secrets in California. This monument, traversed by the San Andreas Fault, features the white alkali flats of Soda Lake, Painted Rock, vast open grasslands, and a broad plain rimmed by mountains. When conditions are right, numerous wildflowers can carpet the valley

floor. Visitors to the Carrizo Plain National Monument are encouraged to stop in at the Taft Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau for information, maps, and directions for visiting the Carrizo. Located off Highway 166/33, many say this is the only reliable road into the Carrizo. The Goodwin Education Center is the best place to access information about the Plain, home to diverse communities of wildlife and plant species, many of which are endangered. (The Education Center is not open year-round.) The Carrizo also is important to Native Americans whose presence is especially notable in the area's Painted Rock. Contact the Bureau of Land Management at 661-391-6000 for more information.

Taft Community Garden

Taft's Community Garden was founded in 2012. Gardeners can rent a raised bed for \$40 per year in which citizens can grow their own fruits and vegetables, plus have access to the fruit trees surrounding the property. Taft Community Garden is a non-profit community garden that is located on 9th Street in Taft, CA. The 4th Friday of the month features a potluck.

Things to Do

Kern County Raceway Park

Kern County Raceway Park (KCRP) opened in the Spring of 2013 bringing a wide variety of motorsports and events to the area. The state of the art facility can be seen from Interstate 5 at Enos Lane. This D-shaped half-mile oval (with a quarter-mile paved oval inside) is located within a 120-acre, multi-use facility boasting plentiful parking and a 4000-seat grandstand area that includes 24 VIP suites, a 4-story control tower, and a state-of-the-art concession building. NASCAR Pro Late Models and the K&N series is already here, with many more events planned to attract top riders from across the nation. In addition to the oval track, there is a dirt racing lot available for races throughout race season. Located at the intersection of Enos Lane and Interstate 5 at 13500 Raceway Blvd, Kern County Raceway Park is a short 20-minute drive from Taft. For tickets and additional information, call (661) 835-1264.



Buena Vista Golf Course

The Buena Vista Golf Course is located a short 15-minute drive east of Taft, just off Highway 119 on Golf Course Road. Tucked in behind AW Noon Park, the 18-hole course is known for its unique first hole and its views of the nearby Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area and surrounding farming. One of the many tournaments held at BV Golf Course is the Annual Taft Chamber Golf Classic. Buena Vista Golf Course is located at 10256 Golf Course Road and can be reached at 661-398-9720.

Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation & Fishing

The Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation and Fishing Complex draws boaters, jet skiers, water skiers, campers, RV'ers, and fishermen. The Taft Chamber hosts the annual Trout Fishing Derby at Lake Evans the sailing and fishing part of the Buena Vista Lake complex. Lake Webb, the larger of the two lakes, is popular with the boating and skiing crowds. For information, call (661) 868-7000 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Campgrounds are available to reserve and include full hooks and tent camping.

West Kern Oil Museum

The West Kern Oil Museum, located near Highway 33 and Wood Street in Taft, is a treasure trove of information about the history of Taft and documentation of the petroleum industry. Maintained and operated entirely by volunteers, West Kern Oil Museum includes indoor and outdoor meeting spaces, vintage office, shops, and equipment, a fire house, a tent house, a shotgun house, a transportation building, a tool house, a library, and a gift shop. The Museum is located at 1168 Wood Street and can be contacted at 661-765-6664. West Kern Oil Museum offers free admission and is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m.





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West Side Recreation & Park District

West Side Recreation is the center for sports and activities in the Taft community. Featuring a full-size gymnasium, 4-lane bowling alley, gaming stations, workout and weight room, picnic area, Rec Shoppe, preschool, party room, and two whiffle ball fields, the Recreation Center is open 7-days a week. The Rec operates activi-

ties for all age groups, children through seniors throughout the year and is a vital operation to the City of Taft. West Side Rec is located at 500 Cascade Place, 661-763-4246.

Taft Petroleum Club

As the original Petroleum Club in the nation, the Taft Petroleum Club opened in 1912. Featuring a ball room with a 200-person capacity, the club is available for weddings, receptions, reunions, dances, birthdays, baby showers, and private functions with full catering, outdoor access, and full bar. Taft Petroleum Club Industry night is held the first Wednesday of every month, providing a great opportunity for socializing over a fabulous steak dinner. The Club is located at 450 Petroleum Club Road and reservations can be made by calling 661-763-3268.

Honolulu Hills Raceway

Honolulu Hills Raceway brings some of the best off-road riders to Taft several times a year for the Taft Grand Prix and the World Off Road Championship Series (WORCS) races each year. Practices and smaller races are available to dirt track motorcycles and



ATV's, but there is no regular scheduling. There are large staging areas and miles of desert terrain riding trails. There is no camping, no natural shade, and no facilities or services closer than amenities than the City of Taft. Admission is free, but there is a \$20 fee for competing. This home-grown endeavor is the brain child of Layton Melton Productions, who love and encourage safe off-road competition. Honolulu Hills Raceway is accessible from Highway 119 at 26217 Honolulu Road. Information is provided at www.tafttracing.com.



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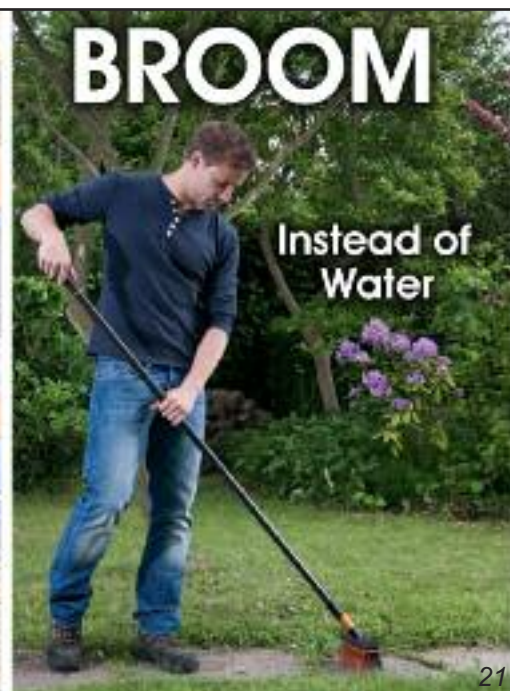
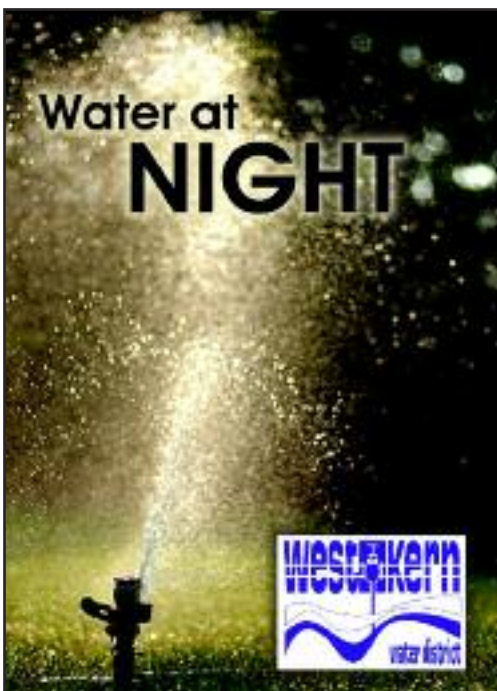
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Special Districts

West Side Recreation & Park District



The West Side Recreation & Park District (WSRPD) is the main provider of municipal recreation and park services in the Taft area. District boundaries cover an area of approximately 407 square miles in western Kern County. The purpose of the Recreation District is to provide a well-rounded, wholesome program of leisure time activities for people residing in the District.

The District's newest facility - and one of the most popular - is the Recreation Center, which opened in September 2011. The Recreation Center includes a full-size gymnasium, 4-lane bowling alley, gaming stations, staff offices, Rec Shoppe, Preschool, party/activity room, 1,900 square foot weight room, picnic area and two whiffle ball fields which are replicas of Major League Baseball fields – Oil Field (Fenway Park) and Scully Field (Dodger Stadium). The Center is open 7-days per week and offers a variety of activities – sports leagues, fitness camps, bowling leagues, open bowling, bowling parties, senior walking program, certified personal trainers, video game stations, drop-in gymnasium use and more. Several membership options are available or users can pay per visit.

Other District facilities include the Franklin Field Recreation Complex, Little League Hall of Fame Complex, 'A' Street Park, Walter Glenn Natatorium and Community Center.

The Franklin Field Recreation Complex includes four softball diamonds, an 18-hole disc golf course, horseshoe pits, concession building, two playgrounds and three covered pavilion areas.

The District recently took over ownership and operation of the Westside Little League Fields – now known as the Little League Hall of Fame Complex. The complex is home to four baseball fields, restrooms, facility and concession stand.



'A' Street Park is a neighborhood park located in Taft Heights. The park includes lighted basketball courts, multi-purpose athletic fields, a 9-hole disc golf course, two covered pavilions and two uncovered BBQ areas.

In the summer months, the happening place to be is the Walter Glenn Natatorium swimming pool. There is a large pool, a shallow pool for non-swimmers and younger kids, two slides, diving board, climbing wall, spray park features, locker rooms and concession building.

The District Office is located at the Community Center, 500 Cascade Place in Taft. This is the heart of WSRPD operations. The District Office handles program registrations and facility reservations. The Community Center is made up of several other buildings (Auditorium, Assembly Room, Kitchen, Activity Building, Senior Recreation Room) that are used for District programs and classes. They may also be rented to the public for events, meetings and celebrations. A playground and skate park are also located at the Community Center, with the Recreation Center adjacent and sharing the same parking lot.

The District offers a variety of programs for all ages. Whether it be sports, classes, special events or drop-in activities, there is always something going on! Our most popular programs include youth sports (soccer, basketball, football, track, volleyball, and softball); contract classes (karate, cheerleading, dance, gymnastics); special events (Father Daughter Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Vendor & Craft Show, Movies Under the Stars); senior activities (bingo, bunco, special dinners, weekly movies, Senior Rec Room) and youth activities (craft workshops, movie socials, cooking classes).

For more information, please give us a call at 661-763-4246 or visit us online at www.wsrpd.com.



West Side Health Care District



The West Side Health Care District with a motto of “Mission Work” is committed to the citizens of the Westside communities we serve!

The legacy that was the West Side District Hospital for over five decades (1947 to 2003) is changing. Our Urgent Care Center has been under the direct operation of the District since 2013 serving the District 365 days a year with extended evening hours, weekends and holidays. The five-member public Board is especially proud to announce that specialist pediatric services are once again available to the families of the Westside!

Most exciting are our plans for continuing the development of a Medical Campus by designing and constructing an Outpatient Center that will continue our urgent care services and provide space and equipment for primary care and other services for

the West Side. The new West Side Family Health Care facility—which will be Federal and State certified as a Rural Health Clinic—is to be designed, constructed and in operation in mid- 2018!

Please visit our website at wshcd.org; the District Office may be contacted at 661-765-7234; and the Urgent Care Center at 661-765-1935.

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With no local groundwater, the District’s imported

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The Board of Directors and Staff remain committed to providing their customers a reliable and affordable supply of high quality water now and into the future. Our State faces many challenges in the coming decades. Our goal at West Kern is to progressively manage this organization and its water supplies in a way that will positively define it for decades. This will be accomplished through a combination of sound water management practices and a stewardship attitude toward the facilities that make this possible.

West Kern Water District is located at 800 Kern Street and can be reached by calling 661-763-3151.

West Side Mosquito & Vector Control

West Side Mosquito & Vector Control District was established in 1931 by the Kern County Board of Supervisors. The Board is comprised of five members, three appointed by the Board of Supervisors, one by the City of Maricopa, and one by the City of Taft. The District works to exterminate mosquitoes, flies, or other insects, abatement of stagnant pools of water and other breeding places, and any and all things necessary to carry out these objectives. Eric Mitchell is the manager of the district and the yard is located at 7004 Gas Co. Road, Taft. They can be contacted at 661-763-3510.

West Side Cemetery District

West Side Cemetery District has been serving the community since 1933 and provides dignified interment services in a beautiful, tranquil and lasting environment that will honor and celebrate life. The cemetery is currently governed by a Board of five appointed members of the District: Gary Summers, Don Black, Carolyn Jackson, Robert Jordan and Roger Montgomery. West Side Cemetery District is managed by Joel Bauer and run by a Staff of five: Nick Ward, Joyce Blue, Greg Oliver, Gerardo Figueroa and Cole Watkins. The Cemetery District can be reached by calling 661-765-4505.



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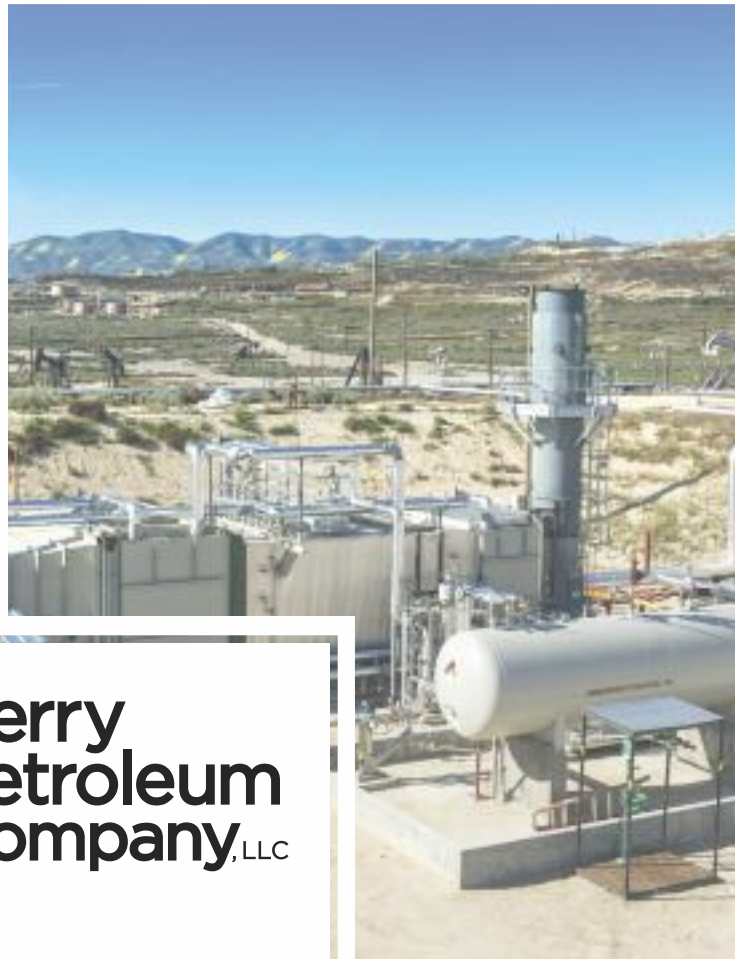
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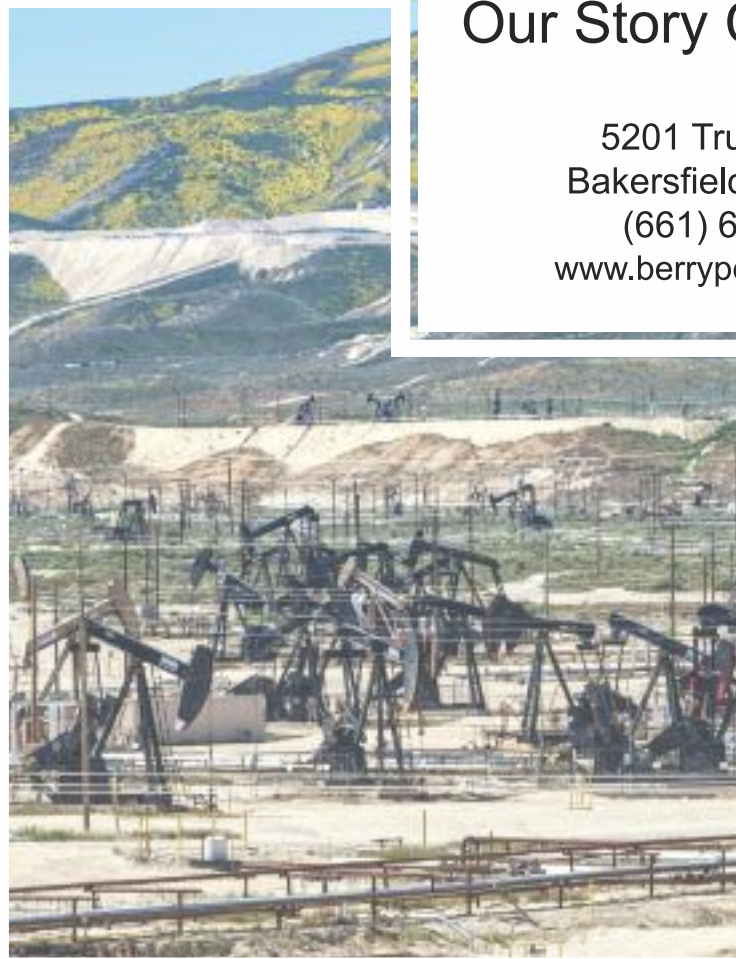
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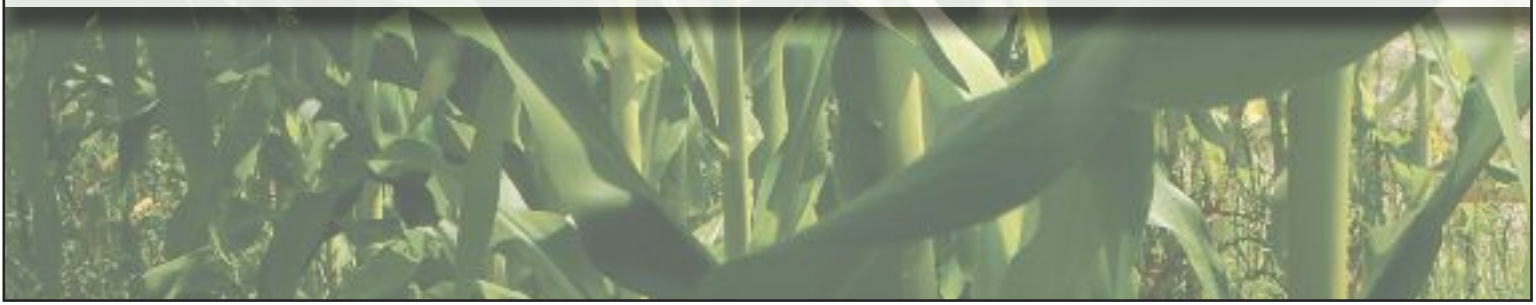
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