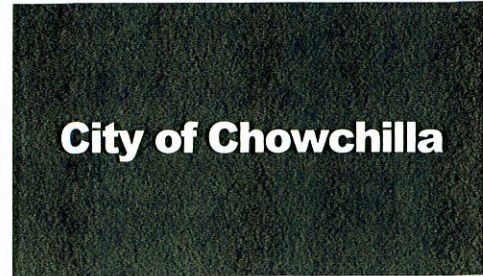


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# Press Release



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## **Chowchilla City Council to consider large development that could potentially create commercial/entertainment/industrial complex**

### **Complex could create more than 2,000 permanent jobs**

Chowchilla, California - The Chowchilla City Council will consider whether to enter into a development agreement with CHWDC, Inc. during its regular Council meeting on September 12, 2011.

The Fresno/Chowchilla-based development company was formed by local business partners with the intent to develop, approximately 580 acres of industrial/commercial land along the Highway 99/152 corridor.

The project design and components could include: industrial, commercial, entertainment, recreation and leisure uses. These uses are still being studied by the developer in conjunction with the City of Chowchilla. If approved, the initial infrastructure for the project is expected to create more than 600 jobs during the design and construction phases of the project. The project is intended as a catalyst project to spur other development. Depending on the final design and project components, the project could also create more than 2000 jobs in the long term.

Mayor Alexander said, "It is all about creating jobs and economic opportunity for our region."

Mark Lewis, City of Chowchilla City Administrator stated, "If the Council decides to move ahead with this proposal we look forward to assisting to make this project a reality due to the potential economic opportunities it could bring to the Central Valley region of California."

Lauren Long, CHWDC, Inc. spokesperson commented, "We are looking forward to working with the City of Chowchilla because of its business friendly environment and desire to bring jobs to the region."

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