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**Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Awarded \$2.5 million Public Works Grant by U.S. Department of Commerce**

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The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (District) has been **awarded a \$2.5 million infrastructure improvement grant** through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). The grant provides 60% project funding for storm drainage and roadway infrastructure in the industrial areas of south Fresno. The project will provide critical infrastructure to facilitate local business expansions, helping to create 258 new jobs.

Cargill Meat Solutions, North Pointe Business Park, Scelzi Enterprises, and Premier Carrier are several of the companies that will be able to expand their operations as a result of the new infrastructure. These companies will also create the projected 258 new jobs that were essential for successful application for funds.

The District is the lead applicant in the South Fresno Storm Drain and Roadway Infrastructure Improvement Project. The project's co-applicants are the County of Fresno and City of Fresno Public Works Departments, and the Fresno Irrigation District. Together, we will complete the \$4,183,500 infrastructure improvement project at a local cost share of \$1,673,400.

"The District's Board of Directors is thankful for the significant and critical infrastructure investment provided through EDA's Public Works Grant. We are also thankful for the committed partnership of the County of Fresno, City of Fresno, and the Fresno Irrigation District in this multi-agency, multi-benefit community project. The willingness and hard work of the people at Cargill, North Pointe, Scelzi Enterprises, and Premier Carrier in helping to build a compelling case to justify such a large infrastructure investment will bring benefit not only to their businesses, but neighboring businesses and surrounding areas." stated Jennette Williams, District Board Chairwoman.

Work is anticipated to conclude by August, 2017.