

*Facility will be located in French Camp*

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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today announced that San Joaquin County’s new medical facility and nursing home for veterans will be located in French Camp. The facility will include a multi-specialty outpatient clinic and nursing home, the construction and staffing of which is estimated to bring 900 jobs to the area.

“I’m excited to announce that San Joaquin County’s new medical facility for veterans has a final home,” said Rep. McNerney. “At last, the Department of Veterans Affairs reached a decision on the facility’s location within the County. Our entire area will benefit from the hundreds of jobs this project creates and our veterans will be able to get medical care close to home. ”

“The effort that brought this facility to our area is a reflection of the community spirit in San Joaquin County,” continued Rep. McNerney. “I want to recognize the many local elected officials who made their voices heard for San Joaquin County, including the members of the Board of Supervisors for their contributions, and all of our veterans for their strong advocacy for this project.”

Congressman McNerney has been a strong advocate for the new medical facility for veterans to be located in San Joaquin County. Over the past years, Congressman McNerney met frequently with current and past Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, hosted a visit from the former Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to see the area firsthand, and brought together local elected officials and leaders of the veterans’ community for a forceful and successful effort to bring the facility to San Joaquin County.

In 2009, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) selected San Joaquin County as the home for

a new medical facility and nursing home for veterans. Subsequent to that decision, the VA considered multiple parcel sites within the County. Today's decision places the final site of the facility in French Camp, at a 52-acre lot north of San Joaquin General and across from I-5.