

Merced County

**The Merced County Courthouse in Merced.
Part 3 of 3: Snelling, LeGrand, Planada, Bellico,
Cortez.**



Merced

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Snelling

This is the first county courthouse. (January 2002)



Snelling

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Snelling

There was extensive gold dredging along the Merced River. The land has never really recovered. (January 2002)



Snelling

(January 2010)



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Cortez

Cortez is not found on many maps. It is a small Japanese community located along the Santa Fe Railroad. Buddhist temple grounds are located among almond orchards. When the Japanese were interned in World War II a local lawyer managed to protect their land. Many Japanese lost their property. (January 2006)



Cortez

The newer Buddhist temple at Cortez.
(January 2006)



Cortez

(January 2006)



Ballico

Ballico has a population of about 400 and is located along the Santa Fe railroad. (January 2006)



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Planada

Planada is located east of Hwy 99. It has a grand main street. The first post office opened in 1896. The original name was Whitton. A contest was held to change the name in 1911. (February 2011)



Planada

(February 2011)



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(February 2011)



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Planada

These interesting light posts decorate the main boulevard. The population of the town is 4,500. (February 2011)



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LeGrand

The town got its first post office in 1896. The population is about 1,600.
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