

TO: WIB

DATE: 5/14/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Summer Youth Update

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only

DISCUSSION: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has made it possible to enroll a large number of youth into work experience activities over the summer. With lead time almost nonexistent, the Department of Workforce Investment has developed a name for branding: “California Youth @ Work – Merced County”. Seventy-three worksites have been developed for work experience. A sample of job tasks include accounting, childcare/teacher’s aide, clerical/general office, construction, green jobs, maintenance/custodial, medical, transportation and warehousing.

A total of 800 youth will be served throughout the County. The projected number of enrollments for each area is as follows:

Atwater/Winton/Ballico/Cressey	120
Dos Palos	80
Los Banos/Santa Nella	150
Merced/El Nido	350
Gustine/Stevinson/Hilmar	40
Livingston/Delhi	25
Snelling	10
Planada/Le Grand	25

There are special projects being considered for the Summer Youth Program. These projects would be set up especially for the summer youth enrollees to provide experience in WIB-sponsored industry job sectors. There have been 7 bids turned in from various organizations to date.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A