

Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
January 12, 2006, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes



WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT BOARD
MERCED COUNTY

<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html>

Members Present:

Lee Anderson	Andrea Baker	Nick Benjamin
Don Bergman	Bob Bittner	Kathleen Cookham
Ben Duran	Peter Fluetsch	Robert Fore
Carol Greenberg	Nellie McGarry	Albert Montejano
Anne Newins	Rick Osorio	Carole Roberds
Mike (Vann) Smith	Mike Sullivan	

Members Absent:

Sharon Cresswell	Phil Flores	Ernie Flores
John Fowler	Scott Galbraith	Jeremiah Greggains
Robert Harmon	Charlie Lambert	Terry Nichols
Alfonse Peterson	Larry Pitts	Al Romero
Chris Rosander	Steve Tinetti	Thomas Tsubota

Others Present:

Dave Davis	Eddie Harding	Dee Knight
Scott McBride	Alfredo Mendoza	Nannette Potter
Joanne Presnell	Frank Quintero	Jackie Walther-Parnell

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Ms. Nellie McGarry, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Roll call was taken.
2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Sullivan/Bittner* to approve the agenda as published.
3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Benjamin/Duran* to approve the November 10, 2005 minutes as written.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak – Ms. Nanette Potter, CA State Labor Market Consultant for Merced County, introduced herself.
5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Bergman/Montejano* to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Supportive Services Policy
 - b. Eligible Training Provider List
6. Action Agenda: It was *M/S/C Fore/Anderson* to approve the Action Agenda.
 - a. Partnering in Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Department of Labor Grant. Ms. Andrea Baker provided background on the WIRED grant, who applied, and the four specific areas of Training focus. The grant is for \$15,000,000 over a three-year period. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley is the lead on this grant application and Fresno CSU Foundation would be the Administrator. For every training dollar obtained from the grant, the WIB would match 25 percent.
7. Presentations:
 - a. Cities of Merced/Atwater Economic Development – Mr. Scott McBride, City of Atwater, provided a handout, and gave an overview of the following important issues facing the City of Atwater:

- Public Safety
- Transportation and Circulation
- Waste Water Treatment Expansion
- Attract Retail and Industrial Development
- New Home Construction
- Building Permit Fees Collected
- Sales Tax Leakage
- Retail, Office and Industrial Development
- Job Growth and Enhancement

Mr. Frank Quintero, City of Merced Redevelopment and Economic Development Manager, first thanked the WIB for its support in letters to the Governor on the Mission Avenue Interchange for the Campus Parkway, and in recruitment of the WalMart Distribution Center. He provided a handout on Merced's Growth Forecast, and gave an overview of the following:

- Local Economy
- Updating the Economic Development Business Plan
- Securing Land for Developers
- Following Leads and Bringing Companies into the Community
- Problems in Getting Companies—Good Healthcare and Education
- Expansion of Existing Companies
- Enterprise Zone Credit
- Loss of Unilever
- Land Annexation
- Types of Businesses and Air Service for the Community
- Entertainment Venues for UC Merced Students
- Wastewater Capacity

- b. Employer Success Story – The Dept of WI staff provided a video showing Los Banos Sports and Rehab Physical Therapy.

8. Announcements:

- a. On January 30, 2006 all WIB members are invited to the grand opening of Wired Internet Café at 9:00 a.m.

9. Information Agenda:

- a. Enterprise Zone Update
- b. High Concentration of Youth Special Project Funding
- c. Exemplary Performance PY 2004/05 Monetary Award
- d. Implications for Action
- e. End-of-Year Report 2004/05
- f. Joint BOS/WIB Meeting
- g. Fiscal Report
- h. LMI Updates
- i. Committee Reports- www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/html

10. Director's Comments – Ms. Baker noted that we have received information regarding the federal allocations and stated that the total WIA allocations were reduced by 4.2%. Adult Programs are going to be reduced by \$30.9 million. No changes to the Dislocated Worker Program. Youth Programs will have a 36.3 million dollars reduction. In addition to this, a 1% cut in all programs is expected. As soon as more information is received, Ms. Baker will inform the Board.

11. Chair Comments- The Chair invited the group to attend the next P16 council meeting on January 13, 2006, at 1880 W. Wardrobe.

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12. Other – None.

13. Next Meeting –March 9, 2006, Dept. of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

14. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 4:20.