

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 03/10/05

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: State of the Workforce Report

PROPOSED MOTION(S): To support the State of the Workforce report and advocate for the Implications for Action related to the three identified Regional Strategic Issues: Economic Development, Education and Workforce Housing.

DISCUSSION: A State of the Workforce report has been developed by the Merced County Workforce Investment Board to be used as a tool when stakeholders are considering policy and action to improve Merced County's quality of life.

Over the last year the Workforce Invest Board has convened and facilitated several panels on regional strategic issues impacting Merced County. Education, workforce housing, and economic development have been identified as those issues integral to the success of ultimately improving and resolving the many challenges, such as poverty, childcare and transportation facing the people of Merced County.

The State of the Workforce will also be presented to the Merced County Board of Supervisors during their regularly scheduled meeting, March 15, 2005. The presentation will conclude with a request from the WIB that the Merced County Board of Supervisors accept the "State of the Workforce" report and endorse the WIB's Implications for Action. All WIB members are encouraged to attend.

Additional presentations will be made to City Councils, community based organizations, and local, state and federal political representatives as a means to facilitate change and policy related to the three issues.

ATTACHMENT(S): Copies of the State of the Workforce will be available at the Workforce Investment Board's meeting.