



**Merced County  
Workforce Investment Board  
Merced County Association of Realtors Board Room  
635 W. Main Street, Merced, CA  
Meeting Minutes  
March 22, 2001**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – The WIB Chair, Steve Tinetti called the meeting to order and roll was taken by Donna Ornelas.

**Members Present:**

Susan Armstrong	Andrea Baker	Richard Becker
Nicolas Benjamin	Don Bergman	Bob Bittner
George Brown	Bob Carpenter	Sharon Cresswell
Ben Duran	John Fowler	Brian Griffin
Robert Harmon	Jeff Knapp	Charlie Lambert
Gisela Malone	Nellie McGarry	Jack Mobley
Rick Osorio	Leslie Peeler	Al Peterson
Carole Roberds	David Riordan	Al Romero
Mike Smith	Steve Tinetti	Elaine Trevino
Jim White		

**Members Absent:**

Bill Cahill	Elaine Craig	Doreen Crawford
Kathleen Crookham	Harry Dull	Ernie Flores
Peter Fluetsch	Don Gormly	Carol Greenberg
John Headding	Diana Ingram	Leo Lamb
Tom May	Ned Miller	Ann Newins
Grover Omyer	Dick Shipley	Helen Sullivan
Michael Sullivan		

**Others Present:**

Debby Hoban	Ed McLaughlin	Bob Molmen
Donna Ornelas	Dick Skarke	

2. **Approval of Agenda** – It was *M/S/C Bergman/Fowler* to approve the agenda as written.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - It was *M/S/C McGarry/Griffin* to approve the minutes of January 25, 2001.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak** – Harry Gossett publicly thanked Rick Osorio for attending and supporting the Building Trades graduation. He noted that the college is continuing work with PITD on the Building Trades program. It is

anticipated the program will continue to be successful. Additionally, Mr. Gossett reminded the Board the Truck Driver program is still up and running at Merced College.

## 5. Action Agenda

- a. **State Rehabilitation MOU** – It was *M/C/S Bergman/McGarry* to approve the MOU between the WIB and California Department of Rehabilitation.
- b. **Extend LVN/RN Contract** - It was *M/S/C Osorio/Bergman (abstention Duran)* to extend the contract with Merced College for RN and LVN training.
- c. **Transfer Up to 20% of Displaced Worker Funds to Adult Funds** - *It was M/S/C Fowler/Bittner* to approve a transfer of Title I Dislocated Worker funds to the Title I Adult Program up to 20%.

## 6. Information Agenda

- a. **Enterprise Zone Vouchering Presentations** - Bernadette Castaneda and Judy Burnett gave a presentation on Enterprise Zone Vouchering.
- b. **One-Stop Operation Presentation** – Dick Skarke gave a presentation on core and intensive services and training services. He explained that intensive and training services require enrollment into WIA using WIA funding, where core services do not.
- c. **Federal Budget Update** – Andrea Baker provided an overview of the proposed 5.3% cut in DOL appropriations for the next FY. The purpose of the update is to campaign to get funding to stay at least the same level. WIB members are asked to send letters to the California Congressional Delegation and Appropriations Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. A list of delegates is available to those who wish to prepare letters. An example of the letter will be posted on the Inter-Net for WIB members to download.
- d. **One-Stop Partners Meeting** – There was a meeting of One-Stop Partners February 5, 2001. The meeting attendees included mandatory partners, WIB Executive Committee members, and some WIB staff. The meeting was facilitated by Lori Strumpf. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2001. At this time Ms. Strumpf will return and the discussion will include sharing of resources and collaboration among the partners.
- e. **One-Stop Core Services** – WIB members were directed to the contents of their package for information on Core Services.
- f. **Castle Reuse Policy** – John Fowler gave an update to the WIB on the areas being worked on in relation to the reuse of Castle. He distributed a copy of an official reuse policy to WIB members. He noted there was a Request for Proposal (RFP) in the works, as well as development of plans for additional use of the facility. He noted Castle was selected as one of three projects in the State for a fully funded web site. It was noted any agencies wanting to link contact him to be included. Andrea Baker noted that currently there is a contract for maintenance of grounds and the

removal of stored items for auction with Human Services Agency for community services participants.

- g. WIA Funding Sources** - WIB members were directed to the attachment of the presentation given to the Finance and Executive Committees. It was noted information is available at the following website: [www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov) and [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov) for anyone wishing information on H1B visa program. Andrea noted that she is working with Merced College to design an appropriate H1B grant application.. Brian Griffin assured WIB members that Congressman Condit is willing to work with local entities to bring in federal funding.

## 7. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Finance Committee** - Mike Smith reported on the Finance Committee. He noted the committee has been working on reviewing the purpose of the committee. He noted the committee received the H1B presentation mentioned earlier. The presentation defined how funding is distributed through formulas, etc. He noted that the committee is interested in what information the full Board would like from the committee.
- b. Marketing and Partnership** - Bob Molmen reported on behalf of the Marketing and Partnerships Committee. He noted the committee is in the process of putting together an RFP for a consultant to develop a logo and advertisement brochures.
- c. Education and Employers** - Al Romero reported for the Education and Employers Committee. He noted the committee is working on an Economic Performance Plan. Additionally, he noted the committee is interested in developing a certificate of standards for students.
- d. Standards and Certifications** - George Brown reported for the Standards and Certification Committee. He noted the committee has identified seven criteria for one-stop partners and is currently working on the criteria for each of the Baldrige areas.
- e. Planning and Policy Development** – This report was tabled.
- f. Youth Council** - Nellie McGarry reported on Youth Council activities. The Council has established subcommittees. The subcommittees are reviewing tasks to ensure they fit into their mission. They are working with Arbor for summer youth programs, as it is anticipated youth participants for the program will increase. The Youth Council is also working on moving to serve the needs of the community in relation to youth as well as increase summer youth programs. The Council and subcommittees are looking at ways to leverage funds and is currently working with agencies. Nellie noted that Vice Chair Mayra Ramirez has been asked to participate on a national conference sponsored by the National Youth Employment Coalition to look at institutional racism.  
*Congratulations to Mayra!*

- 8. Director's Comments** – Andrea Baker noted there will be another CSUS presentation on “Strategic Choices”. The next community forum will be in Delhi, at the Educational Park in the theater, at 7:00 p.m., March 22, 2001. WIB members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Andrea noted a thank you to Don Bergman for changing his meeting of the Chamber as not to conflict with the WIB meeting.

In response to the survey of WIB members regarding meeting dates, the majority of members selected the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every other month. The meetings will be held from 11:30a.m.– 2:00 pm. Input regarding format of the meeting is welcome. Feedback should be directed to Steve Tinetti or Andrea Baker.

- 9. Chair Comment** – Steve noted it would be helpful if all subcommittees would select a vice chair or designated representative so that there would always be representation from each subcommittee at the full WIB meeting.
- 10. Other** – The building trades program still has sheds for sale. The minimum bid is \$1425. Funds raised by the sale are put back into the program.
- 11. Next Meeting Date and Time** – The next Workforce Investment Board meeting is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001, at the Merced County Association of Realtors board room from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 12. Adjournment**