

**Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave
April 2, 2007, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**



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

Members Present:

Kathleen Crookham Nellie McGarry Mike Sullivan (Vice Chair) Vann (Mike) Smith

Members Absent:

Robert Harmon (Chair) Albert Montejano Rick Osorio

Others Present:

Andrea Baker Brian Cutler Dave Davis Debby Hoban
Alfredo Mendoza Joanne Presnell Jackie Walther-Parnell

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda: It was *M/S/C Crookham/Smith* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes: It was *M/S/C Smith/Crookham* to approve the February 5, 2007 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.
 5. Action Agenda:
 - a. Los Banos PLATO Lab Contract – It was *M/S/C Crookham/McGarry* to approve the contract from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and forward to the BOS for approval.
 - b. Merced PLATO Lab Contract – It was *M/S/C McGarry/Crookham* to approve the contract from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and forward to the BOS for approval.
 - c. Licensed Vocational Nurse Grant Contracts – It was *M/S/C Crookham/McGarry* to approve the three-year contracts, and forward to the BOS for approval.
 - d. Local Workforce Investment Act Proposed Performance Goals for PY 2006-07 – It was *M/S/C Crookham/McGarry* to give staff approval to renegotiate the LWIA Adult Average Earnings.
 6. Information:
 - a. Program Year 2005-06 Exemplary Performance Awards: Staff noted the amount for Merced should be \$12,005 (not \$12,500).
 - b. Merced County Workforce Investment Board Recertification.
 - c. Regional and Local Incentive Award Application: It was noted this is a regional/local collaboration around business services with two intelligence tools—1) Connectory, which is business to business, and 2) Executive Pulse, which is for education and economic development.
 - d. Workforce Investment Act 85-Percent Program Review.
 - e. WIRED Initiative – Third Generation: This is a \$5 million three-year grant that only governors can apply for on behalf of regions within their state.

f. Financial Reports.

7. Director Comments: Ms. Andrea Baker noted the State is focusing its extra dollars on regional projects, and it has been cost effective for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Collaborative to have done things together.

On a national level, the Senate passed the budget for next year. Statewide, there has been another bill submitted for WIA. Also the State Board has a new director, Ms. Barbara Halsey, who was the director for San Bernardino County.

This year the California Workforce Association is presenting Workforce Professional of the Year awards in the following categories—1) Working With Jobseekers, 2) Working With Businesses, and 3) Overall Workforce Professional. The winners have been selected, and the Overall Workforce Professional is Ms. Julie Odell, Merced Employment Development Department.

8. Chair Comments: The Vice Chair was asked if the subprime loan rate/housing issue would affect Merced County. It was noted that eventually it would affect everything within the County.

9. Next Meeting: May 7, 2007, Dept of Workforce Investment Large Conference Room, 1880 W. Wardrobe Ave.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.