

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Finance Committee

Department of Workforce Investment (Small Conf Rm)
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA

Wednesday, April 26, 2006, 7:30–9:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

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WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT BOARD
MERCED COUNTY

Members Present: Andrea Baker, Alfonse Peterson (Vice Chair), Vann (Mike) Smith (Chair)

Members Absent: Lee Andersen, John Fowler

Staff Present: Dave Davis, Debby Hoban, Joanne Presnell, Jackie Walther-Parnell

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.

2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Peterson/Baker* to approve the agenda as published.

3. Approve Minutes (January 25, 2006): It was *M/S/C Peterson/Baker* to approve the January 25, 2006 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None

5. Information and Updates.

a. Update on Funding Applications: Ms. Joanne Presnell briefed the committee on the grant application for an additional \$175,000 to serve dislocated workers. This is a collaborative grant with Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC). CVOC is applying for additional funding with a goal to serve limited English speaking seasonal workers.

b. Limited Funds Policy: Mr. Dave Davis briefed that the Limited Funds Policy established by the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) in 2003 is inconsistent with the present WIB policy of business first. The process was implemented to ensure low-income individuals received training priorities, but funding has proven adequate to serve both low-income and non-low-income participants. Businesses deserve the “best” participant, not the best of the low-income participants. At its April 3, 2006 meeting, the Executive Committee approved revoking the Limited Funds Policy. This will go to the WIB for ratification at its May meeting.

c. Fiscal and Procurement Monitoring by Employment Development Department (EDD): Ms. Jackie Walther-Parnell stated that the EDD performed a Fiscal and Procurement Review of Merced County’s Workforce Investment Act funds in April. A written report has not been received, but the monitor advised the staff that there were no findings or concerns.

d. Fiscal Report – 3rd Quarter FY 05/06: Staff gave an overview and answered specific questions..

e. Contracts Report: Staff reviewed the report. All contracts are on target.

f. Enterprise Zone Revenue Report: Informational report.

g. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Report: This is the fourth year volunteers have provided income tax preparation in Merced County at the Merced Worknet Employment Resource Center. Chart was provided showing the results for the last three (3) years.

6. Chair Comments: The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

7. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is May 31, 2006, 7:30-9:00 a.m., in the Wardrobe Small Conference Room.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Debby Hoban.