

Planning, Policy Development, and Legislation Committee
Merced County Department of Business Economic Opportunities
2000 M Street, Merced, CA
June 26, 2002, 3:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes



Members Present: Andrea Baker, George Brown, Peter Fluetsch (Chair), John Fowler, Brian Griffin, Rhonda Walton

Members Absent: Nick Benjamin, Harry Dull, Ernie Flores, Carol Greenberg

PITD Staff Present: Debby Hoban, John Kasnick, Dick Skarke

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – The Chair called the meeting to order. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.
2. **Agenda** –The agenda was approved with the addition of two items: Action Item 6b, First Source Hiring, and Information Item 7a, State Department of Labor.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – It was *M/S/C Griffin/Walton* to approve the May 22, 2002 minutes.
4. **Public Opportunity to Speak** – None present.
5. **Update – Meet the WIB Contest** – None
6. **Action Agenda:**
 - a. **Plan Modification** – Copies of the Merced County Local Five-Year Strategic Plan (Third Year Modification Draft) were provided to the committee members. It was *M/S/C Fowler/Brown* to forward the plan modification to the WIB for approval.
 - b. **First Source Hiring** – Mr. John Fowler reported on the meeting of Economic Development Professionals. A request was made to work towards having a First Source Hiring Policy/Agreement to use when they talk to prospective companies. After discussion, it was decided to bring this item back to the committee.
7. **Information Agenda:**
 - a. **State Department of Labor** – Ms. Andrea Baker briefed the committee on the Quarterly State Directors meeting she attended. She covered the following topics:
 - (1) The formation of the new State Department of Labor effective July 1, 2002, under which EDD, State WIB, and various other departments would fall,
 - (2) Expanded responsibilities for local WIBs being discussed to include Job Service and Cal Works, and
 - (3) The establishment of a cabinet level Workforce Council by the Governor.
8. **Chair Comments** – The Chair mentioned the WIB retreat and the possibility of consolidating committees.

9. Next Meeting Date and Time – The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at the Merced County Department of Business Economic Opportunities, 2000 M Street, Merced, 3:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Debby Hoban