

**TO: WIB**

**DATE: 7/13/06**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

For Action

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For Discussion

**SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Retreat**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.**

**DISCUSSION:** It has been 21 months since the WIB had its last retreat. Monday, July 24, 2006, the WIB will hold a retreat, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The WIB was organized along its present committee structure in 2003. Since that time the WIB has expanded its strategic outlook, identified industry clusters to support, redefined its goals, developed Implications for Actions, and is now aligning with education, economic development and workforce housing.

The goals of this retreat are:

- Review and update the WIB's goals
- Evaluate the WIB's committee structure and redesign if needed

The retreat will be facilitated by Ms. Virginia Hamilton, Executive Director, California Workforce Association. Many of the WIB members have met her at CWA conferences.

**ATTACHMENT (S):**  
**Biography**

## **Virginia Hamilton Biography**

**Virginia Hamilton is the Executive Director of the California Workforce Association (CWA), a non-profit that develops public policy strategies and builds local capacity to address critical workforce issues. The Association represents California's 50 Workforce Investment Boards, over 200 One-Stop Career Centers and other local non-profits, government, educational institutions and community based organizations involved in training, education, economic development, welfare, and employment. Ms. Hamilton developed strategic alliances with other statewide associations and has secured grants from the federal Economic Development Association, the US Department of Labor, the James Irvine, Hewlett, San Francisco and Ford Foundations.**

**She serves on the Board of Directors of the California Association for Local Economic Development, the National Workforce Association, the Institute for Work and the Economy, and the California Space Authority, and served on the Community Transportation Association of America Jobs project Expert Panel, Children Now's Working Families Business Advisory Committee. Ms. Hamilton has collaborated with Toffler Associates, founded by Alvin and Heidi Toffler, on developing future scenarios for workforce in California. She serves on numerous panels, task forces, and boards related to workforce policy, welfare reform, and employment, training and education issues.**

**Prior to CWA, Ms. Hamilton was Chief of the Office of Workforce Policy at the State Employment Development Department. There, she was responsible for planning and implementing the One-Stop career center system in California, and for the administration of State and federal workforce programs. Ms. Hamilton has 20 years of experience in workforce, welfare-to-work, economic development, and related public policy areas. She is also trained as a master facilitator, and facilitates groups using participatory methods. She is a native of New York City and lives in Sacramento, California.**