

Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
July 13, 2006, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes



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

Members Present:

Lee Andersen
Bob Bittner
Ernie Flores
Carol Greenberg
Albert Montejano
Alfonse Peterson
Chris Rosander

Andrea Baker
Sharon Cresswell
Robert Fore
Robert Harmon
Anne Newins
Larry Pitts

Don Bergman
Kathleen Cookham
John Fowler
Nellie McGarry
Rick Osorio
Al Romero

Members Absent:

Nick Benjamin
Peter Fluetsch
Carole Roberds
Steve Tinetti

Ben Duran
Charlie Lambert
Vann (Mike) Smith
Thomas Tsubota

Phil Flores
Terry Nichols
Mike Sullivan

Others Present:

Benedette Castaneda
Teresa Kinney
Nannette Potter
Jackie Walther-Parnell

Dave Davis
Dee Knight
Joanne Presnell

Eddie Harding
Alfredo Mendoza
Kurt Silva

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Robert Harmon, called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Rosander/Peterson* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Fowler/Newins* to approve the May 11, 2006 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
 5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Rosander (abstain Newins/Andersen/Fore/Bittner)* to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Registered Nurse Renewal
 - b. Empower Out-of-School Youth Contract Renewal
 - c. Youth Opportunity Program Younger Youth Contract Renewal
 - d. Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT) Agreement Renewal
 6. Action Agenda:
 - a. Certification of Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center – Mr. Albert Montejano noted in April 2006, members of the Quality Assurance Committee made a site visit to Worknet Los Banos. The committee recommends the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) approve the Affiliate Site Certification.

It was *M/S/C Bergman/Peterson* to grant a two-year Affiliate Site Certification to the Worknet Los Banos Employment Resource Center.

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7. Announcement:

a. Staff noted on the back table were flyers announcing the WIB Retreat on July 24, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., along with the Retreat Agenda. Everyone was asked to pick up a copy and to RSVP to Dee Knight by July 19, 2006.

8. Presentation:

a. Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) & Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) – Mr. Kurt Silva, Employment Development Dept, gave a PowerPoint presentation and provided handouts on the TAA and TRA. These are Federal Programs administered by the Dept of Labor to assist workers who have lost their jobs, or wages were reduced as a result of trade with other countries. TAA is also available to employers.

9. Information Agenda:

- a. Allocation Update
- b. Inside E. D. – Workforce Training Is Key Location Factor
- c. Implications for Action
- d. Letter to Congressman Cardoza
- e. Child Support Services Grant – An overview of the process of this pilot program was given. This would help increase child support payments for DCSS. Dept of WI should know sometime in the fall if this grant is awarded.
- f. Responsible Fatherhood Initiative
- g. Funding Request to Employment Development Dept
- h. Participant Report
- i. LMI Updates
- j. Fiscal Report
- k. Committee Reports – www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html

10. Director's Comments: Ms. Andrea Baker noted the Department has submitted several grant proposals. One with Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC) has been awarded to help the Unilever and Dole dislocated workers.

At the Federal level, the Senate has gotten the WIA Reauthorization out of committee, and is working on the faith-based issue. For 2005/06 allocations, there is a proposed rescission of \$356 million for the program just ended. There is also a conference being held on the Labor HHS budget.

11. Chair Comments: The Chair noted the WIB has two goals for the year –

- a. Increase membership. To do that, a 3x5 card with a list of the types of businesses to contact was provided to attach to members' car visor. When driving by or visiting a business, write down the name of the business, the contact person and phone number. Give the information to staff, and staff will recruit them for the WIB.
- b. Revamp all committees to be more aligned with the WIB goals.

The Chair noted with all the WIB members' cooperation, these two items can be accomplished.

The Chair presented Ms. Nellie McGarry with a plaque from the WIB for her participation as Chair from Jan 2005 to June 2006.

12. Other: Pacific Gas & Electric Company will be at CVOC, 6838 Miles Ct, Winton, on Thursday, July 20th, at 2:00 p.m., doing some orientation and testing for jobs they have available. It is open to the public.

The Dept of WI is having a Job Fair, Saturday, July 15th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Wardrobe office, for Quebecor. On Monday, July 17th, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m., in Los Banos there will be a Job Fair for IdleAire.

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13. Next Meeting – September 14, 2006, Dept. of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.
14. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 3:58.