



**WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT BOARD
MERCED COUNTY**

**Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
September 13, 2007, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes**

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

Members Present:

Lee Andersen	Andrea Baker	Bob Bittner
Kathleen Cookham	Rennise Ferrario	John Fowler
Carol Greenberg	Robert Harmon	Darren Hughes
Henry Idefonzo	Albert Montejano	Anne Newins
Rick Osorio	Alfonse Peterson	Carole Roberds
Lyle Wright		

Members Absent:

Don Bergman	Edward Dietz	Ben Duran
Ernie Flores	Peter Fluetsch	Steve Newvine
Terry Nichols	Al Romero	Vann (Mike) Smith
John Stewart	Mike Sullivan	Thomas Tsubota

Others Present:

Brian Cutler	Dave Davis	Eddie Harding
Teresa Kinney	Dee Knight	Alfredo Mendoza
Joanne Presnell	Pedro Vargas	Jackie Walther-Parnell

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Due to lack of a quorum, the Chair, Mr. Robert Harmon, did not call the meeting to order until 3:21 p.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Roberds/Crookham* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Greenberg/Montejano* to approve the July 12, 2007 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
 5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Fowler/Roberds* to approve items a. and b. of the Consent Agenda.
 - a. One-Stop Memorandums of Understanding Amendments
 - b. Supportive Services Policy
 6. Action Agenda:
 - a. Financial Support for the Youth Resource Directory – It was *M/S/C Osorio/Montejano* to approve the Youth Council's request for \$500 for printing the Youth Resource Directory.
 - b. Eligible Training Provider List – Boston Reed Electronics Technician – It was *M/S/C Osorio/Fowler* to approve adding Boston Reed's Electronics Technician training to the ETPL.
 - c. Workforce Investment Act Program Performance Goals – It was *M/S/C Crookham/Montejano* to accept the WIA Performance Goals for PY 2006-07

7. Presentations:

a. California Infrastructure: Ms. Andrea Baker gave a PowerPoint presentation on the CA Infrastructure bonds that were passed last year, the Workforce Development and the CA Economy. The following areas were covered:

- Planning and Design Job Share
- Industries that Make Up the Infrastructure Value Chain
- Range of Occupations (levels)
- Regional Distribution of Employment in the Value Chain
- Four Priority Goods Movement Region – Central Valley is #2
- San Joaquin Valley Infrastructure Value Chains

b. Workforce Investment Board Self-Assessment Survey: Staff gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Self-Assessment Survey—areas most improved, highest rated areas, the numerical score ratings, what the WIB needs to improve on, etc. The results were compared to the 2001 survey results. This is a national survey used by all WIBs. Overall, every category was improved. The complete analysis was provided to everyone.

c. Mod 8 to 5-Year Strategic Plan: Staff gave a PowerPoint presentation on the changes/objectives made by the State. These modifications are to update the Strategic Plan that was approved in September 2000. The complete plan is on the WIB website under Public Notices.

8. Member Committee Reports:

a. CA Workforce Association Update: The Chair noted that those who attended the CWA Conference in Monterey, CA, would give an update at the next WIB meeting. Ms. Andrea Baker noted they received some very informative information from Mr. Ray Marshall, former Secretary of Labor under President Carter, who is now a member of the National Center on Education and the Economy, which is a foundation working on issues of the economy. This information is contained in a booklet, Tough Choices for Tough Times, which can be accessed at www.skillscommission.org.

b. P-16 Council: Mr. Lee Andersen noted the P-16 Council gave a 6-member panel presentation at the California P-16 Conference in June, in Long Beach, CA. At the conference, some major activities of the P-16 Council were highlighted—The High School Career Technical Education Classes and boosting the ROP classes to adding academic content so they qualify for CSU and UC Merced requirements. Also, the Delhi District funded a summer program of physics and auto technology at the new Auto Center at Castle Airport, and geometry and construction is being integrated.

Mr. Andersen invited everyone to the Grand Opening of the Auto Repair Center, Castle Airport, on September 20, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. You enter the south gate, and it is past the Big Creek Lumber building. They will put up signs giving directions to the facility.

c. Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee: Staff noted the committee had a brown bag meeting in the Commerce, Aviation & Economic Development conference room at Castle Airport. Executive Pulse gave a presentation. Staff is arranging a date for the company to come and give training on this system.

9. Information Agenda:

- a. Workforce Investment Board Resignation – Ms. Nellie McGarry
- b. Workforce Investment Act Proposed \$355 Million Rescission

- c. State Plan for Career Technical Education
- d. Business Focus Groups
- e. End-of-Year Participant Summary.
- f. Fiscal Reports
- g. Participant Reports
- h. Labor Market Information

10. Director's Comments: Ms. Baker noted as a part of the regional collaboration, all the WIBs involved are doing an employment survey. There will be a letter going out to the community in the next Chamber October newspaper, and WIB members have been provided some talking points just in case you are asked any questions about this survey.

She also noted Worknet Merced was honored by the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce as being the Business of the Month for August, and was featured in its September issue.

11. Chair Comments: The Chair noted he was happy the survey was completed, and thanked those who participated.

12. Other Comments: Ms. Anne Newins invited everyone to visit the new Merced College campus in Los Banos whenever they are in the vicinity.

13. Next Meeting – November 8, 2007, Dept of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

14. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 4:02 p.m.