

Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
November 9, 2006, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Agenda



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

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call.....
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. Approval of September 14, 2006 Minutes
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak.....
 5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Membership—Steve Newvine..... Dave Davis
 - b. Supportive Services Policy..... Dave Davis
 - c. High Concentration of Eligible Youth Grant Application
 6. Action Agenda
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Bylaws Revisions
 - b. Licensed Vocational Nurse Contract Renewal..... Dave Davis
 - c. Youth Council Membership—William Cox
 7. Presentation – City of Merced Economic Development Plan (Draft)..... Bill Cahill (15 mins)
 8. Information Agenda
 - a. Workforce Development Professionals Recognition
 - b. Four County Collaborative Grant Applications
 - c. Merced Regional Manufacturing Summit
 - d. October Job Fair
 - e. Loss of One-Stop Partner – Experience Works
 - f. Advocacy Letters
 - g. LMI Updates
 - h. Participant Reports
 - i. Fiscal Report
 - j. Committee Reports - www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html
 9. Director’s Comments
 10. Chair Comments.....
 11. Other
 12. Next Meeting – January 11, 2007
 13. Adjourn



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INVESTMENT BOARD
MERCED COUNTY**

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Meeting Notes**

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Members Present:

Lee Andersen	Andrea Baker	Bob Bittner
Sharon Cresswell	Kathleen Cookham	Phil Flores
Peter Fluetsch	John Fowler	Robert Harmon
Anne Newins	Alfonse Peterson	Larry Pitts
Carole Roberds	Vann (Mike) Smith	Mike Sullivan
Steve Tinetti		

Members Absent:

Don Bergman	Nick Benjamin	Ben Duran
Ernie Flores	Carol Greenberg	Charlie Lambert
Nellie McGarry	Albert Montejano	Terry Nichols
Rick Osorio	Al Romero	Chris Rosander
Thomas Tsubota		

Others Present:

Dave Davis	Patti Dossetti	Eddie Harding
Dee Knight	Alfredo Mendoza	Nannette Potter
Roger Schmitt	Jackie Walther-Parnell	

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Robert Harmon, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Fowler/Peterson* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Andersen/Tinetti* to approve the July 13, 2006 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
 5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Tinetti/Sullivan* to approve items a.-e. of the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Eligible Training Provider List Addition – Essential Health Massage Therapy
 - b. Eligible Training Provider List Addition – ROP Automotive Services
 - c. Appointment to Youth Council – Ms. Holly Newlon
 - d. Appointment to Workforce Investment Board – Ms. Rennise Ferrario
 - e. Application to Employment & Training Administration and Dept of Labor for Community-Based Training GrantIt was *M/S/C Pitts/Newins* to approve item f. – Marketing Plan Update – with the following correction:
Page 5, Worknet attributes which will be stressed as the marketing message, bullet #2, should read, “Worknet is ‘the place to go’, with many convenient locations throughout Merced County”.
 6. Presentation – Engineering Academy at Buhach Colony High School:
 - a. Ms. Patti Dossetti, Program Development Manager for Merced Union High School District, writes grants for Merced, Atwater and Livingston. She presented a grant opportunity that would be for the Buhach Colony High School. The grant is from the California Dept of Education, and it would be for a pilot Engineering Academy (mechanical, electrical, computer, civil and industrial engineering). The grant has a

community involvement component, and she would like the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to get involved by writing a letter in support of the project. If the grant is awarded, she would report on the progress of the project, and ask the WIB for feedback on how to make the project better.

7. Action Agenda:

- a. Letter of Support – Merced Union High School District’s Engineering Academy: It was *M/S/C Tinetti/Andersen* that the WIB write a letter in support of the Engineering Academy.
- b. Workforce Investment Board Committee Structure Change: It was *M/S/C Smith/Peterson* to dissolve the Finance Committee, and have the Executive Committee assume the financial responsibilities.
- c. Modification 7 to 5-Year Strategic Plan: It was *M/S/C Bittner/Fluetsch* to approve Modification #7 to the Five-Year Strategic Plan.
- d. Selection of Additional Industry Cluster: It was *M/S/C Roberds/Crookham* to add Manufacturing, to include Ag Manufacturing as an additional industry cluster.
- e. Letter of Support – California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley: It was *M/S/C Tinetti/Crookham* to approve sending a letter to the Governor for support of California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. It was suggested that the Partnership add to Goal 3 the contributions of community colleges, the CSU system, and the broader medical field support services.

8. Presentation – California Edge:

- a. Ms. Andrea Baker gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following points of California’s EDGE Campaign, and everyone was provided a booklet prepared by California’s EDGE Campaign:
 - Invest in regional workforce and economic development strategies to build prosperous communities and competitive industries.
 - Provide all Californians access to high quality postsecondary education and skills training.
 - Provide working adults with opportunities to move up the skill ladder.
 - Link workforce programs and institutions to create pathways to high wage jobs.
 - Align program goals and measures to achieve a shared vision of California’s future and to ensure accountability.

After the presentation, Ms. Baker asked that she be permitted to sign up the Merced County WIB as endorsing the EDGE Campaign, and that individual members, having businesses, represent their business by going online to endorse the EDGE Campaign.

It was *M/S/C Fowler/Roberds* that the WIB endorse the EDGE Campaign.

9. Information Agenda:

- a. Receipt of Modification 7 to Master Subgrant Agreement – Unilever (Dept of WI/Central Valley Opportunity Center Joint Application)
- b. Receipt of Modification 8 to Master Subgrant Agreement - Quebecor
- c. Dept of WI/Regional Occupational Program Construction Trades Career Fair
- d. Manufacturing a Career (MAC) Proposal
- e. Rapid Response Special Project Grant
- f. Local Workforce Investment Area Performance Goals – PY 2005/06
- g. Participant Report
- h. LMI Updates
- i. Fiscal Report
- j. Committee Reports – www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html

10. Director’s Comments: Ms. Baker noted that SB 293 – Workforce Training Act (Education, Training and Investment) was enrolled, and it’s on the Governor’s desk for signature. One thing that is new is the percentage of the WIB members who are to come from labor associations, which is more than we have now.

11. Chair Comments: The Chair asked those who attended the Meeting of the Minds Conference in Monterey, CA, to enlighten WIB members on an item(s) that was significant to them.

a. The Chair noted he was impressed with the caliber of the presenters, and the presentations made. Also, how to retain and attract skilled labor.

b. Mr. Dave Davis noted he learned a new word for “soft skills”, which is “workplace basics”. A gentleman from Kansas City said someone asked him to tell them about their minimum wage jobs, and he replied, “We don’t find people minimum wage jobs, we deal in careers”.

c. Mr. Lee Andersen noted Merced was well represented. The speakers shared huge numbers of the upcoming worker gaps—messages of doom and gloom, but no mention of outsourcing or economic development.

d. Mr. John Fowler noted the EDGE Campaign was a highlight for him. Even though we talk about economic and workforce development, there are very few economic developers and/or State agencies at these conferences. He did select a number of items from different speakers that he will be glad to share later.

e. Mr. Bob Bittner noted it was clear that we are still in a era of declining resources, and on a State level they are looking more favorably at regional grant proposals rather than local.

f. Mr. Mike Sullivan noted he has shared a summary of the highlights with his staff. One of the things Merced County should focus on is to develop our own talent as much as we can from within our organizations. Don’t think you always have to go outside for talent. Also, focus more on the “quality of life” for the community—make sure you are a tolerant community.

g. Ms. Baker noted the concept of Regionalism was important because it reflects the diversity of industries in the region. You can focus on building talent, not attracting it—build on what you’ve got because it’s going to stay. Building partnerships, and cultivating a dynamic and tolerant culture—being able to take a risk even though the dollars may be short.

12. Other: Staff noted the meeting day/time will not change due to several key members being unable to change their schedule. Staff thanked everyone for participating in the survey.

13. Next Meeting – November 19, 2006, Dept. of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

14. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 4:25.

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Nomination to the Workforce Investment Board

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Accept the nomination of Mr. Steve Newvine to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

DISCUSSION: Section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) outlines criteria for membership on the local WIB. One of the requirements is that a majority of the members of the Local Board must be representatives of the private sector in the local area.

Chairman of the Board Susie Bubenchik of the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce has nominated Mr. Steve Newvine for membership on the WIB as a private sector representative. Mr. Newvine is the CEO/President of the Chamber. He also serves on the P-16 Council, and is a board member of MECEDCO.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Application and Nomination will be available at the meeting.

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Supportive Services Policy

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Ratify the revised Supportive Services Policy.

DISCUSSION: The Supportive Services Policy was last modified January 12, 2006, and is now in need of revision. Specifically, the Flexible Benefit account is being revised. The Flexible Benefit account is the maximum amount of dollars available to each eligible participant, based on the daily allowance for transportation and childcare, and/or the actual cost of other services provided. Each eligible participant may select how their allocation will be used to assist them during training or job search activities.

The reductions in this year's Adult and Dislocated Worker allocations are the reasons this revision is being proposed. The one item being revised will reduce the amount available for participants enrolled in Core B/Intensive Services from \$300 to \$150.

During its scheduled October 2, 2006 meeting, the Executive Committee approved the revised Supportive Services Policy.

**ATTACHMENT(S):
Revised Supportive Services Policy**

Supportive Services

Policy: Effective October 16, 2006, participants may be provided supportive services using the criteria stated in this policy.

Section I – General Provisions

The Merced County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), through the Merced County Department of Workforce Investment (WI), will make available supportive services to appropriate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) participants. All requests for participant supportive services and all collaborating information detailing the **need** will be documented in the Individual Employment Plan and/or in the participant's diary. To the best of its ability, the Department of Workforce Investment ensures that:

- Services provided under this policy are necessary to enable participants to participate in activities authorized under Title I of WIA;
- Services provided do not duplicate services available from other sources and are coordinated with the services and resources of the One-Stop partners and other community service partners.
- Financial assistance does not include post-exit services;
- Bonus and incentive payments, if provided are based on the attendance and performance by the participants receiving them;
- To the extent possible, similarly situated participants receive similar services;
- The Workforce Investment Area will meet applicable Internal Revenue Service and Fair Labor Standards Act requirements;
- Needs-related supportive services are based on the program activity in which an individual is enrolled and the ongoing assessment related to the participant, such information to be documented in the Individual Employment Plan;
- Provisions of supportive services under this policy are contingent upon WIA funds available. Additionally, at the discretion of the Local WIB this Supportive Services Policy is subject to review and change.

Supportive services will be provided through a Flexible Benefit Account for each eligible participant. The Flexible Benefit Account is a maximum amount of dollars available to each eligible participant, based on the daily allowance for transportation and child care and/or the actual cost of other services provided, to offset any authorized supportive service needs for which the participant is eligible, as agreed to, and documented by, an Employment and Training Specialist (E&T). Each eligible participant may select how their allocation will be used to assist them during training and or job search activities. At no time, will a participant's use of any one service, or a combination of services, exceed the total amount of money available in his or her Flexible Benefit Account.

- Enrollment in Core B and Intensive Job Search/Pre-employment Related Services - \$100.
- Enrollment in Core B and/or Intensive Services, Employment Specific - \$50.
- Enrollment in a full time activity (as defined by the training provider) - \$2200
This allowance may not be authorized for the LVN and/or RN programs at Merced College, dependent on WIA funding availability.
- Enrollment in a full-time training activity with a vocational classroom training provider not on the Eligible Training Provider List (such an enrollment is known locally as a "cross-referral"):

- A. \$1,000 – This money is available to the client only for the actual costs associated with the training such as books, uniforms, supplies, and fees, such as health and parking. In no instance may any portion of this money be used for registration or tuition costs.
- B. \$2,200. Enrollment in a full-time training activity.

Exceptions may be made to this policy, on a case-by case basis, should individual circumstances warrant exception and are documented in the case diary by an Employment and Training Specialist.

Section 2- Supportive Services

The Department of Workforce Investment, in accordance with the Workforce Investment Act and its implementing regulations, will provide supportive services deemed appropriate for payment or reimbursement to participants and/or other agencies or businesses for pre-approved necessary services, equipment and/or materials provided to the participant. Such services, equipment and/or materials may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Transportation ¹
- Childcare²
- Employment/Retention Needs
- DMV Printouts; Physicals;
- Tools; Uniforms/shoes/boots; Work clothes;
- Immunizations;
- Testing Cost, Fees, Licensing or endorsements;
- Application Fees; haircuts.

Needs-Related/Incidental Payments will not be authorized for this program year.

Participants who obtain unsubsidized employment may have their Supportive Services (Flexible Benefit Account) reduced or terminated. The participant's needs will be reassessed to determine if further assistance from WIA funding is required.

An Employment and Training Specialist, in collaboration with the participant, will develop a plan for services, equipment and/or materials that are typical for a participants' area of training, job search, and/or program activity.

¹ In County residents attending out-of county full-time training, and in-county residents with a round trip of 20-49 miles or 50 plus miles as verified by Map Quest or a similar website (including to and from childcare provide) to attend in-county full time training, are eligible to be reimbursed (daily attendance will be verified by training provider). Rate of reimbursement varies 20 – 49 miles roundtrip \$5.00 per day; 50 plus miles roundtrip \$10 per day. Bus passes are available to those participants whose schedule and childcare arrangement can be accommodated by public transportation. Also, participants who are eligible to receive transportation allowance must provide proof of driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance.

² Participants with a child 12 years of age or younger may be eligible for childcare. Participants with a child 13 through 18 years of age may be eligible for childcare the child is physically or mentally incapable of caring for him or herself, as determined by a legally qualified professional or who is under court supervision. If the participant's spouse or significant other is neither working, looking for work nor in a training program and is not incapacitated or does not have special needs, childcare is not authorized. Participants qualifying for childcare will be reimbursed at the rate of \$20.00 per day, regardless of the number of qualifying children. Documentation for reimbursement for childcare is the participant's Time and Attendance for days in training, furnished by the training provider.

Section 3-Pell Grants

Participants enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an accredited college, in a course of study eligible for Federal or State financial aid and, leading to the award of a professional certificate, degree, etc., must apply for a Federal Pell Grant. No Supportive Services will be provided until this action is accomplished, as verified by a copy of the Pell Grant Application or award letter. Other grants, which the participant has applied for, must also be verified. Copies of the verification documents will be maintained in the participant's file.

Note: Preliminary Pell Grant eligibility can be established prior to enrollment into a training program. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is used to determine eligibility and is available through the Internet or the financial-aid offices of accredited colleges. Applications can be submitted on-line through the One-Stop. One-Stop counselors will be familiar with the proper completion procedures for these forms and be able to assist customers in the filing process. Pell Grants are awarded only once in a program year, and only for one academic institution. The maximum amount for the Pell Grant will vary from year to year.

For WIA participants enrolled in the RN and LVN programs at Merced College, Supportive Services may be provided while a Pell Grant application is pending. Expenditures for Supportive Services will be tracked through the Department's fiscal client database.

Case managers will utilize their monthly contact with the participant to verify the status of the PELL Grant application. Note: Merced College publishes a Student Financial Aid Report that documents the status of Pell and other grant applications. The report also details the amounts and disposition of any grants awarded. These reports are provided to the One-Stop (Employment Resource Center) on a semester basis.

Upon award of a Pell Grant, full or partial, the participant's Supportive Services (Flexible Benefit Account) may be reduced or terminated. The participants "needs" will be reassessed and documented to determine appropriate level of assistance from WIA funding.

Section 4 – Individual Training Account (ITA), Limitations of Financial Support

For those customers who elect to attend occupational classroom training within the local labor market area (defined as from Fresno County to the South and Stanislaus County to the North), the maximum amount of funds available will be limited by the needs identified in the Individual Employment Plan and be consistent with the criteria put forth in this policy.

The Department of Workforce Investment will make no supportive services available to participants who elect to attend occupational classroom training outside of the defined labor market area.

For those customers who must attend occupational classroom training outside the defined local labor market area because there are no providers of the training within the local area, the provisions set forth in this policy (electing to attend within the local labor market area) will apply.

Procedure: The Employment and Training Specialist will thoroughly interview each participant and ask appropriate questions relevant to the level of assistance the participant requires. The Employment and Training Specialist will prepare a plan of services that will be based on the individual's need and what he/she is eligible for to successfully complete training. The Employment and Training Specialist in collaboration with the participant will prepare all

supportive services obligations. Backup documentation is required in the file that will support the need for the supportive services and the exact amount and type of services(s) provided. For example:

When childcare is provided, the length and number of days of training, number of children, age(s), hours per day childcare is required and childcare provider need to be listed in the Individual Employment Plan/Diary.

When mileage is provided, there must be a copy of a map kept in the participant file from the Internet such as Mapquest, validating the mileage and that it is over 20 or 50 miles round trip per day commute. The participant will provide documentation that they have a valid CA Driver's License and insurance with a copy in the participant file

Employment & Training Specialists will review the plan of services for the participant with their supervisor either individually or during a staffing session at which time verbal approval/denial/modification will be given by the supervisor (Manager). The E&T Specialist will complete the Customer Financial Form (CCF) and send it electronically to MIS. A copy of the CCF will go to the Supervisor/Manager to be logged into the web-based obligations database used to manage funding resources in the various grants.

Procedure for Approving Exceptions to Supportive Service Limits

Employment and Training Specialists will prepare the file to request an exception to the ITA or supportive services limits and present the file with all supporting documentation of need to the Supervising Employment & Training Specialist/Manager for review and concurrence. Upon approval by the Program Manager the request will be sent forward to MIS with supporting documentation for processing according to the CFF. The Program Manager will review and ensure that funds are available prior to approval.

Responsible Official: Special Projects Manager

Reviewed Date: January 12, 2006

Revised Date: October 2, 2006

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: Youth Council

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

**SUBJECT: State Fiscal Year 2006/07 High Concentration of Eligible Youth
Additional Assistance Application**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve the application for additional funding for High
Concentration of Eligible Youth.**

**DISCUSSION: The Youth Council approved the application at its scheduled
October meeting. The California Workforce Investment Board has developed
criteria for LWIAs to apply for funding for those areas having the highest
concentrations of WIA eligible youth. Merced County is eligible to apply for
assistance.**

**The application focuses on youth with disabilities. The maximum available has
changed dramatically from the draft directive to final. Originally, \$75,000 was the
maximum available. That has been reduced to \$18,500. The requirement for the
local area to match the requested amount using a match of one-dollar of non-WIA
funds for each three dollars of high concentration grant funds (\$6,200) remains.**

**The resultant contract will serve approximately 12 disabled youth, and will run
from December 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. The application must be
received no later than 5 p.m. PST October 27, 2006. Due to the deadline being in
October, this approval will be after the fact.**

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Bylaws

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Accept recommended changes to WIB bylaws and forward to Board of Supervisors for approval.

DISCUSSION: The WIB Retreat ended with a recommendation that ad hoc committees be created to achieve the WIB's work, with the Quality Assurance and the Program Planning & Development Committees no longer existing. In early October, SB 293, a new California law, changed the number of labor representatives required on local workforce investment boards.

New recommended bylaws are attached. Below is a detailed explanation of the recommended changes:

Page 3, Item E.1.c. (Labor representatives on the WIB)

The present bylaws require no fewer than 2 labor representatives. The new SB 293 law requires that at least 15% of the local board members will be from labor. If labor doesn't nominate enough members, then the requirement drops to 10%.

Page 4, Item E.6.

The present bylaws state that each member of the Board shall serve on at least one standing committee. The new Bylaws will add the words "ad hoc" to require that each WIB member shall serve on either a standing committee (Executive or Youth Council) or on one or more of the ad hoc committees which will be formed and disbanded as required throughout the year. This change is being made to make the committee structure more responsive to the WIB's needs.

Page 4, Item F.2.

The present bylaws state that no person shall serve longer than 2 terms in any officer position. The new bylaws change that requirement to state that no person shall serve longer than 2 full terms in any officer position. This change is being made to prevent an officer having to fill a position for only a portion of a term and then being only able to serve one more complete term.

Page 5, Item G.1.

The present bylaws state that the Board will operate with a committee structure. The new bylaws integrate "ad hoc" into the structure of the WIB. (See Item E.6.)

Page 7, Item H.2.

The present bylaws define a specific date for WIB meetings and describe the commencement date of the first WIB meeting. The new bylaws simplify the language to show the WIB is scheduled to meet 6 times a year. This new wording provides latitude to schedule meetings to meet WIB demands.

Page 7, Item H.6.

The present bylaws require that the number of votes be recorded by number, with the ayes, noes, and abstentions recorded. The new bylaws only require that the outcome of the vote be recorded. This is in keeping with the present practice. Sufficient wording exists in the bylaws to record individual member's dissent or abstention if the member desires.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Recommended WIB Bylaws

Bylaws

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

A. Name

The name of this organization shall be “Workforce Investment Board of Merced County” (hereinafter the “Board”).

B. Authority

The State of California, pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (hereinafter the “Act”), has designated the geographic area of the County of Merced as a Workforce Investment Area and provides funding thereto.

The Act, at Section 117, requires that Local Workforce Investment Boards shall be established in each local Workforce Investment Area and that such boards shall be certified by the Governor. The Act further requires that Local Elected Officials shall appoint the members of such boards based on criteria established jointly by the Governor and the State Workforce Investment Board.

On May 23, 2000, the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Local Elected Officials of the Merced Local Workforce Investment Area, established the Workforce Investment Board of Merced County and appointed its initial membership.

C. Address

All communication with the Board shall be addressed to the Chairperson of the Workforce Investment Board of Merced County at 1880 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, California 95340.

D. Purpose

The general purpose of the Board is to establish policy for and provide oversight of the workforce investment system in the County of Merced.

Pursuant to Section 117 of the Act, the following are mandated responsibilities of the Board:

1. In partnership with the Board of Supervisors, development of a local plan for the Workforce Investment Area;
2. Selection of one-stop operator(s) with the concurrence of the Board of Supervisors;
3. Identification of eligible providers of youth activities and the awarding of grants or contracts on a competitive basis, based on recommendations of the Youth Council;

4. Identification of eligible providers of training services;
5. In the event that the local one-stop operator does not provide intensive services in the local area, identification of eligible providers of intensive services;
6. Development of a budget for itself, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors;
7. In partnership with the Board of Supervisors, the conduct of oversight of the one-stop delivery system, employment and training activities and youth activities in the local Workforce Investment Area;
8. In partnership with the Board of Supervisors, negotiation of local performance measures with the Governor;
9. Establishment of a Youth Council pursuant to Section 117 of the Act and, in partnership with the Board of Supervisors, appoint its members;
10. Provision of assistance to the Governor in developing a statewide employment statistics system;
11. Coordination of workforce development activities conducted under the Act with local economic development strategies and develop employer linkages with such activities; and
12. Promotion of the participation of private sector employers in the statewide workforce investment system.

E. Membership

1. Composition - The membership of the Board shall include:
 - a. Representatives of business in the local area, who (i) are owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of businesses, and other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority; (ii) represent businesses with employment opportunities that reflect the employment opportunities of the local area; and (iii) are appointed from among individuals nominated by local business organizations and business trade associations;
 - b. No fewer than two (2) representatives of local educational entities, including representatives of local educational agencies, local school boards, entities providing adult education and literacy activities, and postsecondary educational institutions (including representatives of community colleges, where such entities exist), selected from among individuals nominated by regional or local educational agencies, institutions, or organizations

representing such local educational entities;

- c. Representatives of labor organizations nominated by local labor federations, including a representative of an apprenticeship program. At least 15 percent of local board members shall be representatives of labor organizations unless the local labor federation fails to nominate enough members. If this occurs, then at least 10 percent of the local board shall be representatives of labor organizations;
- d. No fewer than two (2) representatives of community-based organizations (including organizations representing individuals with disabilities and veterans, for a local area in which such organizations are present);
- e. No fewer than two (2) representatives of economic development agencies, including private sector economic development entities; and
- f. A representative of each of the One-Stop Partners
- g. A representative of the Merced County Board of Supervisors

Deleted: No fewer than two (2) representatives of labor organizations nominated by local labor federations

The Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons and the majority of the members shall be representatives of business. Members of the Youth Council who are not members of the Board as described above shall be non-voting members of the Board.

2. Term

Initial staggered terms of two (2), three (3) or four (4) years shall be assigned to members by lottery. Subsequent terms for all members shall be four (4) years. No member shall serve for longer than two (2) four (4) year terms plus an initial term if three (3) years or less.

3. Removal of a Member

The Chairperson may recommend to the Board the removal of a member for absenteeism or if the employment or affiliation upon which their membership was originally based changes such that they no longer represent the organization or constituency or category considered for their appointment.

Removal shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board and ratification of the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

4. Resignation

Resignation of a member shall be affected by written notice from that member

submitted to the Board and the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

5. Vacancies

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the remaining term of the vacating member by the Merced County Board of Supervisors based upon recommendations from the Board.

6. Service on Committees

Each member of the Board shall serve on at least one standing/adhoc committee.

F. Officers

1. Number and Titles

There shall be three (3) officers of the Board: a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Second Vice-Chairperson.

2. Term

The term of all officers shall be one (1) year. No person shall serve longer than two (2) full terms in each position.

3. Election

Officers shall be elected by the Board members each year at the last regular Board meeting of the operating year which commences on July 1 and ends on June 30 and as may otherwise be required by a resignation or removal.

4. Chairperson: The Chairperson shall be a representative of business. The duties of the Chairperson shall be to:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Board, decide points of order, announce business, entertain motions, put motions to vote and announce the result of votes;
- b. Establish the agenda for each Board meeting;
- c. Execute, on behalf of the Board, necessary documents;
- d. Establish standing and ad hoc committees and name chairpersons and appoint members to such committees;
- e. Act as the legal representative of the Board;

- f. Call special meetings of the Board; and
 - g. Call special meetings of committees.
5. Vice Chairperson: The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence and shall succeed the Chairperson for the balance of his or her term should the Chair become vacant.
 6. Second Vice Chairperson: The Second Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

G. Committees

1. General: The Board will operate with a committee/ad hoc structure. Committee chairs shall be the presiding officers at all committee meetings. Committee vice-chairpersons, if named by the Chairperson of the Board, shall assume the duties of the committee chair in his or her absence.
2. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall be a standing committee.
 - a. Members of the Executive Committee shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons, the immediate past Chairperson of the Board, the member representing the Merced County Board of Supervisors, the chairperson of the Youth Council and the chairpersons of each of the standing committees. The Chairperson of the Board may, subject to ratification by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee, appoint a Board member to the Executive Committee based on background/ expertise considered necessary for the committee.
 - b. Except as provided below, the Executive Committee may take actions on behalf of the Board when such actions are required before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.
 - c. All actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be presented to the Board for ratification at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - d. The Executive Committee shall have no authority to take the following actions:
 - i. Make changes to these Bylaws;
 - ii. Make changes to any agreement between the Board and Merced County;

- iii. Make changes to any Memorandum of Understanding with any One-Stop Partner or the One-Stop Operator; and
- iv. Make appointments to the Youth Council.

3. Youth Council

- a. Pursuant to Section 117 (h) of the Act , there shall be established a permanent Youth Council. Members of the Youth Council shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board and such appointments shall be ratified by the Merced County Board of Supervisors.
- b. The Youth Council shall be responsible for:
 - i. coordinating youth activities in a local area,
 - ii. developing portions of the local plan related to eligible youth (as determined by the Chairperson of the Board),
 - iii. recommending eligible youth service providers in accordance with WIA section 123 (subject to the approval of the Board),
 - iv. conducting oversight with respect to eligible providers of youth activities in the local area (subject to the approval of the Board),
 - v. and carrying out other duties, as authorized by the Chairperson of the Board.
- c. The Board may delegate responsibility for the selection and oversight of eligible youth providers as well as other youth program responsibilities to the Youth Council.
- d. At least five (5) seats on the Youth Council shall be filled by voting members of the Board.
- e. The Chairperson of the Youth Council shall be one of the five abovementioned voting Board members.
- f. The Board may delegate to the Youth Council the authority to create its own budget for its operations and to expend WIA and non-WIA funds within that budget.

H. Meetings and Actions

1. Public Access

The Board shall make available to the public, on a regular basis through open meetings, information regarding the activities of the Board, including information regarding the local plan prior to submission of the plan, and regarding membership, the designation and certification of one-stop operators, and the award of grants or contracts to eligible providers of youth activities, and upon request, minutes of formal meetings of the Board. All meetings of the Board, its committees and the Youth Council shall be open, public and noticed in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code 54950, et. seq., as amended.

2. Regular Meetings

There shall be at least six (6) ~~scheduled~~ meetings each year. Reasonable notice of the time and location of meetings shall be provided to Board members.

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3. Quorum

A quorum of the Board and its committees shall mean the presence of a majority of the members.

4. Actions and Resolutions

Provided that there exists a quorum, all actions taken and resolutions passed by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members present at a duly constituted meeting shall constitute actions and resolutions of the full Board.

5. The Board shall set standards, policy and procedures for the expenditure of funds consistent with those of Merced County.

6. Minutes

There shall be recorded, for each meeting of the Board, the Youth Council and any committees, the time and place of the meeting, the names of the members who were present, all official acts of the Board and the ~~result of votes~~. When requested by a member, his or her dissent or approval and the reasons thereof shall be recorded. When a member abstains for reasons of conflict of interest, the abstention and nature of the conflict of interest shall be recorded. The minutes of each meeting shall be presented for review and approval at the next successive meeting of the Board.

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I. Conflict of Interest

1. All members of the Board and of committees are subject to (a) the Political Reform Act of 1974 [California Government Code Section 81000 et seq.], (b) the regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission [2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 18100 et seq.], (c) California Government Code Section 1090 et seq. and (d) the Board's rules covering conflict of interest and disclosure of economic interests, and any

amendments thereto.

2. As appropriate and required by law, the Board member having a conflict of interest shall be either disqualified from further Board membership or from participating in any Board action or decision in order that actual or perceived conflicts by a Board member may be avoided.
3. When a member is disqualified from Board membership or from participating in any decision making because of a conflict of interest, the reason for the disqualification must be announced at the meeting.
4. In addition, unless specifically allowed by statute, each member shall discharge his or her duties with integrity and fidelity and may not let private interests influence his or her public decisions.

J. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Board in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, any special rules of order the Board may adopt, or any applicable State and federal laws and regulations.

K. Adoption and Amendment of Bylaws, Effect

These Bylaws shall be adopted and may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members. These Bylaws and any amendments thereto shall become effective upon ratification by the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Contract Decision

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Do not renew the LVN Contract. If grant application for LVN funding is awarded, then renew the contract.

DISCUSSION: Since September 1997, Merced County has had a contract with Merced College to provide Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) training. Presently the contract provides training to 12 LVN students at a cost not to exceed \$106,914. The contract expires December 31, 2006.

Student nurses are also provided supportive services such as books, uniforms and insurance fees. Total cost of supportive services for the present LVN contract is expected to be \$30,533. Both the cost of the contract and supportive services come from the Adult training budget.

If awarded, the new LVN contract will cover an 18-month period or three (3) semesters. The decision whether to continue LVN training will impact the current Fiscal Year 2006/07, and next Fiscal Year 2007/08. The College's bid for the new contract is for \$100,243. That translates to \$33,414 for 05/06 and \$66,829 for 06/07.

The key to the LVN decision lies both in the current year, and in next year's dollar commitments, both to the LVN and RN programs. WIA allocations from the federal government continue to be reduced. In the current year, we are still awaiting Congress' decision on a current 9-10% rescission in addition to the 15% reduction we have already received in our Adult allocation. Focusing on the FY 2007/08, we estimate that the Adult training budget could likewise be reduced by a similar percentage. That budget must include the RN and LVN trainings, supportive services, on-the-job trainings, and all other trainings provided to adults.

Several assumptions are made with this analysis:

- 1. RN special funding will no longer be available with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the students to complete.**
- 2. WIA funding will be reduced by 10%.**
- 3. Supportive services for LVN and RN will increase by 5% (higher cost of books).**
- 4. RN contract will continue to increase in cost by 5%.**

Training Costs for Nurse Programs for FY 07-08

1. RN Contract		\$188,707
2. RN Supportive Services		<u>76,878</u>
	Total RN Costs	\$265,585
3. LVN Contract		\$66,827
4. LVN Supportive Services		<u>12,029</u>
	Total LVN Costs	\$78,856
	Total Nurse Training Costs	\$344,441
	Estimated Adult Training Budget	<u>296,100</u>
		(\$48,341)

Other pertinent factors:

1. As of January 1, 2007, without a new contract, the WIB will have zero (0) commitments to LVN students.
2. The WIB is presently committed to 24 RN students with 6 graduating each semester, and 6 new students enrolling each semester funded with special grant funds. This contract expires June 30, 2007.
3. Merced College has pursued additional funding for the LVN program. Recently, the Merced College sent letters to local LVN employers, requesting donations of \$10,000 to the program to be used against next year's contract. Ten letters were sent, and \$13,000 was received. It has been applied to the college's bid. Contract cost \$113,242 (-) \$13,000 = \$100,243.
4. Department of Workforce Investment (WI) and Merced College have submitted a grant proposal to the Dept of Labor to engage in a combination of capacity building and training activities for the purpose of training LVNs. The grant was submitted in collaboration with Stanislaus and Madera Counties. Grant application is for \$1,850,443, to be shared over a three-year period. No notification date for award has been issued; grant funding is not guaranteed.
5. Dept of WI is part of a four county grant proposal to the Employment Development Dept for Governor's 15% funding. The grant will provide exactly the amount of funding required for the Merced College LVN contract and supportive services for those students. The grant was submitted by the Stanislaus WIB, and notice is expected in December 06.

Bottom Line:

1. Funding for the LVN program is inadequate.
2. There are ongoing attempts to raise additional funding for the LVN program. The notifications of award will be just before or after anticipated contract start date.

Additional Data: Since 1997, 64 LVN students have been funded through workforce investment contracts. An estimated \$733,000 of JTPA/WIA funds has been expended on the LVN program.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: Youth Council

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Youth Council Membership Application

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Accept the application of Mr. William Adam Cox, a youth, for membership on the Youth Council and forward to Board of Supervisors for approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. William Adam Cox, a youth, has applied for membership on the Youth Council. William is a student at Merced College, and is active in Merced County activities. He serves with Blood Source Merced County, is on the Merced County Mental Health Board, presides over the Junior Board of Directors at the Merced County Fair, and is a member of the Greater Merced Chamber's Junior Leadership Merced committee.

William's addition to the Youth Council will bring the number of youth on the Council to six (6).

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Workforce Development Professionals Certification

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: Inherent in the Workforce Investment Act is the concept of continuous improvement, both of the workforce and workforce professionals. Early in the development of the Worknet system, the Workforce Investment Board and the Worknet Leadership Team identified a need for continued and enhanced professional development of Workforce Investment personnel. The following Workforce Investment staff has risen to the challenge and has accomplished a nationally recognized certificate in the field of Workforce Development. The Board of Supervisors recognized the staff below on September 26, 2006.

Dynamic Works is the premiere national training institute for workforce professionals. Areas such as Diversity, Customer Service, In-depth WIA History, Career Development and Job Search Skills are among the 13 Core Competencies learned. The following individuals have now been accredited, bringing the Department's total to 25:

**Andrea Baker
Rachel Fields
Rose Ramirez**

**Elena Blanton
Martin Gomez-Benitez
Jeib Thianpimmai**

**Tina Campanella
Dave Heyer
Johnny Valadez**

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Four County Collaborative Grant Applications

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The counties of Merced, Madera, San Joaquin and Stanislaus have collaboratively submitted four grants to the Employment Development Dept. Each county acted a lead agency on one of the four grants.

Madera County submitted for Veterans Employment – Related Assistance Program. The amount of request was \$450,000. It will be used to conduct a customized marketing plan and campaign to locate and identify veterans, qualified veteran spouses, and veterans with unique employment challenges in an effort to provide services and/or training in high-demand occupations in order to empower veterans reintegrating into the local workforce of the four counties.

Merced County’s application is part of a regional pilot program that will focus on skills training, which will lead to employment in primarily healthcare occupations. It targets Welfare-to-Work individuals who have one of the following barriers: 1) Lack of workplace literacy skills, 2) Functioning below grade level, 3) Limited work history, or 4) Limited job skills. The goal is to increase the entered employment and retention rates for this population. This will be accomplished through an individual employment plan and the following menu of services: 1) Identifying and addressing barriers, 2) Workplace literacy, 3) Remedial education, 4) Training, 5) Employment and follow-up. The amount of \$500,000 has been requested.

San Joaquin County’s application targets manufacturing. The plan is to provide training for targeted occupations—industrial machinery mechanics, maintenance and repair workers (general), maintenance workers (machinery), and welding. The plan includes the determination of eligibility, assessment and development of an individualized employment/career plan, and training services to include occupational skills training, and may include on-the-job training, adult education, and literacy activities. The application requests \$600,000.

Stanislaus County’s application focuses on Healthcare, both Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) and Registered Nurse (RN) training. The goals of the program are twofold. First, increase the capacity of the four counties’ Community Colleges to

educate and graduate LVNs and RNs. Second, to allow local workforce investment boards to continue funding, and hopefully increase funding of LVN training programs. If awarded, this grant will fund the Merced County LVN contract with Merced College. The application requests \$600,000.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Merced Regional Manufacturing Summit

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The Workforce Investment Board of Merced County, the Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex), Citibank, Pacific Gas and Electric, Merced County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDCO), Merced Greater Chamber of Commerce, Atwater Chamber of Commerce, City of Merced, City of Atwater, City of Los Banos, Merced College, and the University of California Merced sponsored a Regional Manufacturing Summit, held on October 26, 2006, at UC Merced.

The summit covered the status of the County's Enterprise Zone application, a briefing on the business and industrial facilities in the US and Merced County, an offering of the Customer Service Academy and its many advantages, an introduction and overview of the Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex), a briefing of Lean Manufacturing's capabilities, and an overview of regional business alliances with UC Merced.

Seventy-two (72) attended the summit with four WIB members present. The Keystone Speaker was Congressman Dennis Cardoza.

**ATTACHMENT(S):
Program Brochure**

Event Sponsors

Merced County Enterprise Zone

The Merced-Atwater Enterprise Zone expires this year. The cities and county of Merced submitted a application for a new "county wide" zone to extend benefits throughout the region. Eligible firms that use the zone are rewarded with tax credits based on capital investment and job creation. Merced County's application was privately funded. Zone management is also planned to be paid for by beneficiaries. **Ongoing support and financial** contributions is essential for the operation of a new Enterprise Zone. Official notification will be announced October 27, 2006.

Manufacturing Outreach

MCEDCO and The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex) are conducting outreach to over 200 manufacturing and support businesses throughout Merced County. This program provides a better understanding of how we can help manufacturing businesses to improve their operations.

MCEDCO acknowledges the support of Wells Fargo Bank who awarded \$5000 to help fund Manufacturing outreach, and to Pacific Gas and Electric for their \$10,000 grant award for the manufacturing outreach campaign.

The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex)

Citibank

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County

Pacific Gas and Electric

Merced County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDCO)

The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce

Atwater Chamber of Commerce

City of Merced

City of Atwater

City of Los Banos

Merced College

The University of California, Merced

Merced Regional Manufacturing Summit



7:30AM – 1:30PM

October 26, 2006

The California Room

UC Merced

5200 N. Lake Road

Merced, CA



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AGENDA

- 7:30 am**
Continental Breakfast/ Registration
- 7:45 am**
Welcome to the Merced Regional Manufacturing Summit
- Amalee Jayasinghe, *Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce*
Presentations
- 8:00 am**
Enterprise Zone (Update/Status) –
Chris Micheli, *Tassa Consulting Group*
- 8:25 am**
Business and Industrial Facilities –
Constraints and Opportunities
Ethan Smith, *Grubb & Ellis/Pearson Commercial Real Estate*
- 8:45 am**
Merced County One Voice – Issues and Priorities
Mike McAdam, *MCEDCO Vice-Chairman & MCAG Representative*
- 9:10 am**
Customer Service Academy/Economic & Workforce Development initiative
Jonae Pistorosi, *Merced College*
- 10:00 am**
Break
- 10:15 am**
Regional Business Alliances with UC Merced – An overview of activities and opportunities at UC Merced
Dean Jeff Wright, *UC Merced*
Dean Maria Pallavicini, *UC Merced*
- 11:15 am**
The Future of Manufacturing/Lean Manufacturing and Discussion/Questions
Izzy Galicia, *VP Client Service – Manex*
- 11:45 pm**
Adjourn Summit
Scott Galbraith, *MCEDCO*
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**
Keynote Speaker Luncheon –
Congressman Dennis Cardoza,
- Luncheon sponsored by Citibank*



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TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: KUBB Country/HOT 104.7 October Job Fair Update

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The Dept of Workforce Investment participated in the October 11, 2006 Job Fair at the Merced County Fairgrounds, and provided resume critiques to jobseekers and shared information regarding services offered by Worknet of Merced County.

Nineteen employers attended, including Cingular Wireless, Costco Wholesale, and the California Department of Corrections. Worknet participated at the individual business level at a cost of \$600, rather than the \$2000 sponsor level as in past Job Fairs.

An estimated 375 jobseekers attended the fair.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Loss of One-Stop Partner – Experience Works

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The Workforce Investment Board has had a One-Stop Memorandum of Understanding with Experience Works for the past five years. Experience Works was responsible for a WIA Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program. The Department of Labor recently advertised through a Request for Proposal for service providers for this program. The program was awarded to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Experience Works is no longer the national contractor, and has ceased to exist in Merced County.

AARP has chosen not to become a One-Stop partner, and has been uncommunicative as to their reason(s). WIA Title V programs will continue through our present One-Stop partner, Area Agency on Aging.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Advocacy Letters

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: On behalf of the Workforce Investment Board, the attached letters have been sent to Senators Feinstein and Boxer thanking them for their vote on the Specter-Harkin Amendment earlier this year. A separate letter has been sent to Congressman Cardoza specifically focusing on a proposed \$325 million rescission, and explains the US Dept of Labor Administration's (DOL) mistaken impression regarding carryover funding. DOL has argued that funding cuts could be made to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) system without impacting the delivery of services because of carryover in WIA formula funds at the state and local level. The letter to Congressman Cardoza asks him to help defeat the proposed rescission.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Senator Boxer Letter

Senator Feinstein Letter

Congressman Cardoza Letter



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October 31, 2006

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the Merced County Workforce Investment Board, I want to thank you for your vote for the Specter-Harkin Amendment to add \$7 billion to the Labor-HHS appropriations bill *and* your signing onto the letter to Senate leadership. These actions let us know that you truly care and support the local workforce system.

Looming ahead is a possible rescission of current WIA funding. The proposed rescission would compound extremely deep cuts already experienced throughout California's workforce system. Since FY 2001, California has lost over 34% of its WIA allocation, or over \$216 million annually. This proposed rescission would further reduce California's WIA funding by an additional \$38 million, or 9%, resulting in further devastating cuts to programs and services already seriously damaged by earlier reduced funding.

A rescission would result in immediate reductions of service, including closures of local One-Stop Centers, and cut investment in demand-driven training programs developed and implemented to leverage co-investment by business and labor. Such programs include training for nurses and other healthcare workers, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing, and other high value services, benefiting both workers and business.

Once again, thank you. We appreciate having your support for today's and tomorrow's workforce. Let's move forward together, not backward.

Sincerely,

Robert Harmon
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October 31, 2006

The Honorable Dennis Cardoza
435 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Cardoza:

I am writing today on behalf of the Merced County Workforce Investment Board to ask for your help in restoring WIA funding levels and removing all rescission language before the final floor vote in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is imperative that the proposed \$325 million rescission in Workforce Investment funds be defeated. The proposed rescission is based on an erroneous assumption that there are large unspent balances (carryover) across the country and that the rescission would have no adverse impact on local services for our nation's workers and business. Carryover is not a loophole in the law; it is an intentional management strategy to support short and long-term planning to assure proper and consistent operation of the workforce system. The truth is that the forced return of this funding will have a significant negative impact on our ability to serve Merced County's new and existing businesses as well as citizens in need of job training.

Concerned by allegations in past years of unexpended funds, members of Congress from both parties requested that the Government Accountability Office conduct a detailed investigation as to whether there was in fact a large amount of carryover in WIA programs. What GAO found (see GAO-03-239) is that virtually every state in the nation is spending WIA funds within the federally authorized timeframe. GAO further found that DOL's own calculation of WIA carryover created a mistaken impression of excess unspent balances available for spending. These balances were in fact obligations, already contractually committed.

The loss of this funding will reduce by 11% the numbers of youth, adult and dislocated workers to be served by Worknets of Merced County. It would impact the growing manufacturing business community as evidenced by the expansion of Quebecor World, Arvin Sango and West Mark. This rescission will negatively impact the number of nurses being trained. Merced County has already experienced a 34% drop in funding over the past five years. At the same time we have been experiencing an increase in demand for our services from both jobseekers and business. A funding loss of this magnitude, in the middle of a program year, would mean a reduction of services to local businesses as well as reduced One-Stop services.

"Merced County's Workforce Investment system will keep pace with the new growth, the emerging economy, and the ever changing needs of the employers by creating a better educated, highly skilled workforce, that's capable, and prepared, and thoroughly knowledgeable."

In closing, I strongly appeal to you to vote against this rescission and restore funding to the Workforce Investment Act as originally allocated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Harmon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert Harmon
Chair



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - September 2006

Welcome to the Merced County labor market review. The Quick Look has been developed by the Department of Workforce Investment staff for the Merced County Local Workforce Investment Board. The data and information is provided by the California Employment Development Department. Questions can be referred to the Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA 95340. Telephone (209) 724-2042. Email: pitd26@co.merced.ca.us

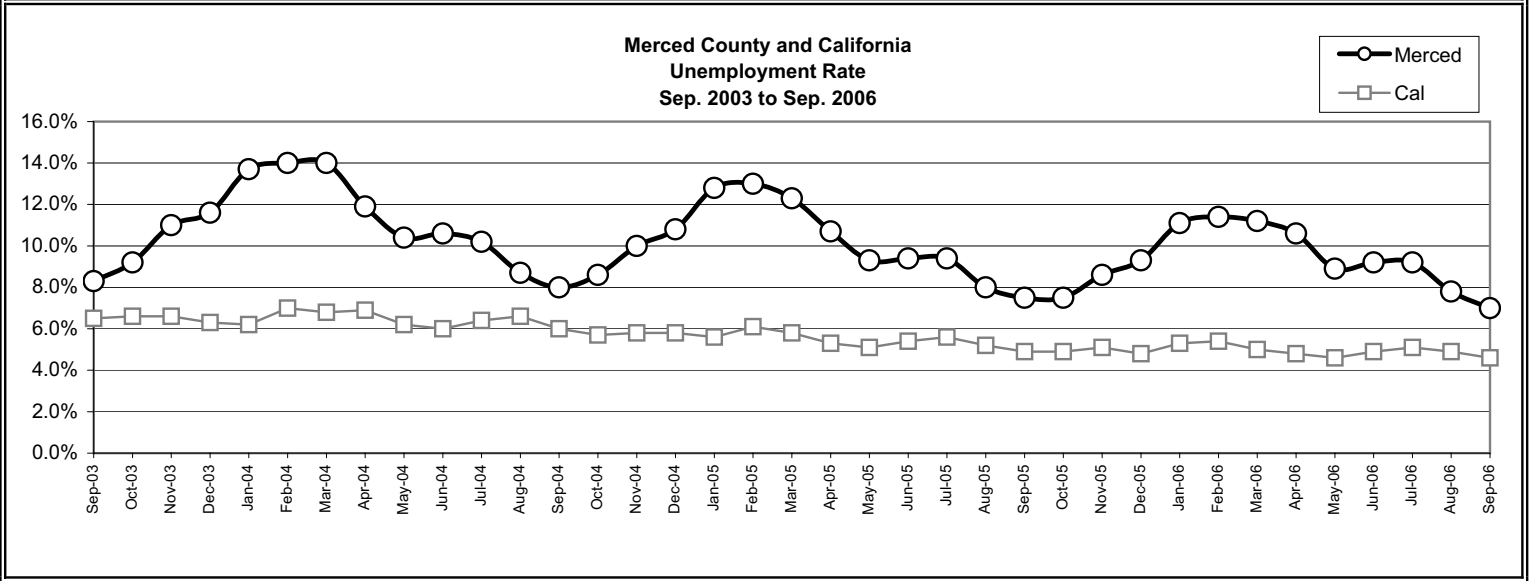
Merced County Data not adjusted for Seasonality	Labor Force and Industrial Employment						
	March 2005 Benchmark						
	Jul 05	Jul 06	Aug 06 Revised	Sep 06 Prelim.	Percent Change Month Year		
Civilian Labor Force	102,500	98,700	101,600	101,000	-0.6%	-1.5%	
Civilian Employment	94,800	89,700	93,600	93,900	0.3%	-0.9%	
Civilian Unemployment	7,700	9,100	7,900	7,100	-10.1%	-7.8%	
Civilian Unemployment Rate	7.5%	9.2%	7.8%	7.0%			
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.9%	5.1%	4.9%	4.6%			
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.8%	5.0%	4.6%	4.4%			
Total, All Industries	73,200	69,900	72,300	73,200	1.2%	0.0%	
Total Farm	13,000	11,900	12,200	12,500	2.5%	-3.8%	
Total Nonfarm	60,200	58,000	60,100	60,700	1.0%	0.8%	
Total Private	45,900	45,600	45,900	45,900	0.0%	0.0%	
Goods Producing	16,200	15,600	15,800	15,700	-0.6%	-3.1%	
Natural Resources and Mining	0	0	0	0			
Construction	3,700	3,600	3,600	3,500	-2.8%	-5.4%	
Manufacturing	12,500	12,000	12,200	12,200	0.0%	-2.4%	
Durable Goods	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%	
Nondurable Goods	10,700	10,200	10,400	10,400	0.0%	-2.8%	
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	8,700	8,000	8,300	8,300	0.0%	-4.6%	
Residual - Textile Mills	200	2,200	2,100	2,100	0.0%	5.0%	
Service Providing	44,000	42,400	44,300	45,000	1.6%	2.3%	
Private Service Producing	29,700	30,000	30,100	30,200	0.3%	1.7%	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	11,100	11,300	11,300	11,300	0.0%	1.8%	
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%	
Retail Trade	7,400	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.0%	1.4%	
Food and Beverage Stores	1,500	140	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%	
General Merchandise Stores	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%	
Residual - Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,200	4,300	4,300	4,300	0.0%	2.4%	
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	4.8%	
Information	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%	
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	0.0%	
Finance and Insurance	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	0.0%	
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%	
Professional and Business Services	3,200	3,400	3,500	3,500	0.0%	9.4%	
Educational and Health Services	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,600	1.8%	1.8%	
Leisure and Hospitality	4,800	4,600	4,600	4,600	0.0%	-4.2%	
Food Services and Drinking Places	4,000	4,600	4,600	4,600	0.0%	-4.2%	
Residual - Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	800	700	700	700	0.0%	-12.5%	
Other Services	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	6.3%	
Government	14,300	12,400	14,200	14,800	4.2%	3.5%	
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%	
State Government	1,200	1,400	1,400	1,600	14.3%	33.3%	
Local Government	12,300	10,200	12,000	12,400	3.3%	0.8%	

The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 55th out of 58 counties in the month of September. The preliminary result is a decrease of 0.8 percentage point in the unemployment rate from the revised August rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is a decrease of 0.5 percentage point from the unemployment rate a year ago..

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force decreased by 600 persons over last month's figure and an decrease of 1,500 persons over year ago figures. Industrial employment increased by 900 jobs in September over August's figure and showed no movement over year ago figures.

The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - September 2006

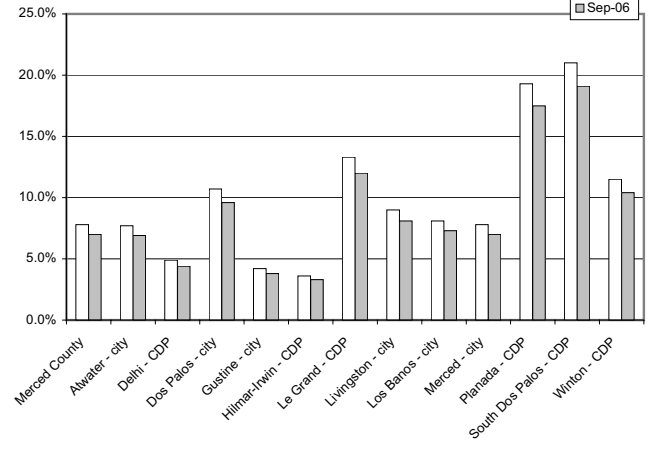


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	101,000	93,900	7,100	7.0%
Atwater City	11,800	11,000	800	6.9%
Delhi CDP	4,000	3,800	200	4.4%
Dos Palos City	1,900	1,700	200	9.6%
Gustine City	2,500	2,400	100	3.8%
Hilmar-Irwin CDP	2,800	2,700	100	3.3%
Le Grand CDP	700	600	100	12.0%
Livingston City	4,900	4,500	400	8.1%
Los Banos City	12,500	11,600	900	7.3%
Merced City	29,900	27,800	2,100	7.0%
Planada CDP	1,600	1,300	300	17.5%
South Dos Palos CDP	400	300	100	19.1%
Winton CDP	3,700	3,300	400	10.4%

CDP - Census Designated Place

Merced County - Community Unemployment

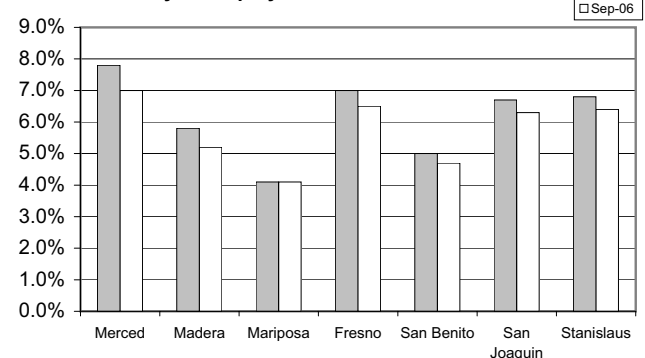


Merced County's workforce has grown over the past 20 years reflecting improvement of the County's economic well being; however, unemployment remains a consistent barrier to greater prosperity. Average unemployment has fluctuated from an annual low of 9.7 percent to an annual high of 17.1 percent.

Seven County Quick Look

County	Rank	Labor Force	Employ	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	55	101,000	93,900	7,100	7.0%
Madera	37	66,300	62,900	3,400	5.2%
Mariposa	15	9,570	9,170	400	4.1%
Fresno	52	407,100	380,500	26,600	6.5%
San Benito	29	24,400	23,200	1,100	4.7%
San Joaquin	47	287,500	269,300	18,100	6.3%
Stanislaus	50	232,400	217,600	14,800	6.4%

Seven County Unemployment Rate

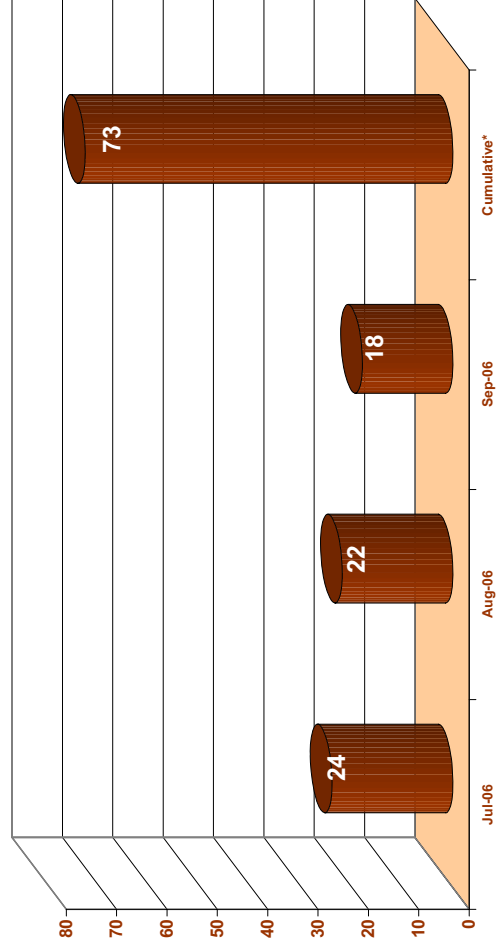


WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - ADULT (Grant Code: 201)
 PY 2006/076 - September 2006
 Report Range 07/2006 to 09/2006

	ADULT				Part. Plan PY 06/07	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Cumulative*		
Total Participants	217	269	293	293	393	74.6%
Participants Carried In	193	247	275	220	235	93.6%
New Participants Entering Grant	24	22	18	73	158	46.2%
Total Participants Exiting WI						
Entered Unsubsidized Employment			56	56	97	57.7%
Training Related			39	39	72	54.2%
Entered Military Service			14	14	37	37.8%
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program						
Entered Post-Secondary Education						
Entered Advanced Training						
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree			20	20		
Attained High School Diploma/GED						
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)						
Exits Excluded from Performance						
Other Exits			55	55	82	67.1%

	Enrolled			
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Cumulative*
Program Activities/Services Summary				
Core Services (Registered)	217	269	293	293
Intensive Services	166	190	199	199
Training Services	105	123	138	138
Youth Services				
Concurrent Program Participants	32	38	41	41
Individual Training Accounts	8	9	10	10
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)				

WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY - ADULT
 New Participants Entering Grant
 PY 2005/06 - May 2006



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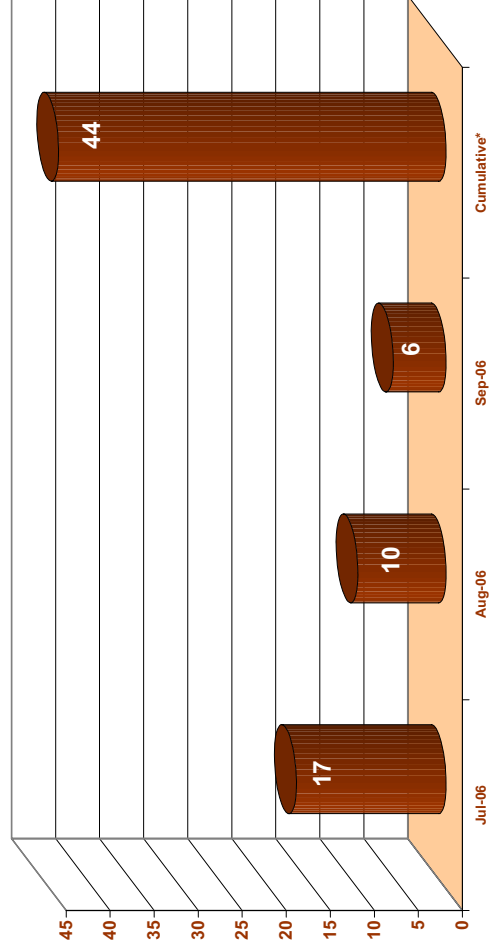
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - DISLOCATED WORKER (Grant Code: 501)
 PY 2006/076 - September 2006
 Report Range 07/2006 to 09/2006

	DISLOCATED WORKER				Part. Plan PY 06/07	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Cumulative*		
Total Participants	116	133	147	147	206	71.4%
Participants Carried In	99	123	141	103	177	58.2%
New Participants Entering Grant	17	10	6	44	129	34.1%
Total Participants Exiting WI			30	30	71	42.3%
Entered Unsubsidized Employment			23	23	65	35.4%
Training Related			10	10	24	41.7%
Entered Military Service						
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program						
Entered Post-Secondary Education						
Entered Advanced Training						
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree			13	13		
Attained High School Diploma/GED						
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)						
Exits Excluded from Performance			2	2		
Other Exits			24	24	77	31.2%

	Enrolled			
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Cumulative*
Program Activities/Services Summary				
Core Services (Registered)	113	131	144	144
Intensive Services	89	100	108	108
Training Services	40	52	59	59
Youth Services				
Concurrent Program Participants	285	28	30	30
Individual Training Accounts	3	3	6	6
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)				

WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY - DISLOCATED WORKER
 New Participants Entering Grant
 PY 2006/2007 - September 2006



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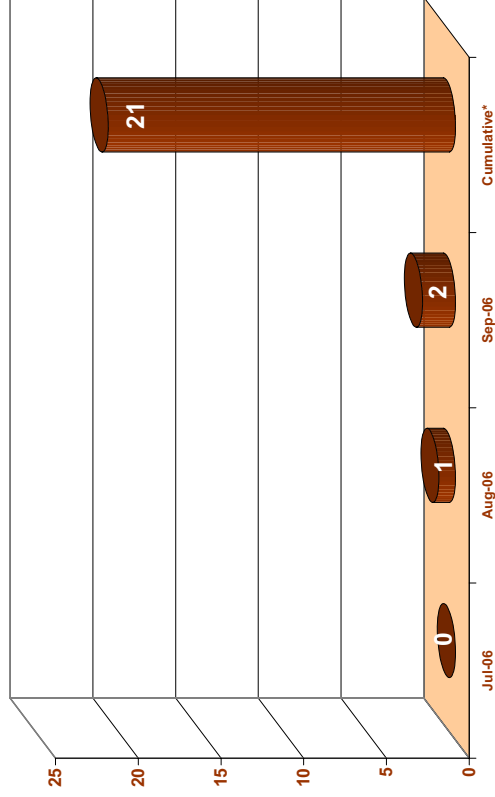
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - 25% DISLOCATED WORKER AUGMENTATION (Grant Code: 528)
PY 2006/076 - September 2006
Report Range 07/2006 to 09/2006

	QUEBECOR			Cumulative*
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	
Total Participants	24	25	31	31
Participants Carried In	24	25	29	10
New Participants Entering Grant		1	2	21
Total Participants Exiting WI				
Entered Unsubsidized Employment				
Training Related				
Entered Military Service				
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program				
Entered Post-Secondary Education				
Entered Advanced Training				
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree				
Attained High School Diploma/GED				
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)				
Exits Excluded from Performance				
Other Exits				

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled		
	20	21	29
Core Services (Registered)	19	20	4
Intensive Services	10	11	9
Training Services			
Youth Services			
Concurrent Program Participants	13	13	8
Individual Training Accounts			
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)			

WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY
25 % DISLOCATED WORKER AUGMENTATION: QUEBECOR
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2006/2007 - September 2006



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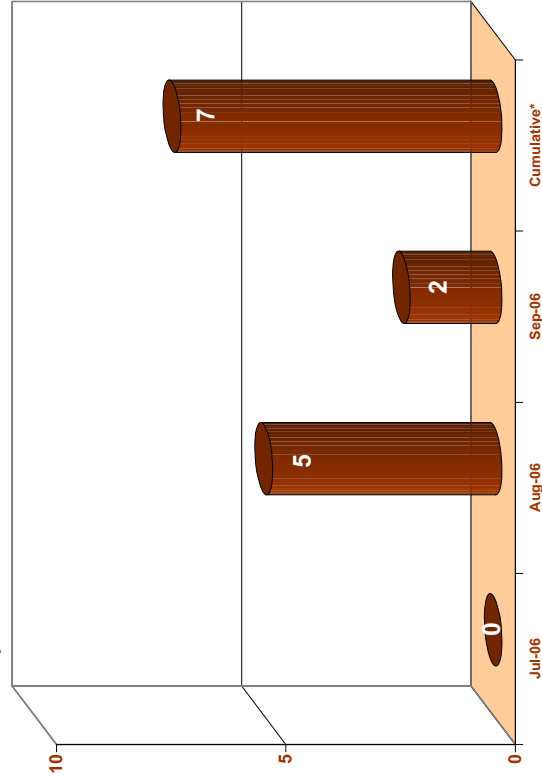
WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - DWI/CVOC JOINT PROJECT (Grant Code: 537)

PY 2006/076 - September 2006
Report Range 07/2006 to 09/2006

DWI/CVOC JOINT PROJECT			
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
Total Participants	1	6	8
Participants Carried In	1	1	6
New Participants Entering Grant		5	2
Total Participants Exiting WI			
Entered Unsubsidized Employment		1	1
Training Related			
Entered Military Service			
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program			
Entered Post-Secondary Education			
Entered Advanced Training			
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree			
Attained High School Diploma/GED			
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)			
Exits Excluded from Performance			
Other Exits		1	1
Cumulative*			8

	Enrolled
Program Activities/Services Summary	
Core Services (Registered)	1
Intensive Services	5
Training Services	1
Youth Services	1
Concurrent Program Participants	2
Individual Training Accounts	2
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	

WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY - DWI/CVOC JOINT PROJECT
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2006/2007 - September 2006



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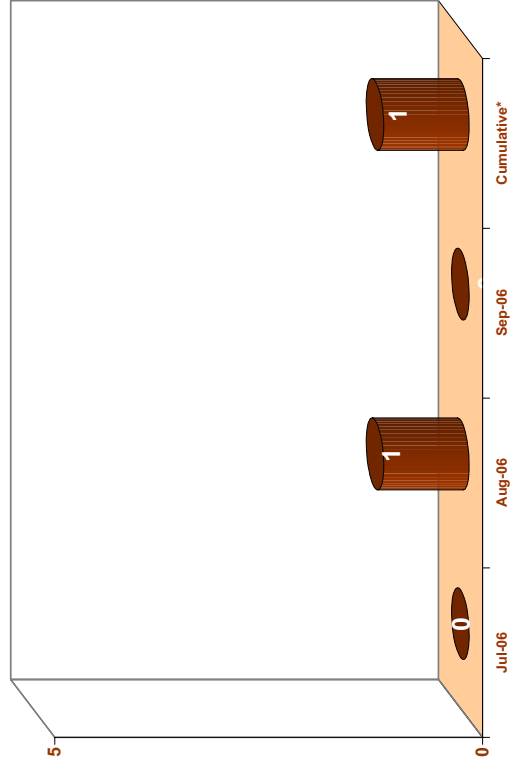
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - NURSING PROGRAM (Grant Code: 693)
 PY 2006/076 - September 2006
 Report Range 07/2006 to 09/2006

	Nursing Program		
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
Total Participants	39	40	40
Participants Carried In	39	40	40
New Participants Entering Grant	1		
Total Participants Exiting WI		4	4
Entered Unsubsidized Employment		3	3
Training Related		3	3
Entered Military Service			
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program			
Entered Post-Secondary Education			
Entered Advanced Training			
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree		3	3
Attained High School Diploma/GED			
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)			
Exits Excluded from Performance			
Other Exits		4	4

	Enrolled		
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
Program Activities/Services Summary	28	28	29
Core Services (Registered)	35	36	36
Intensive Services	26	26	26
Youth Services	6	6	6
Concurrent Program Participants	1	1	1
Individual Training Accounts			
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)			

WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY - NURSING PROGRAM
 New Participants Entering Grant
 PY 2006/2007 - September 2006



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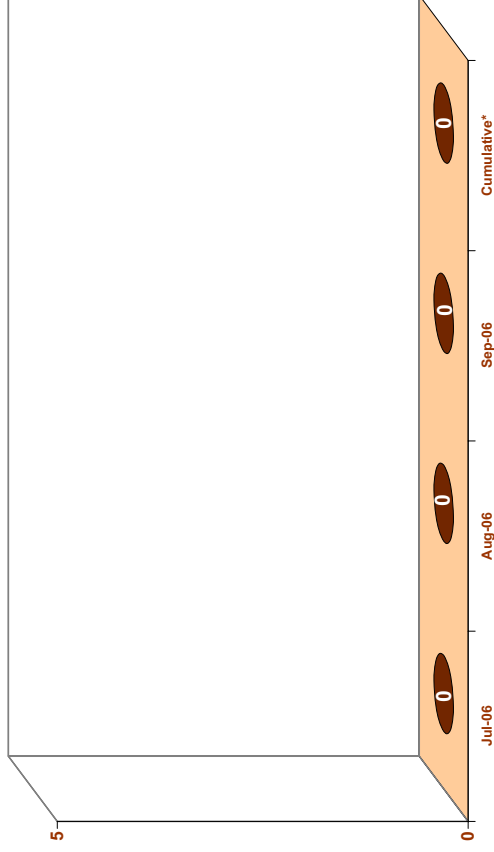
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - OLDER YOUTH
PY 2006/076 - September 2006
Report Range 07/2006 to 09/2006

	OLDER YOUTH				Part Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Cumulative*		
Total Participants	134	130	130	130	165	78.8%
Participants Carried In	134	130	130	130	135	96.3%
New Participants Entering Grant					30	
Total Participants Exiting WI			3	3	30	10.0%
Entered Unsubsidized Employment					35	
Training Related					10	
Entered Military Service						
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program						
Entered Post-Secondary Education			2	2	42	4.8%
Entered Advanced Training			1	1	5	
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree			2	2	10	20.0%
Attained High School Diploma/GED						
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)						
Exits Excluded from Performance						
Other Exits			2	2	42	4.8%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled			
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Cumulative*
Core Services (Registered)	114	114	114	114
Intensive Services	89	88	88	88
Training Services	132	128	128	128
Youth Services	51	50	50	50
Concurrent Program Participants				
Individual Training Accounts				
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)				

WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY - OLDER YOUTH
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2006/2007 - September 2006



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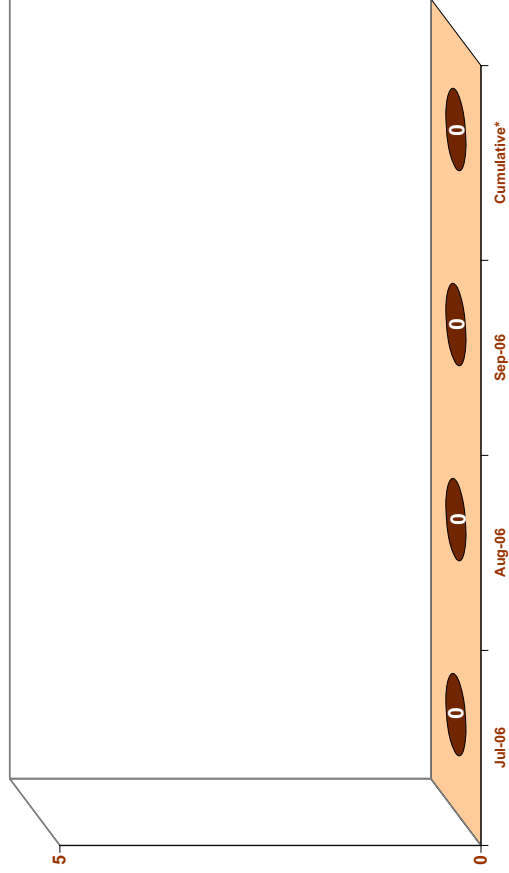
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - YOUNGER YOUTH
 PY 2006/076 - September 2006
 Report Range 07/2006 to 09/2006

	Younger Youth			Part. Plan		% of Plan Attained
	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	PY 05/06		
Total Participants	455	452	452	453	510	88.8%
Participants Carried In	455	452	452	453	440	103.0%
New Participants Entering Grant	0	0	0	0	70	0.0%
Total Participants Exiting WI						
Entered Unsubsidized Employment		1	79	80	220	36.4%
Training Related			23	23	20	115.0%
Entered Military Service			19	19	5	380.0%
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program			2	2	3	66.7%
Entered Post-Secondary Education			43	43	110	39.1%
Entered Advanced Training			76	76	2	0.0%
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree			73	73	200	36.5%
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)			1	1	10	10.0%
Exits Excluded from Performance		1		1		
Other Exits			68	68	19	357.9%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled	
	Jul-06	Sep-06
Core Services (Registered)	84	85
Intensive Services	62	62
Training Services	455	452
Youth Services	283	281
Concurrent Program Participants	4	4
Individual Training Accounts		
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)		30
		389
		7.7%

WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY - YOUNGER YOUTH
 New Participants Entering Grant
 PY 2006/2007 - September 2006



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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - Activities

Source: State JTA, Extraction Date: 10/20/2006

Ref. Code Description

		Adult		Youth		Dislocated Worker		Totals		Grand Total	
		New	Carry Over	New	Carry Over	New	Carry Over	New	Carry Over		
CORE B	10	FOLLOW UP SRVCS CNSLNG	32	105			14	47	46	152	198
	11	STAFF ASSIST JOB DEVELOP	2	3			1	7	3	10	13
	12	STAFF ASSIST JOB REFER	26	10			9	15	35	25	60
	13	STAFF ASSIST JOB SRCH	9	33			6	30	15	63	78
	14	STAFF ASSIST WRKSHP		3				1		4	4
	15	OTHER CORE SERVICES	10	2			8		18	2	20
	16	NON WIA FUNDED SERVICES	1						1		1
	17	CO-ENROLLED CORE SERVICES									
	20	HURRICANE KATRINA									
INTENSIVE	30	CASE MGMNT FOR PARTIC	29	115		195	18	63	47	373	420
	31	COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMNTS	6	2			5	1	11	3	14
	32	DEVELOP INDIV EMPL PLAN	17	13			9	6	26	19	45
	33	GROUP COUNSELING									
	34	EMPL EXPERIENCE				20				20	20
	35	INDIV CNSLNG CAREER PLAN									
	36	OUT OF AREA JOB SEARCH									
	37	RELOCATION EXPENSES									
	38	SHORT TERM PREVOC SRVCS									
	39	INTERNSHIPS									
	40	OTHER INTENSIVE SRVCS						1		1	1
	41	NONWIA FUND INTENS SRVCS	1						1		1
TRAINING	42	CO-ENROLLED INTENSIVE SRVCS		1						1	1
	50	ADULT EDUCATION				25				25	25
	51	CUSTOMIZED TRAINING		1						1	1
	52	ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING									
	53	JOB READINESS TRAINING				3				3	3
	54	OCCUP SKILLS TRAINING	11	45		66	9	18	20	129	149
	55	ON THE JOB TRAINING	16	18		1	4	4	20	23	43
	56	PRIVATE SECTOR TRAINING									
	57	SKILL UPGRADNG RETRNG									
	58	WRKPLCE TRNG AND COOP ED									
YOUTH	59	OTHER TRAINING SRVCS									
	60	NON-WIA FUNDED TRNG SRVCS		34			4	13	4	47	51
	61	CO-ENROLLED TRAINING SRVCS									
	70	SUMMER RELATED				1				1	1
	71	EDUCATNL ACHVMNT SRVCS				475				475	475
	72	EMPLOYMENT SERVICES				160				160	160
	73	CITIZEN LEADERSHIP SRVCS									
	74	OTHER YOUTH SERVICES									
MISC.	75	NONWIA FUNDED YOUTH SRVCS									
	76	CO-ENROLLED YOUTH SRVCS									
	80	OTHER JTPA									
	81	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	61	169		12	35	62	96	243	339
	82	NEEDS RELATED PAYMENT									
	83	BREAK IN SERVICE									
	84	NON-WIA FUNDED MISC									
	85	CO-ENROLLED MISCELLANEOUS									
	86	BRK IN SERV - HEALTH/MED									
	TOTAL		221	554		958	122	268	343	1780	2123

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WIA PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS SUMMARY
 Report Period: 7/2006 to 09/2006

	ENROLLED													
	ADULT		DISLOCATED WORKER		DW AUGMEN		WIA-CVOC Joint Project		NURSING PROGRAM		OLDER YOUTH		YOUNGER YOUTH	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	293	100.0%	147	100.0%	31	100.0%	8	100.0%	40	100.0%	130	100.0%	453	100.0%
Female	180	61.4%	69	46.9%	8	25.8%	2	25.0%	31	77.5%	94	72.3%	235	51.9%
Male	113	38.6%	78	53.1%	23	74.2%	6	75.0%	9	22.5%	36	27.7%	218	48.1%
Age														
14-18	7	2.4%							1	2.5%			453	100.0%
19-21	41	14.0%	7	4.8%	2	6.5%			3	7.5%	130	100.0%		
22-29	109	37.2%	32	21.8%	8	25.8%			19	47.5%				
30-44	91	31.1%	50	34.0%	15	48.4%	3	37.5%	14	35.0%				
45-54	39	13.3%	40	27.2%	3	9.7%	3	37.5%	3	7.5%				
55-61	5	1.7%	17	11.6%	3	9.7%	2	25.0%						
62-64	1	0.3%												
65 and over			1	0.7%										
Race/Ethnicity														
American Indian / Alaskan Native	2	0.7%	5		1						2		7	
Asian	32	10.9%	14	9.5%	4	12.9%			2	5.0%	21	16.2%	94	20.8%
Black / African American	18	6.1%	12	8.2%	1	3.2%	1	12.5%	1	2.5%	11	8.5%	36	7.9%
Hawaiian Native / Other Pacific Islander	19	6.5%	4	2.7%	2	6.5%			1	2.5%	1	0.8%	2	0.4%
White	98	33.4%	50	34.0%	10	32.3%	2	25.0%	23	57.5%	15	11.5%	74	16.3%
Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino	130	44.4%	69	46.9%	14	45.2%	5	62.5%	14	35.0%	82	63.1%	269	59.4%
Labor Force Status														
Employed	143	48.8%	4	2.7%					24	60.0%	25	19.2%	14	3.1%
Unemployed	150	51.2%	143	97.3%	31	100.0%	8	100.0%	16	40.0%	105	80.8%	439	96.9%
UI Claimant	20	6.8%	107	72.8%	20	64.5%	7	87.5%	1	2.5%	2	1.5%	1	0.2%
UI Exhaustee	10	3.4%	30	20.4%	9	29.0%	1	12.5%			1	0.8%		
Barriers to Employment														
Disabled	5	1.7%	1	0.7%					1	2.5%	7	5.4%	119	26.3%
Limited English Proficiency	17	5.8%	4	2.7%	3	9.7%					12	9.2%	32	7.1%
Single Parent	79	27.0%	24	16.3%	2	6.5%	2	25.0%	14	35.0%	23	17.7%	15	3.3%
Work Profiling Reemployment Services Referral	3	1.0%	14	9.5%	2	6.5%	1	12.5%						
Low Income	150	51.2%	53	36.1%	11	35.5%	2	25.0%	19	47.5%	128	98.5%	437	96.5%
Displaced Homemaker														
Offender	24	8.2%	6	4.1%	2	6.5%	1	12.5%	2	5.0%	7	5.4%	30	6.6%
Homeless	2	0.7%									5	3.8%	4	0.9%
Runaway Youth											2	1.5%	7	1.5%
Pregnant Parenting Youth											39	30.0%	31	6.8%
Youth Needing Additional Assistance											129	99.2%	448	98.9%
Basic Literacy Skills Deficient	86	29.4%	53	36.1%	6	19.4%	2	25.0%	9	22.5%	121	93.1%	421	92.9%
Substance Abuse Foster Youth	2	0.7%	1	0.7%							3	2.3%	16	3.5%
											1	0.8%	12	2.6%

WIA PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS SUMMARY

Report Period: 7/2006 to 09/2006

	EXITED													
	ADULT		DISLOCATED WORKER		DW AUGMENTATION		WIA-CVOC Joint Project		NURSING PROGRAM		OLDER YOUTH		YOUNGER YOUTH	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	56	100.0%	30	100.0%		100.0%	1	100.0%	4		3	100.0%	80	100.0%
Female	41	73.2%	18	60.0%					4		3	100.0%	39	48.8%
Male	15	26.8%	12	40.0%			1	100.0%					41	51.3%
Age														
14-18	1	1.8%											80	100.0%
19-21	9	16.1%	1	3.3%					1		3	100.0%		
22-29	15	26.8%	9	30.0%										
30-44	24	42.9%	11	36.7%					3					
45-54	6	10.7%	8	26.7%			1	100.0%						
55-61	1	1.8%	1	3.3%					1					
62-64														
65 and over														
Race/Ethnicity														
American Indian / Alaskan Native			1	3.3%									1	1.3%
Asian	2	3.6%	4	13.3%						1	33.3%		24	30.0%
Black / African American	6	10.7%	3	10.0%			1	100.0%		1	33.3%		10	12.5%
Hawaiian Native / Other Pacific Islander	2	3.6%	1	3.3%										
White	17	30.4%	8	26.7%					3				13	16.3%
Ethnicity														
Hispanic or Latino	30	53.6%	16	53.3%					1		1	33.3%	34	42.5%
Labor Force Status														
Employed	16	28.6%	3	10.0%					2				4	5.0%
Unemployed	40	71.4%	27	90.0%			1	100.0%	2		3	100.0%	76	95.0%
UI Claimant	20	35.7%	23	76.7%			1	100.0%						
UI Exhaustee	10	17.9%	4	13.3%										
Barriers to Employment														
Disabled	1	1.8%											46	57.5%
Limited English Proficiency	1	1.8%	1	3.3%									8	10.0%
Single Parent	18	32.1%	12	40.0%					3				1	1.3%
Work Profiling														
Reemployment Services Referral			3	10.0%										
Low Income	24	42.9%	14	46.7%					2		3	100.0%	77	96.3%
Displaced Homemaker														
Offender	1	1.8%	2	6.7%									3	3.8%
Homeless	1	1.8%											1	1.3%
Runaway Youth														
Pregnant														
Parenting Youth													1	1.3%
Youth Needing Additional Assistance											3	100.0%	79	98.8%
Basic Literacy Skills Deficient	15	26.8%	12	40.0%							3	100.0%	78	97.5%
Substance Abuse			1	3.3%									1	1.3%
Foster Youth													2	2.5%

*Cumulative total reflect totals from first of fiscal year to current report range and will not total monthly totals.

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/09/06

FROM: WIB STAFF

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Fiscal Report for First Quarter FY 2006/07

PROPOSED MOTION(S): None. Information Only.

DISCUSSION: Attached is the Fiscal Report for Fiscal Year 2006/07 covering July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. This report shows all WIA funds available for Fiscal Year 2006/07, accrued expenditures through September, 2006, and obligations to date. Staff will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

Also attached is the Enterprise Zone Report showing deposits from July 1, 2006 through October 27, 2006, and the Contracts Report through October 24, 2006.

ATTACHMENT(S):

FY 2006/07 Fiscal Report
Contracts Report
Enterprise Zone Report

**MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
FISCAL REPORT FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE
For Fiscal Year 2006/2007
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007
Through 09/30/06**

AVAILABLE FUNDS			BUDGET				ACTUAL			OBLIGATIONS			
	Carryover Funds From 05/06	Appropriation FY 06/07	Planned for New Funds Based on Plan Mod 7/1/06 to 6/30/07	Budget for Available Funds	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget	Accrued Expense	Available	Percent Expended	Total Obligated Funds	Available after Obligations	Percent Spent + Obligated	
							FY to Date		to Date				
ADULT			Core A \$ 302,521	\$ 363,442		\$ 363,442	\$ 163,615	\$ 199,827	45.02%	\$ 36,358	\$ 163,469	55.02%	
06/07 Allocation		\$ 1,417,578	Core B \$ 417,698	\$ 501,813		\$ 501,813	\$ 155,299	\$ 346,513	30.95%	\$ 32,470	\$ 314,044	37.42%	
			Intensive \$ 112,825	\$ 135,545		\$ 135,545	\$ 20,757	\$ 114,788	15.31%	\$ 3,880	\$ 110,908	18.18%	
PY Cash Balances 6/30/06	\$ 285,467		Training \$ 442,777	\$ 531,942		\$ 531,942	\$ 201,997	\$ 329,945	37.97%	\$ 159,189	\$ 170,756	67.90%	
	\$ 285,467	\$ 1,417,578	Total	\$ 1,275,821	\$ 1,532,741	\$ -	\$ 541,668	\$ 991,073	35.34%	\$ 231,897	\$ 759,177	50.47%	
DISPLACED WORKER			Core A \$ 435,257	\$ 499,270		\$ 499,270	\$ 125,410	\$ 373,860	25.12%	\$ 28,995	\$ 344,865	30.93%	
06/07 Allocation		\$ 1,360,252	Core B \$ 393,672	\$ 451,569		\$ 451,569	\$ 118,307	\$ 333,262	26.20%	\$ 23,614	\$ 309,647	31.43%	
			Intensive \$ 118,881	\$ 136,365		\$ 136,365	\$ 22,631	\$ 113,734	16.60%	\$ 6,968	\$ 106,766	21.71%	
PY Cash Balances 6/30/06	\$ 200,051		Training \$ 276,417	\$ 317,069		\$ 317,069	\$ 115,534	\$ 201,536	36.44%	\$ 88,237	\$ 113,299	64.27%	
	\$ 200,051	\$ 1,360,252	Total	\$ 1,224,227	\$ 1,404,273	\$ -	\$ 381,881	\$ 1,022,392	27.19%	\$ 147,815	\$ 874,577	37.72%	
YOUTH			In School \$ 977,677	\$ 1,482,585	\$ (401,000)	\$ 1,081,585	\$ 323,042	\$ 758,543	29.87%	\$ 628,637	\$ 129,905	87.99%	
06/07 Allocation		\$ 1,551,870	Out of School \$ 419,006	\$ 635,393	\$ 401,000	\$ 1,036,393	\$ 194,714	\$ 841,679	18.79%	\$ 472,575	\$ 369,105	64.39%	
PY Cash Balances 6/30/06	\$ 801,439		Total	\$ 1,396,683	\$ 2,117,978	\$ -	\$ 517,756	\$ 1,600,222	24.45%	\$ 1,101,212	\$ 499,010	76.44%	
	\$ 801,439	\$ 1,551,870											
ADMINISTRATIVE			Total Admin	\$ 432,969	\$ 561,665	\$ -	\$ 561,665	\$ 90,380	\$ 471,285	16.09%	\$ 15,963	\$ 455,322	18.93%
All Formula Grants	\$ 1,286,957	\$ 4,329,700	Total	\$ 4,329,700	\$ 5,616,657	\$ -	\$ 1,531,685	\$ 4,084,972	27.27%	\$ 1,496,887	\$ 2,588,085	53.92%	
RAPID RESPONSE/15%/25%			Rapid Resp. \$ 278,173	\$ 278,173		\$ 278,173	\$ 44,342	\$ 233,831	15.94%	\$ 17,974	\$ 215,857	22.40%	
Formula Rapid Response (540,541)		\$ 278,173	Health Link \$ 354,331	\$ 354,331		\$ 354,331	\$ 69,509	\$ 284,822	19.62%	\$ 202,296	\$ 82,525	76.71%	
Health Link Nursing Grant (693)*	\$ 354,331		CVOC \$ 175,000	\$ 175,000		\$ 175,000	\$ 16,083	\$ 158,917	9.19%	\$ 29,748	\$ 129,170	26.19%	
CVOC/DWI Joint Project (537)		\$ 175,000	Quebecor \$ 424,843	\$ 424,843		\$ 424,843	\$ 85,937	\$ 338,906	20.23%	\$ 44,844	\$ 294,062	30.78%	
Quebecor Expansion (528,787)		\$ 424,843	HCoY \$ 29,284	\$ 29,284	\$ -	\$ 29,284	\$ 12,532	\$ 16,752	42.79%	\$ 16,752	\$ 0	100.00%	
High Concentration of Youth (648)	\$ 29,284		Total	\$ 878,016	\$ 1,261,631	\$ -	\$ 228,403	\$ 1,033,228	18.10%	\$ 311,614	\$ 721,615	42.80%	
	\$ 383,615	\$ 878,016											
INCENTIVE AWARDS			Incentive \$ -	\$ 23,264	\$ -	\$ 23,264	\$ -	\$ 23,264	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 23,264	0.00%	
06/07 Award (Amount TBD)			Total	\$ -	\$ 23,264	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,264	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 23,264	0.00%	
PY Cash Balances 6/30/06	\$ 23,264												
	\$ 23,264	\$ -											

* Health Link Nursing Grant (693) Term Ends March 31, 2007.

- BUDGET:** Includes all funds available for fiscal year based on Plan submitted to EDD, revised in accordance with latest appropriations information received from Chief, Workforce Investment Division.
Formula Administrative Funds lose their identity upon appropriation.
High-C Eligible Youth Grant (648) carries in \$26,780 to FY06/07, all of which is obligated by contract.
Health Link (Nurse) Grant (693) Carryover represents the FY06/07 portion of the grant
- OBLIGATIONS:** Includes funds obligated in contracts and ITA's
Does NOT include funds committed for operations.
- COMMITTED:** Includes projected staff personnel and overhead costs
- AVAILABLE:** Balance after expenditures and obligations

**MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
WIA CONTRACTS**

Contract/Vendor Name	Contract Number	Total Contract Amt	Start Date	End Date	Contract Balance	Budget 2006/07 Only	* Expenditures To-Date	** Inv's Rec'd Not Yet Pd	*** Inv Through	**** % Billed	Comments
Merced Adult School, PLATO Lab (ERC)	2006104	\$ 25,932	07/01/06	06/30/07	\$ 25,932.00	\$ 25,932.00	\$ -		Sept '06	0%	
Merced College-LB Campus PLATO Lab	2006133	\$ 64,417	07/01/06	06/30/07	\$ 55,340.40	\$ 64,417.00	\$ 9,076.60		Sept '06	14%	
Merced College-LVN	2005108	\$ 106,914	07/01/05	06/30/06	\$ 41,577.96	\$ 106,914.00	\$65,336.04		June '06	61%	
Merced College-RN	2006146	\$ 179,721	07/01/06	06/30/07	\$ 179,721.00	\$ 179,721.00	\$0.00			0%	
Merced County Office of Education-ISY	2006193	\$ 606,277	07/01/06	06/30/07	\$ 485,205.64	\$ 606,277.00	121,071.36		Sept '06	20%	
Merced County Office of Education-OSY	2006194	\$ 494,963	07/01/06	06/30/07	\$ 393,612.78	\$ 494,963.00	101,350.22		Sept '06	20%	
Merced County Office of Education-HC	2006030	\$ 62,500	11/01/05	06/30/06	\$ 16,751.94	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 45,748.06		Sept '06	73%	
Yosemite Community College	10705	\$ 2,490.00	07/01/06	06/30/07	\$ 2,490.00	\$ 2,490.00	\$ -			0%	
		\$ 1,543,214.00			\$ 1,200,631.72	\$ 1,543,214.00	\$ 342,582.28	\$ -			

* Expenditures To-Date include entire contract period.

** Inv's Rec'd Not Yet Pd include invoices recently received and invoices requiring corrections/backup.

*** Invoiced Through shows latest dates of service covered by invoices.

**** % Billed is of entire contract, not just current year.

Updated 10/24/06

Enterprise Zone Deposits 2006 - 2007

	Company	Deposit No.	Deposit Date	Check No.	DWI Fee	State Fee	Total	Month Total
Jul-06	McLane Sun East, Inc#3804	000147	07/07/06	86259	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Malibu Boats West, Inc.	000147	07/07/06	9162	\$ 240.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00	
	Save Mart Supermarkets db	000391	07/14/06	14890	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Valley Health Medical Supply	000621	07/21/06	1156	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 150.00	
	County Bank	000621	07/21/06	105954	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	JSA Restaurant dbd McDonalds	000621	07/21/06	1975	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Save Mart Supermarkets db	000621	07/21/06	15188	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Costco Wholesale	000621	07/21/06	15188	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	
	La'Nita	00871	07/28/06	2495	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Richwood Meat Company Inc.	00871	07/28/06	132514	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	
	Capital Corp of the West	00872	07/28/06	106297	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
Ralph's Auto Sales	001113	08/04/06	4920	\$ 560.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,700.00	
Aug-06	Anthony Abbata dba McDonalds	001113	08/04/06	1988	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Anthony Abbata dba McDonalds	001361	08/11/06	1991	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Bonander Pontiac Inc. dba	001361	08/11/06	1227	\$ 320.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 400.00	
	Bonander Pontiac Inc. dba	001361	08/11/06	1230	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	
	Merced VW Kia Daewoo	001361	08/11/06	36036	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	K & G Foods Inc dba	001604	08/18/06	3576	\$ 240.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00	
	Olde World Corp	001604	08/18/06	2424	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Save Mart Supermarkets db	001604	08/18/06	16268	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	
	Anthony Abbata dba McDonalds	001889	08/25/06	2005	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Anthony Abbata dba McDonalds	001889	08/25/06	2006	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	County Bank	001889	08/25/06	106539	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Merced VW Kia Daewoo	001889	08/25/06	36227	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Sun Garden - Gangi Cannin	001889	08/25/06	5589	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Merced Toyota	002048	08/30/06	3930	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 150.00	
	Anthony Abbata dba McDonalds	002048	08/30/06	2013	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Richwood Meat Company Inc.	002048	08/30/06	133028	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Tim Razzari Nissan	002048	08/30/06	15863	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
	Tim Razzari Ford	002048	08/30/06	112379	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 150.00	
	Tim Razzari Dodge	002048	08/30/06	44298	\$ 160.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 200.00	
	Merced Toyota	002077	08/31/06	3937	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	
Tim Razzari Dodge	002077	08/31/06	44308	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,600.00	
Golden Valley Engineering	002334	09/18/06	4235	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 150.00		

	Save Mart Supermarkets db	002334	09/18/06	16888	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	Anthony Abbata dba McDonalds	002837	09/22/06	2026	\$	80.00	\$	20.00	\$	100.00		
	John Rohrer Construction	002837	09/22/06	1388	\$	280.00	\$	70.00	\$	350.00		
	Surgical Group of Merced	002837	09/22/06	1376	\$	80.00	\$	20.00	\$	100.00		
90-06	Anthony Abbata dba McDonalds	002837	09/22/06	2035	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	Save Mart Supermarkets db	002837	09/22/06	17299	\$	80.00	\$	20.00	\$	100.00		
	Merced Toyota	003088	09/29/06	3964	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	Merced VW Kia Daewoo	003088	09/29/06	36484	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	E & J Gallo Winery	003088	09/29/06	5633	\$	160.00	\$	40.00	\$	200.00		
	Access Dental	003088	09/29/06	18574	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	Wal-Mart WL - 2039	003088	09/29/06	5545	\$	360.00	\$	90.00	\$	450.00		
	Lowe's Home Improvement	003088	09/29/06	5545	\$	440.00	\$	110.00	\$	550.00	\$ 2,250.00	
	JSA Restaurant dbd McDonalds	003375	10/06/06	2043	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	Sensient Dehydrated Flavor	003551	10/12/06	3772	\$	560.00	\$	140.00	\$	700.00		
	O'Keeffe's inc.	003551	10/12/06	2050	\$	80.00	\$	20.00	\$	100.00		
	Auto Zone West Inc.	003551	10/12/06	827604	\$	160.00	\$	40.00	\$	200.00		
	JSA Restaurant dbd McDonalds	003551	10/12/06	2055	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	G & J Gallo Winery	003551	10/12/06	5666	\$	1,720.00	\$	430.00	\$	2,150.00		
	O'Keeffe's inc.	003551	10/12/06	2058	\$	80.00	\$	20.00	\$	100.00		
	Guardo Security Services	003551	10/12/06	18466	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	Safeway #8245	003552	10/12/06	9355	\$	160.00	\$	40.00	\$	200.00		
	Dedicated Management Gro	003552	10/12/06	2168207	\$	720.00	\$	180.00	\$	900.00		
90-06	Wal-Mart WL - 2039	003552	10/12/06	2168207	\$	920.00	\$	230.00	\$	1,150.00		
	FP Stores, Inc. 640	003552	10/12/06	2168207	\$	120.00	\$	30.00	\$	150.00		
	QC holdings #683	003552	10/12/06	2168207	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	CNG Financial Corp# 80104	003552	10/12/06	2168207	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	AutoZone 5508	003552	10/12/06	2168207	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	Sorting Solutions Inc.	004053	10/27/06	628	\$	440.00	\$	110.00	\$	550.00		
	O'Keeffe's inc.	004053	10/27/06	2066	\$	40.00	\$	10.00	\$	50.00		
	E & J Gallo Winery	004053	10/27/06	5730	\$	1,160.00	\$	290.00	\$	1,450.00		
	Lowe's Home Improvement	004053	10/27/06	217517	\$	80.00	\$	20.00	\$	100.00		
	Wal-Mart WL - 2039	004053	10/27/06	217516	\$	120.00	\$	30.00	\$	150.00		
											\$ 8,250.00	
					\$ 11,440.00	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 14,300.00					\$ 13,800.00

