

**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 Notes**



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

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**Members Present:**

Lee Andersen	Andrea Baker	Don Bergman
Bob Bittner	Kathleen Cookham	Rennise Ferrario
Ernie Flores	John Fowler	Robert Harmon
Nellie McGarry	Rick Osorio	Alfonse Peterson
Larry Pitts	Al Romero	Vann (Mike) Smith
Mike Sullivan	Thomas Tsubota	

**Members Absent:**

Sharon Cresswell	Ben Duran	Phil Flores
Peter Fluetsch	Carol Greenberg	Charlie Lambert
Albert Montejano	Anne Newins	Terry Nichols
Carole Roberds	Chris Rosander	Steve Tinetti

**Others Present:**

Dave Davis	Eddie Harding	Teresa Kinney
Dee Knight	Alfredo Mendoza	

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Robert Harmon, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. Roll call was taken.
  2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Sullivan/McGarry* to approve the agenda as published.
  3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Flores/Bittner* to approve the September 14, 2006 minutes.
  4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
  5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Crookham/McGarry* to approve items a.-c. of the Consent Agenda.
    - a. Workforce Investment Board Membership – Steve Newvine
    - b. Supportive Services Policy
    - c. High Concentration of Eligible Youth Grant Application
  6. Action Agenda:
    - a. Workforce Investment Board Bylaws Revisions – Only 17 members present, but the bylaws state that 2/3 of WIB members, which in this case is 20, must be present and vote to pass this item.
    - b. Licensed Vocational Nurse Contract Renewal – It was *M/S/C Osorio/Andersen* to approve this item.
    - c. Youth Council Membership (William Cox) – It was *M/S/C Bergman/Crookham* to forward this item to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

**7. Presentation – City of Merced Economic Development Plan (Draft):** Mr. Bill Cahill, Assistant City Manager, provided everyone a copy of the Draft Plan, gave a history of the City’s Economic Development Program, presented an overview of the following and answered relevant questions:

- a. Merced’s economic situation.
- b. Merced’s planned growth.
- c. Merced’s target industry clusters.
- d. Merced’s situation regarding its strengths, opportunities, limitations and threats.
- e. The Six Points for the next five years:
  - Keep Merced as the center
  - Create a new economic environment
  - Build community quality
  - Seize each opportunity
  - Prepare the community
  - Connect the dots

**8. Information Agenda:** No questions regarding the 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](http://www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html)

**9. Director’s Comments:** Ms. Andrea Baker noted she received a phone call from Congressman Cardoza’s Washington, DC office acknowledging the advocacy letters that were sent by the Chair on behalf of the WIB. His office also indicated that there would be a continuing resolution through January on all the issues.

**10. Chair Comments:** The Chair noted he appreciated everyone’s questions and comments. He then had staff to explain the purpose of the laminated placemats, which is a document created by the CA Workforce Association and was used at the WIB Retreat. It will be used to link together WIB action items, the Central Valley Regional Plan, and hopefully to the California EDGE. At a glance members can see how it impacts locally, regionally and statewide. It will be present at every meeting.

The Chair wished everyone a happy and safe holiday. He’s looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

**11. Other:** None.

**12. Next Meeting –** January 11, 2006, Dept of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

**13. Adjourn -** Meeting was adjourned 4:03.