

TO: WIB Executive Committee

DATE: 11/24/03

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Central Valley Regional Economic Forum

PROPOSED MOTION(S): To support and participate in the Central Valley Regional Economic Forum.

DISCUSSION: The State WIB has requested that the local WIBs facilitate the California Regional Economies Project Regional Forums. Approximately four have been completed with five more planned to include the Central Valley. The Fresno WIB has offered to host the event for the Central Valley Region. The purpose is to identify a single industry cluster that is agreed upon by the region to move forward for further profiling and research.

The forum, originally planned for December 2003, has been postponed until February 2004, with the intent that the information developed from the forum could be used to educate and influence the new State administration. The goal would be to garner State support for the emerging/growing industries and provide infrastructure funding.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A