

**Workforce Investment Board**  
**Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm**  
**1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA**  
**January 8, 2009, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**



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**Members Present:**

Bob Bittner  
Peter Fluetsch  
Henry Ildefonso  
Rick Osorio  
Loretta Schlosser  
Karen Weins

Edward Dietz  
Debra Glass  
David Long  
Alfonse Peterson  
Vann (Mike) Smith

Ernie Flores  
Carol Greenberg  
Albert Montejano  
Al Romero  
Nancy Ugarte

**Members Absent:**

Lee Andersen  
Rennise Ferrario  
Joseph Lombardi  
John Stewart

Andrea Baker  
Darren Hughes  
Steve Newvine  
Mike Sullivan

Brenda Callahan-Johnson  
Amalee Jayasinghe  
Terry Nichols

**Others Present:**

Brian Cutler  
Joanne Presnell

Dee Knight  
Jackie Walther-Parnell

Alfredo Mendoza

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, noted at 3:09 p.m. there was no quorum so the board would listen to the first presentation (item 6.a. below). After the presentation, the Chair called the meeting to order at 3:26 p.m. Roll call was taken.
  2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Romero/Ildefonso* to approve the agenda.
  3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Long/Ildefonso* to approve the September 18, 2008 minutes.
  4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
  5. Consent Agenda:
    - a. Limited Funds Policy – It was *M/S/C Osorio/Bittner* to approve the Limited Funds Policy.
    - b. Veterans Policy – It was *M/S/C Osorio/Romero* to approve the Veterans Policy.
  6. Presentations:
    - a. Services to Businesses Downsizing & Closing (Rapid Response): Ms. Joanne Presnell introduced Ms. Audra Stigman, Business Resources Team representative, who provided a graph and data regarding the downsizing, layoffs and closures for businesses in Merced County. She also gave rapid response information (Dept services provided to businesses) on the following industries in Merced County—Accommodation/Food, Construction, Education, Finance, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Retail and Social Services.

Staff was asked to provide statistics at the next meeting on the time it takes a customer to get a job, starting from layoff.

- b. Careersinthevalley.com Website: Mr. Alfredo Mendoza provided an overview of the CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, and gave a presentation on the careersinthevalley website by

showing members how to access employer, training, job search and job postings information in each county and the region.

**7. Information:**

- a. Governor's Additional Dislocated Worker Funding:
- b. Regional Veterans Grant Proposal Update
- c. Workforce Investment Board Resignation – Mr. Garith Krause
- d. Customer Service & Satisfaction Report
- e. Fiscal Report
- f. Participation Report

**8. Director Comments:**

Ms. Joanne Presnell informed WIB members that Ms. Andrea Baker had fallen and broken her ankle, and would not be back to work until February. She noted Ms. Baker misses everyone, really wants to be here and wishes everyone a happy New Year. She has a laptop, and is doing some work from home.

**9. Chair Comments:**

The Chair noted he attended a CA Workforce Association meeting on Dec 12, 2008, in San Diego, CA. He noted Mr. David Bradley gave a presentation on the State and Federal Economic Stimulus package, which was designed not only for government infrastructure but also the private sector. Overall, the presentation was very favorable for the Workforce Investment Boards. The meeting was very informative and positive. Hopefully some of this money will come to California.

It was noted by Ms. Presnell that with President Elect Obama's Economic Stimulus package, the biggest impact on Workforce Development is additional funding for Dislocated Workers, and also a stand-alone Summer Youth Employment Program that we haven't had in many years. It looks very positive that President Elect Obama will sign this package as early as February 2009. Another positive is the nomination of Ms. Hilda Solis as the Secretary of the Dept of Labor. She is from California, and would be a great supporter of the Workforce Investment Areas because she understands the Workforce Investment system.

**10. Next Meeting – March 12, 2009, Dept. of Workforce Investment, 1880 Wardrobe Ave, Merced.**

**11. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned 4:13 p.m.**