

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 03/19/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Local Workforce Investment Board Recertification

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The Merced County Workforce Investment Board applies for recertification with the State every two years. The application was forwarded to the State on November 19, 2008. We received a letter from the California Workforce Investment Board on February 21, 2009, indicating the WIB has been certified for another two-year period between January 1, 2009 and December 30, 2010. This has also been verified by our State Regional Advisor.

ATTACHMENT(S):

California Workforce Investment Board Letter

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

Lawrence Gottlieb
Chair

Chris Essel
Vice-Chair

Barbara Halsey
Executive Director

February 21, 2009

Albert Montejano, Chair
Merced County Workforce Investment Board
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RE: Workforce Investment Board Recertification

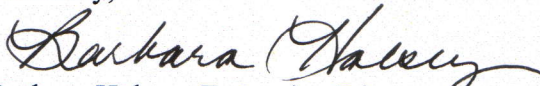
On January 9, 2009, the California Workforce Investment Board (State Board) voted to recertify 44 of California's Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs) and conditionally certify 5 LWIBs. This recertification will be in effect from January 1, 2009, through December 30, 2010, or – in the event that Congress reauthorizes or extends the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 during this two-year period – for the duration of California's current WIA Strategic Plan. Should reauthorization or extension come to pass before December 30, 2010, the State Board will revisit the issue of recertification of California LWIBs in light of the new federal legislation.

Local Workforce Investment Boards are recertified in accordance with WIA Section 117(c)(2), which specifies that the Governor shall certify one local board for each Local Workforce Investment Area once every two years. Your Board's recertification is based on information you provided to the Employment Development Department (EDD) in response to WIA Directive WIAD08-7.

The State will monitor the Local Boards for full compliance. Additionally, the State Board working closely with the Employment Development Department (EDD), will continue to identify opportunities to provide on an on-going basis technical assistance and incentives (e.g., eligibility for 15 Percent Discretionary grants) to support Local Boards efforts to comply with federal and State law; and to promulgate a clear process and timetable, in the event of non-compliance, that could lead to potential de-certification of the non-compliant Local Board.

We look forward to working with you to ensure the quality of service California job seekers and employers have come to expect from our state's workforce system.

Sincerely,



Barbara Halsey, Executive Director
California Workforce Investment Board

cc: Andrea Baker, Director