

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 5/13/10**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Discussion**

**For Action**

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**SUBJECT: California Workforce Association Facilitation Methods Training**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): None. For Information Only.**

**DISCUSSION: The California Workforce Association will be facilitating a two-day Technology of Participation (ToP) Workshop to Department of Workforce Investment staff, interested Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council members. The ToP method of facilitation is a broad based strategic planning model is designed to generate a long-term vision, identify blocks and barriers, create strategies and produce detailed action plans for any type of organization. This planning method enhances an organization's capacity for creative strategy building, enables a group to come to a common vision and create "participant-owned" plans by using the Focused Conversation Method, the Consensus Workshop Method, and the Action Planning Method.**

**Both Virginia Hamilton and John Baker, as facilitators through the California Workforce Association, have extensive experience working with Workforce Investment organizations, and are considered an authority within the workforce development community. Anyone interested in attending this training, please contact staff, as the training is limited to 14 participants.**

**Event: Facilitation Methods Training**

**Date: July 7-8, 2010**

**Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (both days)**

**Location: Department of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Room**

**1880 Wardrobe Avenue**

**Merced, CA 95340**

**ATTACHMENT(S): N/A**