

Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
July 9, 2009, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes



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Members Present:

Lee Andersen	Andrea Baker	Agustin Beltran
Bob Bittner	Brenda Callahan-Johnson	Edward Dietz
Ernie Flores	Debra Glass	Carol Greenberg
David Long	Albert Montejano	Steve Newvine
Terry Nichols	Rick Osorio	Alfonse Peterson
Al Romero	Loretta Schlosser	Vann (Mike) Smith
Mike Sullivan	Hubert "Hub" Walsh	James Wood Jr

Members Absent:

Rennise Ferrario	Peter Fluetsch	Darren Hughes
Henry Ildefonso	Amalee Jayasinghe	Joseph Lombardi
Nancy Ugarte	Karyn Wiens	

Others Present:

Brian Cutler	John Fowler	Dee Knight
Holly Newlon	Santiago Maldonado	Alfredo Mendoza
Joanne Presnell	Frank Quintero	Kurt Silva
Jackie Walther-Parnell		

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Dietz/Smith* to approve the agenda.
 3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Long/Glass* to approve the May 14, 2009 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak – Mr. Santiago Maldonado, Director of Operations, Sintex Security Services, Inc, introduced himself, and noted he was present to answer any questions regarding Sintex's application to the State ETPL.
 5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Dietz/Bittner* to approve items 5a.-e. of the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Chair Appointment to Executive Committee – Vann (Mike) Smith.
 - b. Revised Supportive Services Policy.
 - c. Overarching Policy for WIA Formula and ARRA Funding.
 - d. Merced College Green Industries Exploration Course Contract.
 - e. Merced College Green Technologies in Electrical Automobile Contract.
 6. Action Agenda:
 - a. Individual Training Account (ITA) Policy Update: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Nichols* to approve changing the ITA amount to \$4,500.
 - b. Merced Adult School Computer Literacy Labs: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Andersen (abstain Glass)* to approve the contract with Merced Adult School for Computer Literacy Labs at Castle Learning Center and East Campus from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, and forward to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval.

- c. Employment Training Provider List Application: It was *M/S/C Andersen/Nichols* to approve adding Sintex Security Services, Inc to the State ETPL.
- d. Workforce Investment Board Membership – Mario Delgado: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Long* to approve items 6d.-k. of the Action Agenda, and forward to the BOS for approval. Mr. Cordell Price and Mr. John Fowler were present and introduced themselves to the group.
- e. Workforce Investment Board Membership – Richard Liszewski.
- f. Workforce Investment Board Membership – Cordell A. Price.
- g. Youth Council Membership – Melissa Abby.
- h. Youth Council Membership – Sgt Robert Bender.
- i. Youth Council Membership – John Fowler.
- j. Youth Council Membership – Nellie McGarry.
- k. Youth Council Membership – Atenas Vallejo.
- l. Calendar of Workforce Investment Board Meetings: It was *M/S/C Flores/Greenberg* to approve the meeting schedules for PY 2009/2010.
- m. San Joaquin Workforce Collaborative (Grant): It was *M/S/C Sullivan/Long* to authorize the Dept to provide up to \$7,500 matching funds, if necessary, for a successful community-based organization that receives a grant from the San Joaquin Workforce Collaborative.
- n. Merced College Trainings: It was *M/S/C Beltran/Long* to approve the targeted training areas and the Dept to negotiate with Merced College to provide the specified training.

7. Presentations:

- a. Summer Youth: Ms. Holly Newlon gave the following presentation on the Merced County Office of Education's (MCOE) Summer Youth Program, ages 14-17:
 - MCOE has 137 students enrolled, and 3 being processed, for a total of 140.
 - 70 out-of-school youth and 67 in-school youth are working in Merced County.
 - Some of the worksites are Atwater High School, Food 4 Less, and Parks & Recreation.
 - All participants attend class one morning or afternoon each week in which they learn Career Exploration and Development, developing a Career Action Plan, and preparing an Employability Portfolio.
 - They have 200 participants in the year-round program also working.

Ms. Bernedette Castaneda provided the following information on the Summer Youth Program, ages 18-24:

- The HVAC class began June 22nd with 29 participants—19 from Merced, 5 from Los Banos, and 5 from Madera. Nineteen are working out of the 29. Three out of the 5 in Madera have a job. It is anticipate the others will also have jobs.
- PG&E provided participants a workbook on Heating & Air Conditioning Wiring Safety, a DVD, and other handouts on cooling and heating systems.
- The Thrive and Survive class was attended by each participant.
- All the projects are underway—2 in Planada at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and a Beautification Project; Parks & Recreation Day Camp Project; and the Foster Youth Project will start next week.
- A DVD was shown of some participants receiving their first paycheck, and sharing how rewarding it was to have a job and what they were going to do with the money.

- b. Dept of Labor Message to Workforce Investment Boards: Ms. Andrea Baker noted the Dept of Labor (DOL) message regarding the ARRA funds is “Spend it Fast/Spend it Well”. The training

opportunities have increased immensely, and the accountability and use of funds reporting is intense. All information provided to DOL and Employment Development Dept will be posted on the website.

8. Discussion:

a. Ed Morrison Presentation: Staff noted the Ed Morrison presentation on Open Source Economic Development will be held September 23, 2009, 8:00-11:00 a.m., at the Merced County Fairgrounds Pavilion. It will be a breakfast meeting. The capacity is limited to 300.

Suggested methods of advertising for this event were a presentation at the BOS and City Council, putting a notice in the Chambers of Commerce newsletter, and the City of Merced Municipal Services newsletter.

9. Information: No comments were made on the information items.

- a. Performance Measures.
- b. Labor Market Information.
- c. Customer Service & Satisfaction Report.
- d. New Start Program.
- e. Fiscal Report.
- f. Participant Report.
- g. Empower Quarterly Youth Report (Ages 17-21).
- h. Youth Opportunity Program Quarterly Report (Ages 14-28).
- i. Predicting the end of the Recession (Article).

10. Director Comments: Ms. Baker noted there is a regional collaboration for National Emergency Grant funds in the amount of \$15 million to help our educational providers who are losing capacity because of the State budget. It was submitted June 30, 2009. Tulare County will be the lead if awarded.

The New Start Program is from the Dept of Corrections. All Workforce Investment Areas in the State have been allocated funds. Merced County received \$40,000 to work with parolees coming out of prison. Staff will work with the Quality Employment Development Committee to determine how to best utilize these funds. Suggested use of these funds will be brought to the full WIB for approval.

The regional CA Green Jobs Corps Grant was awarded. Merced will be the fiscal provider of this grant. The region received \$937,890. A total of 131 youth from the region will go to Camp Green Meadows for environmental course work, work at Yosemite for 1 week, and go back to their various communities to participate in conservation projects and additional course work on green jobs.

The CA Employment Development Dept puts out a weekly regional bulletin. In the last issue, Merced County was highlighted. It stated our economy will start moving and employment will be good again by 2012, San Joaquin in 2013 and Stanislaus in 2014.

Ms. Baker noted she has been elected as Chair of the State CA Workforce Association for next year. She then asked Ms. Debra Glass to present the updated Youth Resource Directory to the WIB.

11. Chair Comments: The Chair welcomed the new WIB members, thanked everyone for attending and participating in the discussions. He noted the Summer Youth Program is going great and on target.

12. Next Meeting – Sept 3, 2009, Commerce, Aviation & Economic Development, Castle Airport.

13. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned 4:30 p.m.