

# Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

MC Office of Education, J-2  
632 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 – 4-5:30 p.m.

## Meeting Notes



<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/youth/meetingpkts/meetingpkts.html>

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**Members Present:** Bob Bittner, Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Martha Dueñas, Patricia Evans, Alexander Hall, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez, Richard Mahacek, Holly Newlon

**Members Absent:** Stephanie Busbea, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Kathy Hassatt, Henry Ildefonso, Edgar Perez, Nancy A. Silva, Stefani Martinez, Rick Osorio, Samuel Rangel, Vann (Mike) Smith

**Others Present:** John Fowler, Patricia Hinson, Nellie McGarry, Alfredo Mendoza, Atenas Vallejo

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Vice Chair, Ms. Claudia Corchado noted the regular meeting would be canceled due to lack of a quorum. She convened a workgroup to discuss the agenda items. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.

**2. Public Opportunity to Speak:** None.

### **3. Announcements:**

Ms. Atenas Vallejo introduced herself as an employee of Merced County Employment Development Department. She works for the YOP Program with at-risk youth. She is seeking membership on the Youth Council.

Ms. Bernedette Castaneda introduced herself as the Summer Youth Program Manager for the Dept of Workforce Investment. The Dept of Workforce Investment will assist out-of-school youth between the ages of 18 to 24. Merced County Office of Education will assist in-school youth between the ages of 14 to 18 years old. Ms. Castaneda is recruiting worksites for youth. If you're interested in hiring summer youth, please forward your information to Ms. Castaneda, by phone 724- 2047 or Bcastaneda@co.merced.ca.us. Some of the projects required for out-of-school youth are:

1. Workshops with community leaders;
2. Projects that provide good sustainable wages; and
3. Youth-green jobs (e.g. planting trees, alternative fuel, heating, cooling).

Ms. Claudia Corchado noted The California Endowment has selected South Merced, Planada and LeGrand as one of the 14 communities throughout California. The California Endowment will be investing in California for the next 10 years to improve the environments of health, access to childcare, and youth development projects. This will be a nine-month planning grant, which will include stakeholders and community leaders. The Youth Council may be approached for support of this grant.

Mr. Richard Mahacek noted Merced 4-H will be hosting a Mechanical Skills Day seminar on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m, Castle Atwater. The event is for boys and girls who are in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If you would like to invite youth to participate, there is an online registration form at

www.Merced4h.ucdavis.edu. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Lunch will be provided.

**4. Action Agenda:**

- a. Youth Council Membership – Atenas Vallejo
- b. Youth Council Membership – Nellie McGarry
- c. Youth Council Membership – John Fowler
- d. Youth Council Membership – Robert Bender
- e. Work Readiness Definition
- f. Approve New Contract for 09/10 and ARRA Augmentation to YOP
- g. Approve New Contract for 09/10 and ARRA Augmentation to Empower

Due to a lack of quorum, and the need for immediate attention, items e. f. and g. were sent to the Executive Committee.

**5. Discussion Agenda:**

- a. **Youth Resource Directory Ad-Hoc Committee Update:** Staff noted the Executive Committee approved using incentive funds to print the Youth Resource Directory. The goal is to have the Youth Resource Directory printed before the high schools let out for summer.
- b. **YOP Contract Amendment for Summer Youth:** This discussion item was shared with the workgroup.
- c. **Empower Contract Amendment for Summer Youth:** This discussion item was shared with the workgroup.

**6. Information Agenda:**

- a. **Youth Council Resignation-Becky Lincoln:** Ms. Becky Lincoln resigned from the Youth Council effective January 9, 2009.

**7. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Item:** The Vice Chair thanked everyone for attending. She noted staff would contact members to discuss meeting attendance.

**8. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting:** May 20, 2009, 4:00 p.m., Department of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Room, 1880 Wardrobe, Merced.

**9. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.