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Merced County Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday, June 26, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Merced Electric Company
203 State Highway 59 Suite 'B'
Merced, CA 95341

No virtual option available

Follow signs for parking and meeting location

Merced Electric Company tour will occur directly after meeting Adjournment

Lunch provided 11:45am

Public Comment: If you wish to speak on a matter that does NOT appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Opportunity to speak. Please state your name and address for the record. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Agenda Items: Public opportunity to speak on items on the Workforce Development Board WDB Agenda will be heard following announcement of each section or subsection of the Agenda. In order that interested individuals have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the WDB will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per section or subsection of the Agenda.

Agendas and Minutes: All supporting documentation is available for public review at 1900 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, CA 95301 or visit our website at www.worknetmerced.com during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Except holidays). Any material related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the WDB, after distribution of the Agenda packet, is available for public inspection at 1900 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, CA 95301.

Reasonable Accommodations: Persons, who require accommodation for disability in order to review an agenda, or to participate in a meeting of the WDB per the American Disabilities Act (ADA), may obtain assistance by requesting such accommodation in writing addressed to Merced County Workforce Development Board Admin Office or telephonically calling (209) 724-2000 or Erick Serrato (209) 724-2041. Any such request for accommodation should be made at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting for which assistance is requested.

Committee Quorum and Action: A Quorum of the WDB shall consist of eleven (11) members. Actions by the committee shall require a majority vote (11 votes or more) of the total membership of the Committee. When there is no Quorum present at the scheduled start time of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and agenda items will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

All regular WDB meetings are held in-person quarterly on one Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m. and locations hosted at Industry/Employer/Training sites throughout the County.

Agenda		
1. Call to Order	Roll Call of Members of the Board	Leslie Abasta, Chair
2. Public Opportunity	Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Board's jurisdiction, including items on the Board's agenda.	Leslie Abasta, Chair
3. Host Welcome Statement	Merced Electric Company - Gustavo Reyes - Owner	Leslie Abasta, Chair
4. Approval of Minutes	Approval of WDB Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2025.	Leslie Abasta, Chair
5. Open Announcements	Updates and announcements from members of the Workforce Board.	Leslie Abasta, Chair
6. Chair Comments	Comments from the Chair of Merced County Workforce Development Board.	Leslie Abasta, Chair
7. Director's Comments	Synopsis of Meeting Agenda, comment on non-Agenda items, legislative updates, and other areas of interest.	Erick Serrato, Director
	Workforce System	
8. Legislative and Federal Funding	Presentation of current legislative and Federal funding proposals affecting WIOA, and discussion regarding potential impacts.	Erick Serrato, Director
9. 2025/2026 Budget	Presentation of preliminary 25/26 FY Budget for WIOA and other Workforce Programs. Action Item: Approval of Preliminary 25/26 FY Budget for WIOA and other Workforce Programs	Erick Serrato, Director Linda Gutierrez, Staff
	Industry & Labor Market	
10. Employment Trends, Year-over-year	Presentation of current employment data and year-over-year trends, with discussion regarding targeted opportunities.	Erick Serrato, Director

	Adult and Youth Career Services	
11. Subsidized Employment and Training	Discussion about Worknet's various Subsidized Employment Programs, how they are utilized, with discussion on future investments and Board direction.	Robert Theurer, Staff Erick Serrato, Director Valente Huitron, Staff
12. WDB Policy Updates	<p>Presentation of proposed WDB Policy changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Selective Service Registration Policy b. Priority of Service to Veterans and Eligible Spouses c. Priority of Service – WIOA Adult Program d. Dislocated Worker Eligibility and Unlikely to Return to a Previous Industry or Occupation e. National Dislocated Worker Grant f. Work Experience, Internships and Transitional Jobs g. Cost Allocation Policy h. Recovery of WIOA Tuition and Training Refund Policy <p>Action Item: Approval of WDB Policies</p>	Erick Serrato, Director Stacie Tury, Staff Linda Gutierrez, Staff
	Other Items for Discussion	
13. Bylaw Revisions	<p>Presentation of proposed changes to WDB Bylaws, including: (a) Executive Committee Composition; (b) Officer Roles; (c) representative education Board seat; (d) sector-specific Board membership.</p> <p>Action Item: Approval of WDB Bylaw Revisions</p>	Leslie Abasta, Chair
14. Marketing Update	Update on progress by JPW Communications to reenvision WDB/Worknet name, communication strategy and core messages.	Leslie Abasta, Chair Tim O'Neill, 2 nd Vice Chair
15. Adjournment	Adjourning of the Workforce Development Board Meeting.	Leslie Abasta, Chair

Optional: Tour of Merced Electric Company building following the meeting.