



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Date: Monday, April 21, 2025

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

### LOCATIONS

#### Tuolumne County (Primary)

197 Mono Way, Ste B  
Sonora, CA 95370  
(209) 588-1150

#### Amador County

1 Prosperity Court  
Sutter Creek, CA 95685  
(209) 223-3341

#### Calaveras County

560 Mountain Ranch Rd  
San Andreas, CA 95249  
(209) 754-4242

#### Mariposa County

5158 CA-140  
Mariposa, CA 95338  
(209) 938-3247

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Roll call / Establish quorum

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*The Mother Lode Job Training Board of Directors welcomes public comments. A member of the public may comment on agenda items or any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, even though subject matter may not be on the agenda. The Chair will limit the time allocated for each individual public speaker to no more than five (5) minutes.*

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

*All items under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be approved in one action without discussion. If a Board member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar or a citizen wishes to speak on an item, the item will be considered under Action Items.*

- 3.1. Accept the January 27, 2025 meeting minutes

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1. Consideration of approving Gabriel Edwards (Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce) for the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board, representing all business sectors in Mariposa County
- 4.2. Consideration of approving Amendment #1 to the Agreement Between CDEDD and MLJT for Consulting and Administrative Services
- 4.3. Consideration of approving the Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification Application for Program Years 2025-'27
- 4.4. Consideration of approving one 2-year extension through June 30, 2027 of the One-Stop Operator services contract with Gary Beaudette Consulting Inc.
- 4.5. Consideration of approving the [Local](#) and [Regional](#) plans for Plan Years 2025-'28

### 5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5.1. Letters of Support
  - A. **Victory Village, Inc.** - Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) funding application
  - B. **Mariposa County Health Services** - Building the Healthcare Workforce Initiative/Coalition Planning Grant application
  - C. **Tuolumne County Public Health** - Building the Healthcare Workforce Initiative/Coalition Planning Grant application

LATE AGENDA MATERIAL: Late agenda material can be inspected at the four One-Stop Job Centers listed as meeting locations.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Persons who need auxiliary aids or services are requested to call our four One-Stop Job Centers listed above during business hours at least 48 hours before the meeting so appropriate arrangements may be made.

- D. **Pacific Ultrapower Chinese Station** (Pacific Ultrapower) - CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy Business and Workforce Development Program funding application
  - E. **Golden State Forestry Corps** (GSFC) - Round 4 funding through the CAL FIRE Business and Workforce Development (BWD) Grant Program application
- 5.2. Directors' Report (David Thoeny & Amy Frost)
- A. Deadline for Plan Year 2023/24 Single Audit report was extended until July 2025
  - B. Review first draft of PY 2025-2028 WIOA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA)
  - C. Program Performance Updates
  - D. New Funding sources
6. **2025 MEETINGS (All Mondays from 10:00 – 12:00)**  
July 21, October 20
7. **ADJOURN**



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1. Roll call / Establish quorum

<b>BOD Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jaron Brandon	X	
Logan Carnell	X	
Ben Stopper	X	
Danette Toso	X	
Tyler Newton		X

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None.*

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

3.1. Accept the October 21, 2024 meeting minutes  
*Minutes Accepted, (M) J. Brandon, (S) D. Toso, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

4.1. Election of 2025 Board Chair and Vice-Chair  
*Nominations of Ben Stopper for Chair and Jaron Brandon for Vice Chair.  
Nominations Approved. (M) B. Stopper, (S) L. Carnell, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

4.2. Approval of Brioni Pool (The Golf Club at Copper Valley / Copper Valley Development) to the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board, representing the Hospitality/Tourism and Construction business sectors  
*New Board Member Approved, (M) J. Brandon, (S) D. Toso, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

4.3. Approval of Rose Day (Heartwood Biomass) to the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board, representing the Manufacturing and Natural Resources business sectors.  
*New Board Member Approved, (M) J. Brandon, (S) D. Toso, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

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SPECIAL NEEDS: Persons who need auxiliary aids or services are requested to call our four One-Stop Job Centers listed above during business hours at least 48 hours before the meeting so appropriate arrangements may be made.

4.4. Consideration of approving the Second Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Power Agreement for the Creation of the Mother Lode Job Training Agency, subject to adoption by each member's board of supervisors. *Joint Powers Agreement Amendment Approved, (M) J. Brandon, (S) D. Toso, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

4.5. Consideration of approving amendment to Mother Lode Workforce Development Board / Local Elected Official Agreement, subject to adoption of the Second Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Power Agreement for the Creation of the Mother Lode Job Training Agency. *WDB/LEO Amendment Approved, (M) J. Brandon, (S) D. Toso, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

4.6. Consideration of approving amendment to Mother Lode Job Training Board of Directors Bylaws, subject to adoption of the Second Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Power Agreement for the Creation of the Mother Lode Job Training Agency *MLWDB BOD Bylaws Approved, (M) J. Brandon, (S) D. Toso, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

**5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1. Directors' Report (David Thoeny & Amy Frost)

*Amy Frost explained the Local and Regional plan and the progress of it. James Hanson explained the workforce development initiatives including the forestry corp and Sierra Jobs First. James also explained the partnership with Columbia College and a Healthcare grant and the new partnership with ICES for child care initiatives. Alex Bloom explained economic development initiatives including establishing a culture of life long learning, expanding collaboration, and provided an update on the broadband grant. Alex also explained a partnership with Fullerton for Marketing, Outreach, and Awareness of the broadband initiative. Nicole Hurtado explained how the new policies have been updated to reflect EDD directives. Tracey Hays explained fiscal news at MLJT. Tracey updated the board, explaining discoveries, challenges, and solutions for the fiscal department.*

**6. 2025 MEETINGS (All 10:00 – 12:00)**

April 21, July 21, October 20

**7. ADJOURN**



## Mother Lode Job Training

Workforce Development Board

197 Mono Way, Ste. B

Sonora, CA 95370

Phone 209.533.3396 / Fax 209.533.1079

### PRIVATE INDUSTRY

#### Application for Membership on Workforce Investment Board

(Nominees must represent private industry)

Name of Applicant: Gabriel Edwards  
Title: Chair, Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce  
Title 2: CEO, Mariposa Educational Bridge Foundation  
Physical Address: 5158 Highway 140, Mariposa, CA, 95338  
Mailing Address: PO Box 425, Mariposa, CA, 95338  
Type of Business/Industry: Nonprofit / Community Economic & Trades Benefit  
Counties Served: Mariposa  
Number of Employees: 8-12  
Business Telephone: 209 966 2456  
LinkedIn: <https://linkedin.com/in/gabeedwards>  
Email Address: director@mariposabridge.org  
Cell Phone (Optional): 408 781 7861

\*\*\*\*\*Applicant to complete questions below\*\*\*\*\*

Briefly state the qualifications/leadership experience you possess which you feel would be an asset to the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board:

I have been working for the last decade to develop and connect multiple disparate organizations in Mariposa County for the benefit of the community; the Mariposa Chamber of Commerce, Mother Lode Job Training, the Economic Development Corporation, the County Supervisors, the School District, and others. Beyond this, I own my own small business and I have been working at a Senior Manager / Directorship level for the University of California since 2005, at UC Merced, UC San Diego, and UC Santa Cruz. I was just recruited back to UC Merced as the Technical Project and Program Director for Medical Education. Two years ago, I launched the Mariposa Educational Bridge Foundation as a fundraising resource to create training and certification pathways for Skilled Trades education in Mariposa County. My areas of expertise are in leadership learning, business process optimization, and mining waste for savings. I am currently serving on the Governance Board for the Sierra Business Council's regional California Jobs First statewide investment grant program.



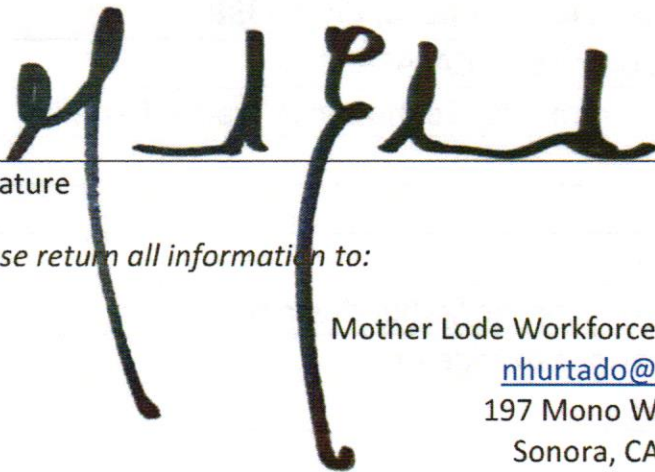
What interests or goals would you bring to the Board?

I would be primarily interested in continuing to provide a voice for education, trades, locally-owned businesses, entrepreneurship, sustainable regional economic development, and any concomitant jobs creation, growth, development and recruiting which can be leveraged. I have been a proactive supporter and developer of regional programs to provide skills, training, education, scholarships, and any other forms of opportunity for Mariposa youth, unemployed, low-skilled, minorities, and under-represented populations. I firmly believe that we can improve outcomes for these demographics through vertical integration of the community resources.

Do you have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and to attend the required meetings?

Yes\_X\_ No

Feel free to attach additional information, including your personal resume or biography, along with information about your business or company.



3/18/2025

Signature

Date

*Please return all information to:*

Mother Lode Workforce Development Board  
[nhurtado@mljt.org](mailto:nhurtado@mljt.org)  
197 Mono Way, Ste. B  
Sonora, CA 95370  
Phone 209.533.3396 / Fax 209.533.1079

This section to be completed by Workforce Development Board staff.

Nominating Organization Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce

Representative Brittney Bonds

Brittney Bonds, Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce, Board Chair

AMENDMENT #1 TO  
THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CSEDD AND MLJT FOR  
CONSULTING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

This Amendment #1 is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and between the Central Sierra Economic Development District (“CSEDD”) and Mother Lode Job Training (“MLJT”).

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2023, CSEDD and MLJT entered into an agreement for consulting and administrative services (“Agreement”) expiring on June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to extend the Agreement for another two years to expire on June 30, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY AND THE CONTRACTOR AGREE as follows:

1. Paragraph 1 of the Agreement (Term) is amended to extend the term expiring on June 30, 2026.
2. Except as amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment #1 as of the date written above.

CSEDD	MLJT
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ATTEST:	ATTEST:
<hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> By: Secretary	<hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> By: Secretary
APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
<hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> By: Cody Nesper, Deputy County Counsel	<hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> By: Chris Schmidt, Deputy County Counsel

**Local Area Subsequent Designation  
and  
Local Board Recertification Application  
for  
Program Year 2025-27**

**Local Workforce Development Area**

MOTHER LODE CONSORTIUM



## **Application for Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification**

This application will serve as your request for Local Workforce Development Area (Local Area) subsequent designation and Local Workforce Development Board (Local Board) recertification for Program Year (PY) 2025-27 under the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA).

If the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) determines the application is incomplete, it will either be returned or held until the necessary documentation is submitted. Contact your [Regional Advisor](#) for technical assistance or questions related to completing and submitting this application.

Completed applications must be submitted to the CWDB at [PolicyUnit@cwdb.ca.gov](mailto:PolicyUnit@cwdb.ca.gov) by **5 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025.**

Mother Lode Consortium

Name of Local Area

197 Mono Way, Suite B

Mailing Address

Sonora, CA, 95370

City, State, ZIP

4/7/2025

Date of Submission

David Thoeny

Contact Person

(209) 536-4501

Contact Person's Phone Number

## Local Board Membership

The WIOA Section 107(b)(2)(A) through (E) states the requirements for nominating and selecting Local Board members.

1. Provide the names of the individuals appointed for each membership category listed below.
2. Attach a roster for the current Local Board.

**Category: Business** – WIOA Section 107(b)(2)(A) requires that business members constitute a simple majority of the Local Board, and WIOA Section 107(b)(3) states that the chairperson shall also be a member under this category. Specifically, a majority of the Local Board’s business members shall constitute the following representatives under this membership category:

- Owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of businesses, or other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority
- Representatives of businesses, including small businesses or business organizations
- Individuals appointed by those who have been nominated by local business organizations and business trade associations

List the Local Board’s business members and identify the chairperson by typing CHAIR after their name:

**Local Board Business Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sector/Entity</b>	<b>Appointment Date</b>	<b>Term End Date</b>
Tyler Newton/Chair	Operations & Service Line Executive	Healthcare/Adventist Health	04/21/2014	04/19/2026
Mark Luster	Community Relations Manager	Natural Resources;Mfg/Sierra Pacific Industries	08/16/2018	08/16/2027
Mike Lemke	President	Construction/Miramont Homes (Small Business)	08/17/2017	08/17/2026
Tim Hildabrand/Vice Chair	Electrical Engineering Manager	Information Technology/Cal.net Inc	10/17/2011	10/20/2026
John Alexander	Executive Director	Healthcare/MACT Health Board	05/18/2023	05/18/2026
Vigi Austin	Director of Human Resources	Hospitality/Tourism/Harrah's Northern California	10/27/2022	10/27/2025
Frank Leschinsky	Public Sector Manager	Information Technology/Volcano Communications Group (Small Business)	08/20/2015	08/20/2027
Rose Day	General Manager	Mfg/Nat. Res./Heartwood Biomass (Small Business)	02/20/2025	02/20/2028
Brioni Pool	Director of Membership/PR	Hospitality/Tourism/Constr/The Gold Club at Copper Valley/CV Development	02/20/2025	02/20/2028
Gabe Edwards	Chair	All Sectors/Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce	04/21/2025	04/21/2028

**Category: Labor** – Not less than 20 percent of the Local Board members shall be representatives from the Local Area’s workforce (WIOA 107[b][2][B]) who:

- Shall include representatives of labor organizations (for a Local Area in which employees are represented by labor organizations) who have been nominated by local labor federations or (for a Local Area in which no employees are represented by such organizations) other representatives of employees. California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC) Section 14202(b)(1) further requires and specifies that these representatives shall amount to not less than 15 percent of the Local Board membership and be subject to the following:
  - a. For a Local Area in which no employees are represented by such organizations, other representatives of employees shall be appointed to the board, but any Local Board that appoints representatives of employees that are not nominated

by local labor federations shall demonstrate that no employees are represented by such organizations in the area.

b. Shall include a representative, who shall be a member of a labor organization or a training director from a joint labor-management apprenticeship program, or if no such program exists in the area, such a representative of a state-approved apprenticeship program in the area, if such a program exists.

- May include representatives of community-based organizations that have demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing the employment needs of individuals with barriers to employment, including organizations that serve veterans or that provide or support competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities.
- May include representatives of organizations that have demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing the employment, training, or education needs of eligible youth, including representatives of organizations that serve out-of-school youth.

List the Local Board’s labor members:

**Local Board Labor Members**

Name	Title	Entity	Appointment Date	Term End Date
Debra Rockwood	Financial Secretary Treasurer	Labor Organization/UNITE-HERE! Local 19	08/21/2003	08/21/2027
Bill Petrone	Regional Director	Labor Organization/Service Employees International Union 1021	11/03/2010	11/03/2025
Jason Wood	Field Representative	Apprenticeships/Laborers Local 1130	02/18/2021	2/18/2027
Bill Redford	Director	Youth Education & Employment/Calaveras County Office of Education	10/27/2022	10/27/2025

**Category: Education** – WIOA Section 107[b][2][C] requires that each Local Board include members who represent entities that administer education and training activities in the Local Area. Specifically, the Local Board shall have education representatives under this membership category from the following entities:

- Eligible Title II adult education and literacy providers
- Institutions of higher education providing workforce investment activities

Members may be representatives from local educational agencies and community-based organizations with demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing the education or training needs of individuals with barriers to employment.

List the Local Board’s education members:

**Local Board Education Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Entity</b>	<b>Appointment Date</b>	<b>Term End Date</b>
Brandon Price	Dean of CTE	High Education/Columbia College	09/21/2023	09/21/2026
Zack Abernathy	Superintendent of Schools	Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools	05/18/2023	05/18/2026

**Category: Economic and Community Development** – WIOA Sections 107[b][2][D] and [E] require each Local Board to include governmental, economic, and community development representatives under this membership category from the following entities:

- Economic and community development organizations
- The state’s employment service office under the Wagner-Peyser Act
- Programs carried out under Title I of the federal Rehabilitation Act

A Local Board may have representatives from transportation, housing, and/or public assistance agencies; philanthropic organizations; and/or an individual or representatives of entities determined to be appropriate by the local Chief Elected Official (CEO).

List the Local Board’s economic and community development members:

**Local Board Economic and Community Development Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Entity</b>	<b>Appointment Date</b>	<b>Term End Date</b>
Kathryn Gallino	Economic and Community Development Director	Economic Development/Calaveras County Economic Development	05/16/2019	05/16/2026
LaChelle Adams	Cluster Manager	Title III Wagner-Peyser/ California Employment Development Department	11/21/2019	11/21/2025

Name	Title	Entity	Appointment Date	Term End Date
Shayn Anderson	Regional Director	Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation/California Department of Rehabilitation	09/21/2023	09/21/2026

### Performed Successfully

The Local Area hereby certifies that it has performed successfully, defined as having an Individual Indicator Score of 50 percent or higher in PY 22-23 **or** PY 23-24, as described in Workforce Services Directive (WSD) WSD20-02, *Calculating Local Area Performance and Nonperformance* (September 18, 2020).

**Note** – Report your “*performance score*” rather than the “*adjusted level of performance.*”

### PY 22-23 Scores

Indicator	Adults	Dislocated Workers	Youth
Employment Rate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter After Exit	<u>111.6%</u>	<u>117.5%</u>	<u>123.1%</u>
Employment Rate 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter After Exit	<u>107.7%</u>	<u>112.9%</u>	<u>151.1%</u>
Median Earnings	<u>133.6%</u>	<u>104.9%</u>	<u>211.7%</u>
Credential Attainment	<u>92.0%</u>	<u>105.3%</u>	<u>168.5%</u>



**PY 23-24 Scores**

Indicator	Adults	Dislocated Workers	Youth	Overall Indicator Score
Employment Rate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter After Exit	<u>95.3%</u>	<u>100.4%</u>	<u>79.2%</u>	91.63%
Employment Rate 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter After Exit	<u>93.3%</u>	<u>165.5%</u>	<u>134.2%</u>	<u>131%</u>
Median Earnings	<u>123.4%</u>	<u>171%</u>	<u>155.2%</u>	<u>149.87%</u>
Credential Attainment	<u>115.4%</u>	<u>162.8%</u>	<u>115.5%</u>	<u>131.23%</u>
Measurable Skills Gain	<u>135.7%</u>	<u>158.2%</u>	<u>98.2%</u>	<u>130.70%</u>
Overall Program Score	<u>112.62%</u>	<u>151.58%</u>	<u>116.46%</u>	---

**Sustained Fiscal Integrity**

The Local Area hereby certifies that it has not been found in violation of one or more of the following during PY 22-23 or PY 23-24:

- *Final determination of significant finding(s)* from audits, evaluations, or other reviews conducted by state or local governmental agencies or the Department of Labor identifying issues of fiscal integrity or misexpended funds due to the willful disregard or failure to comply with any WIOA requirement.
- Gross negligence – defined as a conscious and voluntary disregard of the need to use reasonable care, which is likely to cause foreseeable grave injury or harm to persons, property, or both.
- Failure to observe accepted standards of administration – Local Areas must have adhered to the applicable uniform administrative requirements set forth in Title 2 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200 (Uniform Guidance).

Certify No Violation:

## Engaged in Regional Planning

*Engaged in regional planning* is defined as participating in and contributing to regional planning, regional plan implementation, and regional performance negotiations. The Local Area hereby certifies that it has participated in and contributed to regional planning and negotiating regional performance measures in the following ways:

1. Conducted a Regional Planning Community Forum including the public, businesses, economic development entities, community-based organizations, and workforce development partners.
2. Convened the annual combined Workforce Development Board and Board of Directors Strategic Meeting.
3. Completed regional assessment sessions with California Jobs First (CJF) stakeholders over the last year and contributed to designing the regional plan submitted to the State.
4. Participated in the Central California Workforce Collaborative – an inter-regional collaboration between 9 local area workforce development directors sharing best practices and strategies.
5. Strategically assisted K16 regional planning to align with cradle-to-career and leverage California Jobs First and other initiatives, creating pipelines of talent for in-demand occupations.
6. Administer the regional Central Sierra Economic Development District which includes Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa and Amador counties, aligning the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy with workforce development planning.
7. Braiding multiple funding streams, strategically leverage workforce development best practices to serve the justice-involved, reduce recidivism, and strengthen the communities and economies of the region.
8. Co-located Workforce Development with the Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce in the Mariposa County AJCC.
9. Convened the Natural Resources Industry Partnership (NRIP), a regional collaboration between leaders in the Natural Resources industries of Forestry, Logging, Fire, Biofuels and Sustainable Energy, etc.
10. Convened the Mother Lode Healthcare Industry Partnership (MHIP), a regional collaboration between leaders in the Healthcare industry.
11. Provided accessibility stations with ADA-compliant equipment in all 4 AJCCs and conducted staff training in serving People with Disabilities.
12. Trained staff in Equity and Cultural Competence.
13. Partnered with Columbia College and Fresno WDB to conduct a demand-driven Forestry Corps, resulting in industry-recognized certifications.
14. Provided Metrix online training to upskill all regional partners and residents funded by special grants.
15. Partnered with Columbia College to design and implement medical training programs funded by CWDB RERP in response to industry demand.

## Local Area Assurances

Through PY 25-27, the Local Area assures that:

- A. It will comply with the applicable uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements (WIOA Section 184[a][2] and [3]).

Highlights of this assurance include:

- The Local Area's procurement procedures will avoid the acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items, software, and subscriptions (in alignment with Uniform Guidance Section 200.318)
- The Local Area will maintain and provide accounting and program records, including supporting source documentation, to auditors at all levels, as permitted by law (Uniform Guidance Section 200.508).

Note that failure to comply with the audit requirements specified in Uniform Guidance Subpart F will subject the Local Area to a potential cash hold (Uniform Guidance Section 200.339).

- B. All financial reporting will be done in compliance with federal and state regulations and guidance.

Highlights of this assurance include the following:

- Reporting will be done in compliance with WSD 19-05, *Monthly and Quarterly Financial Reporting Requirements* (December 4, 2019).
- All close-out reports will comply with the policies and procedures listed in WSD16-05, *WIOA Closeout Requirements* (July 29, 2016).

Note that failure to comply with financial reporting requirements will subject the Local Area to a potential cash hold. (Uniform Guidance Section 200.339)

- C. Funds will be spent in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations, and guidance.

Highlights of this assurance include the following:

- The Local Area will meet the requirements of the *CUIC Section 14211* to spend a minimum of 30 percent of the combined total of WIOA Title I adult and dislocated worker formula fund allocations on training services.
- The Local Area will not use funds to assist, promote, or deter union organizing (WIOA Section 181[b][7]).

- D. The Local Area will select America's Job Center of California<sup>SM</sup> operator(s) through a competitive procurement process, such as a Request for Proposals, unless designated or

certified as an operator with the agreement of the local CEO and the Governor (WIOA Section 121[d][2][A] and 107[g][2]).

- E. The Local Area will collect, enter, and maintain data related to participant enrollment, activities, and performance necessary to meet all CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup> reporting requirements and deadlines.
- F. The Local Area will comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of WIOA Section 188 and Title 29 CFR Part 38, including the collection of necessary data.
- G. The Local Area will engage in and contribute to regional planning and regional plan implementation (for example, the Local Area has participated in regional planning meetings and regional plan implementation efforts, and the Local Board and local CEO have reviewed and approved the regional plan and two-year modifications).
- H. The Local Area will participate in regional performance negotiations.
- I. The Local Area will comply with CWDB policies and guidelines, legislative mandates, and/or other special provisions as may be required under federal law or policy, including the WIOA or state legislation.
- J. Priority shall be given to veterans, recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals, and individuals who are basic skills deficient for receipt of career and training services funded by WIOA Adult funding (WIOA Section 134[c][3][E] and *Training and Employment Guidance Letter* [TEGL] 10-09, and TEGL 19-16).

## Application Signature Page

**Instructions** – The local CEO and Local Board Chair must sign and date this form. Electronic signatures are permitted for the PY 25-27 application.

By signing the application below, the local CEO and Local Board Chair request subsequent designation of the Local Area and recertification of the Local Board. Additionally, they agree to abide by the Local Area assurances included in this application.

Local Board Chair

Local CEO

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Signature

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Signature

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Tyler Newton

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Benjamin Stopper

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Name

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Chair, Mother Lode  
Workforce Development Board

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Chair, Mother Lode  
Board of Directors

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U.S. Department of Labor  
Veterans' Employment and Training Service  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20210

February 22, 2025

Dear HVRP Grant Review Committee,

This letter of support for Victory Village, Inc.'s Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) funding application comes from the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board (MLWDB). As the WIOA-designated workforce development board for Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa Counties, we applaud Victory Village's dedication to reducing veteran homelessness via housing, social services, and career development. Their plan to enhance job opportunities for homeless veterans supports our rural economic development and workforce readiness goals.

Since 2011, veteran-led nonprofit Victory Village, Inc. in Amador County has provided transitional housing, case management, and vocational rehabilitation to veterans. They provide direct employment training, skills development, and job placement support for veteran reintegration. Victory Village's vocational rehabilitation program teaches veterans construction, office administration, and employment ready skills. Their Veterans Center and Grant and Per Diem program partnerships with the VA enhance their ability to provide effective employment alternatives.

MLWDB will work with Victory Village to help homeless veterans find work. In partnership with Victory Village's vocational rehabilitation efforts, we will enroll veterans in our American Job Center programs for skills assessments, resume development, interview preparation, and direct connections to high-demand employers in construction, healthcare support, and logistics. Our alliance will give veterans the training and credentials they need for career success.

Mother Lode Workforce Development Board endorses Victory Village, Inc.'s HVRP application and will collaborate on its implementation. This program should boost career prospects for homeless veterans and increase our regional workforce. Please call (209) 533-3396 or email [dthoeny@mljt.org](mailto:dthoeny@mljt.org) for more information about our collaboration.

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County Medical Services Program - Building the Healthcare Workforce Grant  
Letter of Commitment and Participation

Re: **Mariposa County Health Services Grant Application**

03/25/2025

Dear County Medical Services Program Governing Board:

This Letter of Commitment and Participation confirms **Mother Lode Workforce Development Board** is committed to partnering with **Mariposa County Health Services** in their pursuit of a Building the Healthcare Workforce **Initiative/Coalition Planning Grant**.

As a supporter of this application, **Mother Lode Workforce Development Board** confirms:

- Support of the intention to execute a planning grant that will include recruitment, retention and training of current and future workforce.
- MLWD has a long standing relationship with MCHHSA experience partnering with the community to provide grant projects that enhance the community.
- MLWD is dedicated to enhancing and developing strategies that invest in the community and services that are provided to each resident.

As a key partner listed in the proposal, **Mother Lode Workforce Development Board** agrees to participate in the following ways:

- Review and feedback of the planning grant
- MLWD is committed to ensuring the success of this project as it is seen as a way to support the workforce development and strength of programs.
- No MOU is necessary as there is no exchange of services or goods.

We do hereby commit to partner with **Mariposa County Health Services** as described above.

For questions, please contact Sarah Philips at [sphilips@mljt.org](mailto:sphilips@mljt.org).

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**County Medical Services Program – Building the Healthcare Workforce Grant  
Letter of Commitment and Participation**

**RE: Tuolumne County Public Health grant application**

**Date: 03/27/2025**

Dear County Medical Services Program Governing Board,

This Letter of Commitment and Participation confirms that Mother Lode Job Training (MLJT) is committed to partnering with Tuolumne County Public Health in their pursuit of a Building the Healthcare Workforce Initiative/Coalition Planning Grant.

As a supporter of this application, MLJT confirms our understanding and endorsement of the proposed project:

**Project Understanding:**

Tuolumne County Public Health seeks to establish a Community Health Worker (CHW) Hub for Tuolumne County. This hub will connect CHWs from various organizations and healthcare facilities throughout the county to encourage the sharing of best practices, local knowledge, and professional development resources. In addition to promoting peer-to-peer support, the hub will provide continuing education opportunities through a “study club” model—similar to a medical or dental society—to support certification maintenance and training in chronic disease prevention. This initiative addresses critical healthcare workforce shortages in our rural region, particularly among low-income adults who face significant barriers to care. The CHW Hub aligns with our shared mission of increasing access to high-quality healthcare services in underserved communities.

**CHW Hub Activities Will Include:**

- Regular meetings with peer-sharing and presentations from public health professionals.
- Free CEUs to support certification retention and other evolving local needs.
- Training pathways for Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) and Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP) certifications.
- Mentorship and networking opportunities for CHWs countywide.

**Prior Collaboration:**

MLJT and Tuolumne County Public Health have a history of collaboration through workforce development initiatives, joint data-sharing efforts, and regional healthcare partnerships such as the Sierra Healthcare Industry Partnership (SHIP).

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**MLJT's Commitment to the Project:**

If this project is funded, Mother Lode Job Training would be honored to continue our partnership with Tuolumne County Public Health by actively participating in future meetings of the CHW Hub. We are excited to support and promote entry-level opportunities in the healthcare workforce through the community health worker model. CHWs play a vital role in bridging Tuolumne County community members to essential services, and MLJT is committed to helping grow this pathway by supporting recruitment, outreach, and training efforts in collaboration with local healthcare facilities and clinics.

We are proud to support this innovative and much-needed initiative. MLJT is fully committed to partnering with Tuolumne County Public Health to strengthen our local healthcare workforce and improve health outcomes for our region.

For questions, please contact Dave Thoeny, Executive Director, at (209) 588-1150 or [dthoeny@mljt.org](mailto:dthoeny@mljt.org).

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04/15/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Mother Lode Job Training (MLJT) is pleased to express our full support and collaboration with Pacific Ultrapower Chinese Station (Pacific Ultrapower) in their application for funding from CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy Business and Workforce Development Program. The proposed funds will be used to purchase a loader for biomass intake at the Pacific Ultrapower yard, which will also serve as a key training tool for individuals learning equipment operation in this industry. This investment will significantly enhance the skillsets of those seeking careers in the forestry and bioenergy sectors.

As a committed partner in this initiative, MLJT will provide recruitment and technical support for the equipment operation training program hosted by Pacific Ultrapower. Our organization is dedicated to helping individuals gain the experience and training necessary to enter the workforce successfully. This funding will expand regional capacity to offer a hands-on training program aligned with regional forestry industry needs.

We recognize the importance of offering meaningful opportunities to local residents, particularly those from low-income and disadvantaged communities, by connecting them with essential training and employment resources in industries that drive our local economy.

MLJT is fully dedicated to this initiative and will contribute resources, expertise, and coordination to ensure its successful implementation. We recognize this effort's vital role in building workforce capacity in the wood products and bioenergy industries and strengthening community resilience.

We look forward to working alongside Pacific Ultrapower and other stakeholders to support job growth and industry development within our county and neighboring communities.

Please consider this letter a formal commitment to supporting this initiative and contributing to its success.

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Should you have any questions, you may contact me at (209) 536-4501 or via email at [dthoeny@mljt.org](mailto:dthoeny@mljt.org)

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April 16, 2025

Chief John McCarthy  
CAL FIRE  
Business and Workforce Development Program  
P.O. Box 944246  
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**RE: Letter of Support – Golden State Forestry Corps (GSFC) Application  
for CAL FIRE BWD Round 4 Funding.**

Dear Chief McCarthy,

On behalf of the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board (MLWDB), I am writing to express our strong support for the Golden State Forestry Corps (GSFC) application for Round 4 funding through the CAL FIRE Business and Workforce Development (BWD) Grant Program.

The Mother Lode Workforce Development Board serves as the regional economic and workforce planning and policy board for Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne counties. We are charged with aligning workforce services with the evolving needs of local industry, promoting sustainable employment, and strengthening the economic foundation of the region through strategic investment in workforce development. Our members—drawn from the private sector, education, labor, and civic leadership—work to ensure that local job seekers are equipped with the skills employers need, both today and into the future.

The Golden State Forestry Corps aligns with our mission and directly addresses a critical workforce and environmental need in our region. The growing threat of catastrophic wildfire, driven by drought conditions and the buildup of dead and dying trees, presents a challenge that must be met with trained human capital. The GSFC not only prepares local residents for meaningful careers in forestry, fire prevention, and natural resource management - it also provides our local communities with a stronger, more resilient workforce capable of reducing fuels *before* fires start. This is particularly vital in our four-county service area, which includes some of the most fire-prone forests in California.

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By offering industry-aligned training in forest fuels reduction, mechanized logging, and heavy equipment operations - including partnerships with Columbia College and private sector employers - GSFC is creating viable pathways into high-demand occupations. The initiative serves dual purposes: strengthening the local economy by training the next generation of forestry workers, and enhancing public safety by proactively reducing the risk of wildfire.

As a Workforce Board charged with integrating and coordinating services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), we view GSFC as a valuable partner in our shared effort to meet regional employment needs while supporting environmental stewardship. We look forward to continued collaboration with GSFC in aligning job seekers with high-quality training and career opportunities in the forestry and natural resources sectors.

The Mother Lode Workforce Development Board fully supports this proposal and urges CAL FIRE to fund the Golden State Forestry Corps in this round of BWD grants.

Sincerely,

**David Thoeny**

Executive Director

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# 2025 Board Meetings

Primary Location In-Person: 197 Mono Way, Suite B, Sonora, CA 95370  
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### BOD Meetings

Monday, January 27, 2025  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, April 21, 2025  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, July 21, 2025  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, October 20, 2025  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### WDB Meetings

Thursday, February 20, 2025  
12:00 - 2:00 pm

Thursday, May 15, 2025  
12:00 - 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 21, 2025  
12:00 - 2:00 pm

Thursday, November 20, 2025  
12:00 - 2:00 pm

*Lunch provided for WDB Meetings*

If you require reasonable accommodation in order to participate in any of these meetings please contact Nicole Hurtado, 72 hours in advance, at [nhurtado@mljt.org](mailto:nhurtado@mljt.org)  
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