

**MEETING MINUTES**



**Mother Lode Workforce Development Board**

Thursday, May 16, 2024 (12:00pm)

**Teleconference (Non-voting Attendees):** **In-Person (Primary Location):**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6067573943> 197 Mono Way, Suite B  
Phone audio: (669) 900-9128 Sonora, CA 95370  
Meeting ID: 606 757 3943 (209) 588-1150

***In-Person (Amador Location):***

1 Prosperity Court  
Sutter Creek, CA 95685  
(209) 267-5590

***In-Person (Calaveras Location):***

7 Main Street  
San Andreas, CA 95249  
(209) 754-4242

***In-Person (Mariposa Location):***

5362 Lemee Lane  
Mariposa, CA 95338  
(209) 966-3643

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

- a) Roll call / Establish quorum

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present?</b>	<b>Absent?</b>
Bill Petrone		X
Bill Redford		X
Brandon Price		X
Cory Thomas-Fisk		X
Debra Rockwood	X	
Frank Leschinsky	X	
Jason Wood		X
John Alexander		X
Kathryn Gallino	X	
LaChelle Adams (ALT. Justin Henry)	X	
Mark Luster		X
Mike Lemke	X	
Shayn Anderson	X	
Stephen Kautz		X
Tim Hildabrand (Vice Chair)	X	
Tyler Newton (Chair)	X	
Vigi Austin (Remote, Non-voting)		X
Zack Abernathy	X	

**2) ORAL COMMUNICATION**

*None.*

**3) CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of Minutes of the February 15, 2024 Mother Lode Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes  
*Minutes approved, (M) Z. Abernathy, (S) T. Hildabrand, ayes carried, 10 absent.*

**4) ACTION ITEMS**

- a) *None*

**5) INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## a) Directors' Report (Dave &amp; Amy)

i) *Funding Summary*

*Dave shared the current funding summary with the board, and notified them that all are funding sources currently in the "Green" status, meaning they are on track to be spent and do not need special attention.*

ii) *Operations*(1) *Metrics*

- *Workforce Accelerator Fund (WAF 10) was fully expended, and we met or exceeded all our goals!*

*Outcomes:*

- *49 homeless individuals served with WAF 10*
- *9 Paid Work Experience (WEX)*
- *2 Training Programs*
- *9 Supportive Services*
- *13 participants gained employment, 7 of which are earning \$18 or more an hour*
- *4 people gained credentials (2 out of a co-enrolled source)*
- *5 individuals participated in the CalFire Certificate program at Columbia College*
- *2 individuals participated in the Tuolumne Collaborative Pre-apprenticeship Construction Training*
- *All 5 Resiliency Village participants that Connie case managed found housing!!*
- *Of the 5 RV participants, 4 received a necessary supportive service, 3 participated in a WEX, 1 completed a training, 3 gained unsubsidized employment.*

*Partnering with the staff at Resiliency Village, was a huge contributor to these individuals' success!*

*(2) MLJT is currently in the process of completing AJCC Certifications (3-year)*

*(3) MLJT is also starting the process of its Local & Regional Plans (4-year)*

iii) *Introduce Economic Development Manager, Alex Bloom*iv) *Initiatives (e.g., Forestry Corps, CA Jobs First, Sierra K-16, Industry Partnerships, Childcare Entrepreneurship)*(1) *Forestry Corps*

- *Second cohort commencement*
- *15 Graduates*
- *All received job offers or are matriculating*
- *8 enrolled in Heavy Equipment Logging Operations (HELO) training*

(2) *CA Jobs First*

- *Core Issues and Opportunities: Workforce Development and Career Readiness, Physical Infrastructure, Social Services and Infrastructure, Governance and Land Tenure/Management, Housing Affordability and Placemaking*
- *Outcomes we hope to achieve: Increase the number of quality jobs with equitable access. Attract investment into communities, key industries, and infrastructure. Build climate-resilient communities. Grow opportunities for the workforce.*
- *Priority Sectors: Sustainable Recreation and Tourism, Natural and Working Lands, Clean Energy and Energy Resilience, Sustainable Agriculture/Ranching/Food Systems, and Community Healthcare.*
- *Strategic Actions: Collaboration, Strategic Investments/Actions, and Inclusionary Pathways.*

*(3) Other Updates:*

- **Forestry**
  - Greater Sierra Forestry Corp  
2nd cohort of 16 graduating  
Cohort Graduation 5/1
  - Forestry Industry Sector Partnership  
4/19 at Columbia College
- **Funding**
  - Sierra K-16 Collaborative  
“Pathways to Success” \$150,000  
Recruiting participants
  - CA Jobs First Contracts: CSEDD/MLJT  
Additional \$100K each
  - Amador RFP – Virtual Peer Recovery Services  
Submitted Application for \$405,400 Pre/Post Release
- **Compliance**
  - AJCC Certification  
1 Comprehensive (Tuolumne) and 3 Affiliates  
Required every 3 years
  - Regional & Local Plans  
Community and stakeholder convenings (Fall 2024)  
Finals due (March 2025)  
Required every 4 years (2-year mods)
  - Single Audit Report from Harshwal & Company LLP  
BOD Approved – 2022-23 Clean Audit Report
- **CA Jobs First**
  - Retreat in Tahoe (4/25-26)  
Input on the strategic planning process
  - CBO Community Participation  
ATCAA, CMCAA, Alliance, ACCF  
Reviewing strategies from Retreat around: Community  
Healthcare, Sustainable Ag, Clean Energy,  
Forestry/working lands, Sustainable Rec & Tourism
  - CSEDD Contracted MLJT to Hire ED Manager
- **Healthcare**
  - MHIP (Sector Partnership) – May 20<sup>th</sup> at Columbia College  
Review Wins; Analyze Opportunities; Plan Roadmap  
Hospital and Clinic CEOs / Leadership
- **Human Resources**
  - Recruiting  
Seeking Fiscal Technician  
Hired Economic Development Manager (Alex Bloom)
  - Restructuring  
Successful Outcome from Market Adjustment and Business Services
- **Advocacy**
  - Day at the Capitol  
Senator Alvarado Gil and Assemblyman Jim Patterson
  - Congressman McClintock Visit to MLJT  
Featured Forestry Corps and Reinforced MLJT Value

**6) 2024 MEETINGS** (Quarterly: Third Thursday of the Second Month at 12:00pm)  
August 15, November 21

**7) ADJOURN**