

**MEETING MINUTES**



**Mother Lode Workforce Development Board**  
Thursday, September 21, 2023 (12:00pm)

**Teleconference (Non-voting Attendees):** **In-Person (Primary Location):**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6067573943> 197 Mono Way, Suite B  
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**In-Person (Amador Location):**  
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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		X
Mark Luster		X
Mike Lemke		X
Shayn Anderson	X	
Stephen Kautz		X
Tim Hildabrand (Vice Chair)		X
Tyler Newton (Chair)	X	
Vigi Austin		X
Zack Abernathy	X	

**2) ORAL COMMUNICATION**

*None.*

**3) CONSENT AGENDA**

a) Approval of Minutes of the May 18, 2023 Mother Lode Workforce Development Board Meeting  
*Minutes approved, (M) Z. Abernathy, (S) D. Rockwood, 8 abstentions, 8 absent.*

**4) ACTION ITEMS**

a) Approve Plan Year 2023-24 Final Budget  
*Plan Year 2023-24 Final Budget approved, (M) B. Price, (S) B. Redford, ayes carried, 8 absent.*

**5) INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) *Welcome new WDB members John Alexander (MACT), Brandon Price (Columbia College), and Shayn Anderson (CA Dept. of Rehabilitation)*
- b) *One-Stop Operator procurement was awarded (Beaudette Consulting Inc.)*
- c) **Directors' Report (Dave & Amy)**
  - i) *Workforce Development Trends*
    - (1) *Cost of Living going up - Need to update Living Wage Standard & all salary ranges*
    - (2) *Artificial Intelligence (AI) - Won't replace humans, but humans using AI will replace other humans (Chat GPT)*
    - (3) *Engaging the Workforce – Need to market the altruistic value of businesses*
  - ii) *New initiatives in Forestry, Construction, Healthcare, Climate Resiliency, Prison Reentry*
    - (1) **Community Economic Recovery Fund (CERF)**
      - (a) *High Road Transition Collaborative (HRTC)*
        - (i) *\$500,000 for WDB & CSEDD (out of \$5 million total)*
        - (ii) *"Eastern Sierra" region of 7 counties*
        - (iii) *MLJT providing LMI data and direction*
      - (b) *Eastern Sierra K-16 Collaborative*
        - (i) *Career development in 3 critical industries (Healthcare, Engineering/Computing, Education)*
        - (ii) *Phase-1 - \$250K to Columbia College (CA State Legislature)*
        - (iii) *Phase-2 - \$18 Million for implementation*
    - (2) **Reentry**
      - (a) *Access to P2EJobs for every CA inmate*
      - (b) *Prison to Employment (P2E 2.0)*
        - (i) *\$250,000*
        - (ii) *Reentry services for 25 people*
      - (c) *Prison to Employment (P2E) Technical Assistance*
        - (i) *\$325,578*
        - (ii) *Statewide common framework for inter-WDB collaboration*
        - (iii) *"Mighty" Mother Lode hand picked*
      - (d) *CDCR contract for pre-release AJCC*
        - (i) *\$150,000 minimum per Prison/AJCC*
    - (3) **Forestry**
      - (a) *Greater Sierra Forestry Corp*
        - (i) *\$419,492; Launched in August – 60 participants*
      - (b) *Recompete Pilot Program (application)*
        - (i) *\$7 million; 150 participants plus equipment/facilities*
    - (4) **Construction**
      - (a) *High Road Construction Careers (with Fresno)*
        - (i) *\$616,379; 50 participants – all 4 counties*
        - (ii) *Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) training at Columbia College (Calaveras, Mariposa)*
    - (5) **Tourism/Hospitality**
      - (a) *Incumbent Worker Training*
        - (i) *Dodge Ridge; Upskilling into management; Backfilling those*

**(6) Healthcare**

*(a) Mother Lode Gateway to Healthcare Careers*

*(i) \$600,000; 65 participants (Patient Access Rep, CNA, MA)*

*(b) High Road Training Partnerships (application)*

*(i) Planning stage with Central Valley WDBs*

*(c) Incumbent Worker Training*

*(i) \$30K AH; Upskilling 6 workers; Backfilling patient access reps*

**(7) Apprenticeships**

*(a) Industry Demand Exploration*

*(i) \$25,000 with South Bay; Business interest?*

*iii) Success Stories*

**6) 2023 MEETINGS (all 12:00pm)**

November 16

**7) ADJOURN**