



**MEETING MINUTES**

**Mother Lode Workforce Development Board**

Thursday, May 17, 2018 12:00 pm  
 Mother Lode job Training Career Center  
 197 Mono Way, Suite B, Sonora, CA 95370

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1. Roll call taken by Kelly Smith, quorum present

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mike Lemke	X	
Michelle Watkins	X	
Tim Hildabrand	X	
Frank Leschinsky		X
Tyler Newton	X	
Debra Rockwood	X	
Bill Petrone	X	
James Wood	X	
Margie Bulkin	X	
Klaus Tenbergen	X	
Larry Cope		X
Lorraine Perry	x	
Mahalia Gotico		X
<b>Ex Officio Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Dave Thoeny	X	
Rebecca Espino	X	
Rebecca Mendibles		X
Velma Whitebear		X
Raj Rambo		X
<b>Guest</b>		
Brian Sanders	X	
Gabriel Garcia- EDD	X	
<b>Staff</b>		
Larry Yanni	X	
Vicki Long	X	
Amy Torres		X
Kelly Smith	X	

1.2. Introduction of guests Brian Sanders from Columbia College and Gabriel Garcia from the Employment Development Department (EDD)

1.3. Agenda approved as stands

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

2.1. Any Consent Calendar items need to move to Action Items?

No items moved

2.2. Accept the February 15, 2018 meeting minutes

Minutes Accepted (M) M. Bulkin (S) K. Tenbergen

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4.1. Discuss and approve the formation of an Executive Committee**

D.Thoeny addressed the board with the proposal of establishing an Executive Committee, which must consist of the WDB chair, vice chair, and past chair. The Executive Committee can act on behalf of the WDB between WDB Meetings. The MLJT Executive Committee will be made up of WDB Members T. Newton, T. Hildabrand, and M. Watkins.

Approval of Executive Committee formation- (M) M. Bulkin (S) J. Wood ayes carried

#### **4.2. Discuss and approve the issuance of a Business Services outsource RFP**

D.Thoeny and the Board discussed issuing an RFP to bring in a Business Services advisor to assist in strengthening our methods of tracking businesses and other labor market information.

Approval of Business Services outsource RFP - (M) M. Bulkin (S) T. Hildabrand ayes carried

### **5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **5.1. Directors' report**

D.Thoeny and L. Yanni started out their quarterly report by updating the board with the new revised budget.

L. Yanni explained that the budget has increased due to recent additional funding. One recent funding opportunity for MLJT includes a grant for creating a pipeline of workers in the Natural Resources sector.

Services will include On-the Job Training, Work Experience Opportunities, and Credential Attainment in the fire, water, and forest industries. Another recent grant, called Slingshot, will be used to benefit workers and businesses working with heavy machinery. Slingshot will fund trainings such as ski lift repair at ski resorts and fire engine operation for fire departments. L.Yanni also introduced a training opportunity called the Social Mobility 2.0. Larry explained to the board that the purpose of this training is to utilize partnerships that will assist the recently incarcerated population in finding and keeping work. MLJT would like to ease the transition back to the public world by implementing the CalJobs system into surrounding prisons and providing individuals with training and support services. Larry gave a quick reminder that the Regional/Local Plan will need to be reviewed before the final plan is due in March of 2019. D. Thoeny then proposed the possibility of re-vamping the agency's image to encourage more effective outreach not just for individuals, but businesses alike. MLJT is continuing to build the agency's YouTube channel, which showcases success stories and contains resources for job seekers. Dave showed the board a video about an individual from our Amador location that reached his goal of becoming a truck driver. D.Thoeny then shared a Comcast commercial for Tuolumne County Transit Authority featuring Sonora's job center. TCTA, MLJT, and Columbia College worked together to illustrate the stories of 3 individuals that had to rely on transit to accomplish their goals.

D.Thoeny closed out his report by announcing the Central Sierra Economic Summit and Workshop in July. The CSED Summit and Workshop will serve as a platform to identify, discuss, and create strategies for the region's most prominent economic barriers.

### **6. NEXT MEETING**

#### **6.1. Future Agenda Items**

Board member L.Perry proposed we explore Columbia College's partnerships and economic benefit regarding dual enrollment and job skills.

#### **6.2. Thursday, August 16, 2018**

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**