



SPECIAL MEETING

A G E N D A

June 18, 2025
3:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held in person and via teleconference at:

Workforce Assistance Center, 2037 W. Cleveland Avenue, Madera, CA 93637
9300 Valley Children's Place, Madera, CA 93636
40343 Highway 41, Oakhurst 93644
2621 Cowden Avenue-Merced CA 95348
1745 Lester Ave., Clovis 93619

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1.0 Call to Order

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 Additions to the Agenda

Items identified after preparation of the Agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-thirds vote required for consideration (Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2))

3.0 Public Comment

This time is made available for comment from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction but not appearing on the agenda. The Board will not take action on any items presented under public comment. The comment period will be limited to 15 minutes.

4.0 Introductions and Recognitions

5.0 Adoption of Board Agenda

6.0 Consent Calendar

- 6.1 Consideration of approval of the April 17, 2025, Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting minutes.
- 6.3 Consideration of approval of the reappointment of Michelle Brunetti, Valley Children's Hospital, for an additional 3-year term: 8/23/25 to 8/23/28.

7.0 Action Items

- 7.1 Consideration of approval of Eric Niino's Director application to the WDB representing Evapco for a 3-year term.
- 7.2 Consideration of approval of Marie Harris', Madera Community College, resignation from the WDB.

- 7.3 Consideration of approval of the Memorandum of Understand (MOU) between La Cooperativa Campesina de California and the WDB to establish an agreement for the administration of DOL's National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP).
- 7.4 Discussion and consideration of the existing WDB attendance requirement to include guidance on date of implementation.
- 7.5 WDB Chair and Vice Chair Elections

8.0 Information Items

- 8.1 Success Stories
- 8.2 WDB Action Planning Subcommittee Updates
- 8.3 Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) Update
- 8.4 California Workforce Association (CWA) 2025 Workforce Champion Award
- 8.5 WIOA Formula and Special Projects Quarterly Program Overview as of March 31, 2025
- 8.6 Information on Madera Community Hospital
- 8.7 Information on Federal Legislative Update
- 8.8 Update on WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider Application
- 8.9 Weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims for Madera County
- 8.10 WDB 2025-2026 Meeting Calendar

9.0 Written Communication

- 9.1 Workforce Innovational and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 188 Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Provisions Annual Compliance Monitoring Review Final Report Program Year 2023-25

10.0 Open Discussion/Reports/Information

- 10.1 Board Members
- 10.2 Staff

11.0 Next Meeting

August 21, 2025

12.0 Adjournment



MINUTES

**April 17, 2025
3:00 p.m.**

Meeting will be held in person and via teleconference at:

*Workforce Assistance Center, 2037 W. Cleveland Avenue, Madera, CA 93637
9300 Valley Children's Place, Madera, CA 93636
36757 Berkshire Drive, Madera, CA 93636
1745 Lester Ave., Clovis 93619*

PRESENT: Aaron Chambers, Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Debi Bray, Joe Perez, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti (Zoom), Omair Javaid, Robert Poythress
ABSENT: Donald Foster, Emilio Hipolito, Jorge DeNava, Lanie Suderman, Marie Harris, Mike Lopez, Nichole Mosqueda, Todd Lile, Wendy Lomeli
GUEST: Amelia Meza, Gary Beaudette, Jim Kopshever, Kristyann Thorp
STAFF: Ahmed Metwally, Bertha Vega, Maiknue Vang, Nicki Martin

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:34 pm. by Chair Brett Frazier.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 Additions to the Agenda

None.

3.0 Public Comment

None.

4.0 Introductions and Recognitions

Roundtable introductions were done by everyone in attendance.

5.0 Adoption of Board Agenda

Chuck Riojas moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Rob Poythress.

Vote: Approved - unanimous

Yes: Aaron Chambers, Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Debi Bray, Joe Perez, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Omair Javaid, Robert Poythress

6.0 Consent Calendar

6.1 Consideration of approval of the February 20, 2025, Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting minutes.

6.2 Consideration of approval of the March 17, 2025, WDB Executive Committee meeting minutes.

- 6.3 Consideration of approval of the reappointment of Laura Gutile, Laura's Nuts, for an additional 3-year term: 6/7/25 to 6/7/28.**
- 6.4 Consideration of approval of the reappointment of Mike Lopez, Building Trades Council, for an additional 3-year term: 6/7/25 to 6/7/28.**
- 6.5 Ratification of approval of the Program Year 2025-2028 Local Plan.**

Omair Javaid moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Chuck Riojas.

Vote: Approved - unanimous

Yes: Aaron Chambers, Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Debi Bray, Joe Perez, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Omair Javaid, Robert Poythress

7.0 Action Items

- 7.1 Consideration of approval of Beaudette Inc.'s One Stop Operator (OSO) report for the period of January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025.**

Gary Beaudette presented the OSO report. 2 meetings have been held since the last quarter. Cross-training between Partner agencies was done. A new electronic referral system is being developed and will be free to Partners. The next round of Partner cross-trainings may possibly be done in person and virtually in order to encourage more participation.

Omair Javaid moved to approve, seconded by Debi Bray.

Vote: Approved - unanimous

Yes: Aaron Chambers, Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Debi Bray, Joe Perez, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Omair Javaid, Robert Poythress

- 7.2 Consideration of approval of the resignations of Aaron Chambers, Impossible Services Group, Inc., and Omair Javaid, World Financial Group, from the WDB, as directed by the WDB at their meeting on December 19, 2024, and in accordance with the WDB Action Plan.**

The resignations of Aaron Chambers and Omair Javaid are part of the Action Plan Leadership subcommittee recommendations that will ultimately allow the recruitment of members who represent the local workforce area's in-demand sectors – manufacturing and transportation and logistics. Omair thanked the Board and stated that the WDB taught him a lot about how meetings are run. Aaron also thanked the WDB.

The WDB approved the resignation of Omair Javaid and Aaron Chambers as approved at the December 19, 2024 in accordance with the WDB Action Plan.

Vote: Approved – majority

Yes: Yes: Aaron Chambers, Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Debi Bray, Joe Perez, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Omair Javaid, Robert Poythress

Abstain: Michelle Brunetti

- 7.3 Consideration of approval of the revised Individual Training Account Policy to include clarifying language around a second ITA.**

Not duplicating services has always been practiced by Madera Workforce. Language was added to the policy in order to ensure that services will not be duplicated and funds are not being spent on duplicative services/trainings. This is something that comes from the State. ITAs are used to build new skills and makes sure that funds are not being spent on skills that participants may already be proficient in.

Debi Bray moved to approve, seconded by Laura Gutile.

Vote: Approved - unanimous

Yes: Aaron Chambers, Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Debi Bray, Joe Perez, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Omais Javaid, Robert Poythress

7.4 Consideration of approval of the revised Adult Program Priority of Services policy to align with current State revisions to the policy that were released on November 8, 2024.

The revisions to this policy will bring the policy in-line with the States policy and is mostly formatting changes made by staff. There are no substantive changes to the policy. Self-attestation shouldn't be the primary way to identify as basic skills deficient. Madera uses an academic assessment to determine and confirm basic skills deficiency.

Rob Poythress moved to approve, seconded by Laura Gutile.

Vote: Approved - unanimous

Yes: Aaron Chambers, Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Debi Bray, Joe Perez, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Omais Javaid, Robert Poythress

7.5 Consideration of approval of the 2025-28 San Joaquin Valley & Associated Counties Regional Plan.

The Regional Plan is the same as the Local Plan in that it must be approved and submitted every 4 years and requires approval by the local Workforce Board and must be signed by the WDB Chair. The local plan must align with the regional plan and will be submitted together. Labor market data was provided by Tulare County Workforce area.

Omais Javaid moved to approved, seconded by Laura Gutile.

Vote: Approved - unanimous

Yes: Aaron Chambers, Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Debi Bray, Joe Perez, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Omais Javaid, Robert Poythress

8.0 Information Items

8.1 Success Stories

Information provided in the agenda packet.

8.2 WDB Action Planning Subcommittee Updates

Information provided in the agenda packet.

8.3 Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) Update

Information provided in the agenda packet.

8.4 Update on PY 2025-2028 Local and Regional Workforce Plans

Information provided in the agenda packet.

8.5 Update on Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification Program Year 2025-27

Information provided in the agenda packet.

8.6 Update on One Stop Operator Procurement

Information provided in the agenda packet.

8.7 Information on Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) AJCC Collaboration Project PY 24-25

Information provided in the agenda packet.

8.8 Information on Madera County Job Fairs

Information provided in the agenda packet.

8.9 Information on Weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims for Madera County

Information provided in the agenda packet.

9.0 Written Communication

None.

10.0 Open Discussion/Reports/Information

10.1 Board Members

None.

10.2 Staff

None.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting on June 19, 2025, needs to be rescheduled due to the conflict with the Juneteenth holiday. The Workforce office will be closed on that day. Staff will survey the Board for an alternate date.

12.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m. due to loss of quorum.

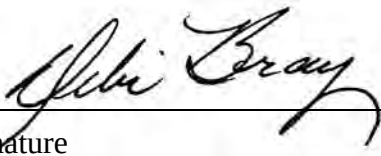


Director Nomination

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County

From: **The Madera District Chamber of Commerce**

The Madera District Chamber of Commerce proudly submits the name of **Eric Niino**, to the Madera County Board of Supervisors for nomination to the Workforce Development Board of Madera County.



Signature

President/CEO

Title

June 18, 2025

Date



Director Application

NAME: Eric Niino	TITLE People Operations Manager
EMPLOYER: Evapco	
ADDRESS: 1900 W. Almond Ave. Madera, CA 93637	
PHONE: [REDACTED]	FAX:
EMAIL: [REDACTED]	ALTERNATE EMAIL: [REDACTED]

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO:	HOW LONG?
1. GMCIA	11 years
2. West Point Field Force	6 years
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

REFERENCES:	PHONE:
Brett Frazier	[REDACTED]
Doug Bradley	[REDACTED]
Dave Stehly	[REDACTED]
_____	_____
_____	_____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY?

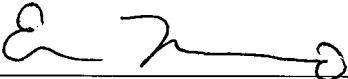
I want to serve on the Workforce Development Board of Madera County to help align workforce strategies with the economic needs of our region. With firsthand experience in human resources and talent development within the manufacturing sector, I understand the critical importance of connecting local employers with a skilled, job-ready workforce. Madera County has a diverse labor pool and untapped potential; I believe the board plays a key role in bridging educational, training, and employment gaps to foster sustainable growth. By joining the board, I hope to contribute my experience in recruitment, training program design, and labor compliance to support initiatives that prepare residents for high-demand careers—particularly in sectors such as advanced manufacturing, skilled trades, and logistics. I am committed to strengthening partnerships between industry, education, and workforce agencies to build a resilient local economy and create meaningful employment opportunities for our community.

DO YOU HAVE ANY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE WITH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, OR TRAINING PROGRAMS? ☒ YES ☐ NO
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

As People Operations Manager at Evapco in Madera, I lead recruitment, training, and employee development efforts for a large manufacturing workforce. In the past I have with schools and training providers to build talent pipelines, implement upskilling programs, and support workforce retention. My experience directly supports the goals of workforce and economic development in the region.

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU FEEL WOULD BE PERTINENT.

I bring a strong understanding of local workforce challenges from an employer's perspective, particularly within the manufacturing sector. I'm passionate about building pathways for career growth and expanding access to training and employment opportunities in Madera County. My collaborative approach and experience in HR strategy, compliance, and community engagement will allow me to contribute meaningfully to the board's mission.


SIGNATURE

5/20/25
DATE

America's **JobCenter**
of CaliforniaSM

From: Marie Harris
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025
To: Nicki Martin
Subject: Transition from Madera WDB & Introduction of MCC's New VP

Hi Nicki,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to serve alongside you on the Madera Workforce Development Board. It has been an honor to support the important work being done to strengthen our workforce and create pathways to economic mobility for our community.

As I step away from my role on the Board, I'm pleased to introduce Gurminder Sangha, who will be joining Madera Community College as the new Vice President of Equity and Institutional Effectiveness beginning July 1. Gurminder brings a deep commitment to student success, equity, and collaborative community partnerships, and I'm confident he will be an asset to the Board and its mission.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to seeing the continued impact of the Boards work in the region.

Warm regards,



Dr. Marie Harris
(She/Her/Hers)
Vice President of Learning and Student Success

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April 17, 2025

Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation
2037 West Cleveland Avenue
Madera, CA 93637

Dear Ms. Vang,

La Cooperativa Campesina de California is a recipient of the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) Housing grant. As part of our responsibilities, we must establish partnerships with local workforce agencies in the counties we serve, as required by the Department of Labor.

In Madera County, we subcontract with the Central Valley Opportunity Center for them to deliver to the Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFW) rental assistance and other emergency services.

We kindly request your partnership by signing the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Thank you for your commitment to serving MSFW in Madera County. We look forward to collaborating with your organization to help alleviate housing issues for our farmworker community.

Best regards,

Marco Cesar Lizarraga
Executive Director

1107 9th Street, Suite 420, Sacramento, CA 95814 - (916) 388-2220 - Fax (916) 388-2425

Jorge de Nava, Jr
Chairperson



Marco Lizarraga
Executive Director

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LA COOPERATIVA
CAMPESINA DE CALIFORNIA AND THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY**

BACKGROUND AND STRATEGIES THE MOU SUPPORTS

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be developed and executed between the Local Workforce Development Board and La Cooperativa Campesina de California to establish an agreement pertaining to the administration of DOL -NFPJ Housing Grant.

This MOU represents an agreement between the Workforce Development Board of Madera County and La Cooperativa Campesina de California (each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”).

The purpose of the MOU is to create cooperative working relationships between the parties to support their respective goals and to define their individual roles and responsibilities in achieving the policy objectives of reaching Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers ("MSFW") to assist them with Housing Funding through the member agencies that compose the Statewide Farmworker Network of La Cooperativa Campesina de California

The MOU Parties shall work together to provide Housing Assistance to MSFW in Madera County. The goal of La Cooperativa Campesina de California is to provide Housing Assistance through Central Valley Opportunity Center - Madera Office with the partnership of the Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation as the designated career services provider for the local system. To accomplish this, the partners will engage in practices and processes that ensure access to assistance for MSFW.

- Work with the local La Cooperativa Sub-Recipient.
Central Valley Opportunity Center - Madera Office
- Refer MSFW for Housing Assistance services.
- Refer MSFW as well as Non- MSFW for additional services.

This MOU shall be binding upon each party hereto upon execution by such party and go into effect May 2, 2025. The term of this MOU shall be three (3) years, commencing on the date of execution by all parties. The MOU will be reviewed no less than once every three years to identify any substantial changes that have occurred.

I -Allocation of Costs.-

The Parties assume full responsibility for their respective costs associated with their performance of the terms of this MOU.

II -Reasonable Accommodations.-

The Parties are committed to ensure reasonable accommodations are made with all customers, upon request, in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. Additionally, partners agree to fully comply with the provisions of WIOA, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and 29 C.F.R. Part 37 and all other regulations implementing the aforementioned laws

III - Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity.-

The Parties certify that they shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass or allow harassment against any employee, applicant for employment, or MSFW applicant due to gender, race, color, ancestry, religion, national origin, veteran status, physical disability, mental disability, medical conditions(s), age, sexual orientation or marital status. The partners agree to comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 12900 et seq.) and duly promulgated regulations related to same.

IV -Confidentiality.-

The Parties expressly agree to abide by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws regarding confidential information, including personally identifiable information ("PII") from educational records. In addition, in carrying out their respective responsibilities, each Party shall respect and abide by the confidentiality policies and legal requirements of all of the other Parties. Each Party will ensure that the collection and use of any information, systems, or records that contain PII and other personal or confidential information will be limited to purposes that support the programs and activities described in this MOU and will comply with applicable law.

V -Grievance Procedure.-

The Parties agree to establish and maintain a procedure for grievance and complaints as outlined under WIOA. The process for handling grievances and complaints is applicable to customers and partners. These procedures will allow a customer or entity filing the complaint to exhaust every administrative level in receiving a fair and complete hearing and resolution of their grievance. The Parties further agree to communicate openly and directly to resolve any problems or disputes related to the provision of services in a cooperative manner and at the lowest level of intervention possible. If the parties cannot reach consensus on issues regarding the MOU and/or Infrastructure Agreement, a third party will be used to mediate.

The Parties agree to establish and maintain procedures for resolving complaints related to Nondiscrimination & Equal Opportunity, Program Grievances, and Incident Reports. The Parties agree to ensure their policies, procedures, programs, and services do not contradict MCWIC's Nondiscrimination & Equal Opportunity Policy and do not violate MCWIC's Complaint Procedures.

VI-Amendment or Cancellation of Agreement.-

The MOU may be amended at any time in writing and by mutual consent of the Parties. The MOU may be canceled by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice, except where the cancellation is for cause, i.e., a material and significant breach of any of the provisions of this MOU by either Party.

VII- Approval.-

It is mutually understood that this MOU shall not become effective until approved by all Parties. The Executive Director, the Local Board Chairperson, and La Cooperativa Campesina de California Executive Director must sign.

By signing below, all parties agree to the terms prescribed in this MOU

Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Workforce Development Board of Madera County

Signature and Date

(Local Board Chairperson)
Printed Name and Title

Signature and Date

Marco Cesar Lizarraga, Executive Director
La Cooperativa Campesina de California

Signature and Date



Agenda Item 8.1

☐ Consent

☐ Action

☒ Information

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: Success Stories

Information:

Program participants and employers share about their experience working with the workforce system and how their participation and partnership has contributed to positive results.

Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

SUCCESS STORY

Manuel H.



Manuel's journey is a testament to resilience, perseverance, and the power of second chances. From a young age, Manuel faced numerous barriers that made it difficult for him to find a path forward. Identified as a "secure track" youth from the Juvenile Detention Facility, he was determined to make a positive change in his life.

During his time in custody, Manuel took every opportunity to prepare for a better future. He completed training in welding and cement laying and gained hands-on work experience through participation in a local Farmer's Market, working once a week over the course of 2 to 3 months. Despite these efforts, finding stable employment after his release proved to be a challenge.

With the support of the Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) and Juvenile Hall staff, Manuel was referred to Nemat, Inc. for a potential opportunity as a machine operator. During the interview, the employer was impressed by Manuel's positive attitude, strong motivation, and eagerness to learn. Recognizing his potential, Nemat Inc. brought him on board as a CNC Lathe Operator (Solar) trainee through the Paid Work Experience (PWEX) Program.

This placement was a critical turning point. Through hands-on training, Manuel developed valuable technical skills, re-entered the workforce, and earned an income. After successfully completing 460 hours of training under PWEX, Nemat Inc. saw tremendous potential in him and chose to invest further in his development. Recognizing the need for continued growth in areas such as programming, maintenance, and troubleshooting, the company partnered with MCWIC to establish an On-the-Job Training (OJT) agreement.

Thanks to this partnership, Manuel is now continuing to develop his skills and progress toward becoming a highly proficient CNC Lathe Operator. Nemat Inc. has expressed great satisfaction with his performance, citing his quick learning ability and strong work ethic as key assets to their team.

Manuel shared his thoughts on the experience: *"Madera Workforce has helped me improve my skills, gain knowledge, and given me the opportunity to start a career in the manufacturing sector."*



Agenda Item 8.2

☐ Consent

☐ Action

☒ Information

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: WDB Action Planning Subcommittee Updates

Information:

Each of the 5 subcommittees will have an opportunity to share progress toward action items outlined in each priority area. The subcommittees include Leadership Engagement, Training, Work Ethics, Marketing, and Policy.

Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



Agenda Item 8.3

☐ Consent

☐ Action

☒ Information

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) Update

Information:

The MCWIC last met on February 27, 2025. The agenda for their February meeting and the minutes for their December 11, 2024, were provided to the WDB for review on April 17, 2025. The MCWIC will meet next on June 26, 2025.

Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



Agenda Item 8.4

☐ Consent

☐ Action

☒ Information

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: California Workforce Association (CWA) 2025 Workforce Champion Award

Information:

Nichole Mosqueda was recognized at the California Workforce Association's (CWA) WorkCon Conference in Costa Mesa on April 30, 2025, as the Workforce Champion of the Year. Nichole has been a driving force on our Workforce Development Board since 2014, sharing her expertise in strategic planning, industry engagement, and skills training. Since 2017, Nicole has been a member of the Board's Executive Committee and has provided additional leadership and guidance on policy, sector initiatives, career pathways, and workforce development opportunities. Not only does she understand the vital role of workforce boards, but Nichole leverages her leadership roles in local, regional, and statewide initiatives focused on CTE, workforce development, training health models, and essential workforce skills. Nichole continuously advocates for the system and looks for ways to connect and elevate the incredible work that we do.

Nichole also participated in an employer panel on May 1st, around changing priorities. Nichole's insights added much value to the conversation and she did an excellent job at representing our WDB and Madera County.



Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



Agenda Item 8.5

☐ Consent

☐ Action

☒ Information

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Formula and Special Projects Quarterly Program Overview

Information:

WIOA Formula and Special Projects Quarterly Program Overview report for period ending March 31, 2025, is provided for the Board's review. The report reflects data for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

WIOA Formula and Special Projects Quarterly Program Overview as of March 2025

Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and is both the fiscal agent and the program operator for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in Madera County and operates as the Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) for Madera County. MCWIC's primary annual source of income is the WIOA funds, but the organization also operates miscellaneous grants and awards that assist in achieving MCWIC's mission and goals and are also used to leverage and complement the WIOA funding.

WIOA Funding Requirements AB1149

Senate Bill AB1149 (amended SB734) requires that 20% of Adult and Dislocated Worker funding will support *direct training expenses* with a planned assumption of 10% leverage in order to meet the full requirement of 30%. The following form is tracked internally monthly at the time of reporting in order to make sure the training requirement is forecasted to be met at the end of the grant term. MCWIC has met and exceeded the 30% min training requirement by almost 10%.

Summary of Leveraged Resources			
1. LWIA Name	MAD		
2. Date	3/31/2025		
3. Year of Appropriation	2023 AA411014 - Term 6/2025		
Program Year Funding and Training Expenditures			
		% Achieved	Amount
4. Adult and Dislocated Worker Formula Fund Allocations			\$ 1,297,856
5. Training Expenditure Requirement (direct & leveraged)			\$ 389,357
6. Formula Fund Training Expenditures (20% minimum per AB1149 = \$286,862.40)	28.01%		\$ 363,477
7a. Leveraged resources used for Training (10% = \$143,431.20)	11.90%		\$ 144,082
7b. Leveraged resources used for Supportive Services			\$ 10,423
8. Total amount spent on Training and Supportive Services (should equal or exceed Line 5)	39.91%		\$ 517,982
Leveraged Resources Detail			
8. Source (See page 2)	Total Amount	Training	Supportive Services
A - Pell Grant	\$ 17,502.00	\$ 17,502.00	
B - Programs authorized by the WIOA (not Formula)	\$ -		
C - TAA	\$ -		
D - DOL NDWG	\$ -		
E - Match from employers, industry, and industry assoc.	\$ 126,580.00	\$ 126,580.00	
F - Match funds from Joint labor Management trusts	\$ -		
G - ETP grants	\$ -		
H - SS for training WIOA Formula	\$ 10,423.00		\$ 10,423.00
I - TANF SS	\$ -		
J - TANF TJT/WEX	\$ -		
K - Other local,state,fed funds	\$ -		
I - CWDB approved funds	\$ -		
Total	\$ 154,505.00	\$ 144,082.00	\$ 10,423.00

WIOA Funds Utilization

Funds utilization requirements are applicable to adult, dislocated workers and youth funds allocated by formula to LWDA's. The funds utilization requirement does not apply to Rapid Response, the 25 percent funds, or projects funded using the Governor's discretionary funds.

The LWDA is required to obligate at least 80 percent of their program dollars by the end of the first program year for which they were allotted. The determination regarding whether a Local Area has obligated 80 percent of its funds will occur after the first quarter of each program year for the prior program year. MCWIC tracks this data on a quarterly basis to make sure it is on track with the WIOA requirements.

Specific to the WIOA Youth Formula funds, there are two additional program and expenditure requirements that are to be met at the end of the two-year term of the allocation. A minimum of 75% of youth formula allocation is to be spent on Out-of-School (OS) youth and a maximum of 25% on In-School (IS) Youth. The other requirement is that 20% of the 80% program portion of the allocation is to be spent on youth work experience. Youth work experience provides IS and OS an invaluable opportunity to develop work place skills. Work experience may include, but are not limited to, paid work experience, on-the-job training, pre-apprenticeship training, etc. as outlined in EDD WSD 17-07. Expenditures allowed to be applied to the 20% requirement include staff time working with employers and participants enrolled in work experience activity, incentive payments for achievement to work experience, and other job readiness type of training.

MCWIC FUNDS UTILIZATION STATUS - AA411014 YOA 2023 (2023-2025)					as of	3/31/2025
Allocation Balance Remaining						
Formula Fund	Total Allocation	Allowable "Program" Funding 90% (less 10% admin)	Expenditures Reported	Obligations Reported	Percentage Expended to Date (Exp+Obl)	Allocation Balance Remaining until 6/30/2025
Adult	\$ 1,023,535.00	\$ 921,181.50	\$ 868,325.10	\$ -	85%	\$ 155,209.90
Youth	\$ 777,473.00	\$ 699,725.70	\$ 777,473.00	\$ -	100%	\$ -
Dislocated Worker	\$ 274,321.00	\$ 246,888.90	\$ 274,321.00	\$ -	100%	\$ (0.00)
Funds Utilization Status - 80% Obligation Requirement by 6/30/2024, End of First Program Year						
Formula Fund	Total Allocation	Allowable "Program" Funding 90% (less 10% admin)	80% Required Obligation Amount by End of 1st PY	Total Program Obligations Reported	Percentage of Total "Program" Obligations to 80% Requirement	Additional Obligations Needed by June 30, 2024
Adult	\$ 1,023,535.00	\$ 921,181.50	\$ 736,945.20	\$ 804,335.10	109%	\$ (67,389.90)
Youth	\$ 777,473.00	\$ 699,725.70	\$ 559,780.56	\$ 736,467.73	132%	\$ (176,687.17)
Dislocated Worker	\$ 274,321.00	\$ 246,888.90	\$ 197,511.12	\$ 246,888.90	125%	\$ (49,377.78)
OSY Youth Expenditure Status, by June 30, 2025						
Formula Fund	Total Allocation	Admin Expenditures	Program Expenditures	50% OSY Requirement on "Program" Funding	OSY Expenditures Reported	Percentage of Required Out of School Expenditures
Youth	\$ 777,473.00	\$ 41,005.27	\$ 736,467.73	\$ 349,862.85	\$ 736,467.73	211%
OSY Work Experience Expenditure Status, by June 30, 2025						
Formula Fund	Total Allocation	Admin Expenditures	Program Expenditures	20% WEX Requirement on "Program" Funding	WEX Expenditures Reported	Percentage of Required Out of School Expenditures
Youth	\$ 777,473.00	\$ 41,005.27	\$ 736,467.73	\$ 139,945.14	\$ 374,132.00	267%

Specific to Year of Allocation (YOA) 2023 funds (above chart), the LWDA has until June 30, 2025 to fully expend grant funds. As of March 2025, MCWIC has exceeded the requirements for YOA 2023 AB1149 and is projected to fully expend the WIOA Formula grants by April 2025.

MCWIC FUNDS UTILIZATION STATUS - AA511014 YOA 2024 (2024-2026)					as of	3/31/2025
Allocation Balance Remaining						
Formula Fund	Total Allocation	Allowable "Program" Funding 90% (less 10% admin)	Expenditures Reported	Obligations Reported	Percentage Expended to Date (Exp+Obl)	Allocation Balance Remaining until 6/30/2026
Adult	\$ 1,001,189.00	\$ 901,070.10	\$ 46,086.21	\$ 73,882.44	12%	\$ 881,220.35
Youth	\$ 900,738.00	\$ 810,664.20	\$ 62,460.59	\$ 40,860.43	11%	\$ 797,416.98
Dislocated Worker	\$ 463,402.00	\$ 417,061.80	\$ 34,259.43	\$ 28,820.55	14%	\$ 400,322.02
Funds Utilization Status - 80% Obligation Requirement by 6/30/2024, End of First Program Year						
Formula Fund	Total Allocation	Allowable "Program" Funding 90% (less 10% admin)	80% Required Obligation Amount by End of 1st PY	Total Program Obligations Reported	Percentage of Total "Program" Obligations to 80% Requirement	Additional Obligations Needed by June 30, 2025
Adult	\$ 1,001,189.00	\$ 901,070.10	\$ 720,856.08	\$ 119,968.65	17%	\$ 600,887.43
Youth	\$ 900,738.00	\$ 810,664.20	\$ 648,531.36	\$ 103,321.02	16%	\$ 545,210.34
Dislocated Worker	\$ 463,402.00	\$ 417,061.80	\$ 333,649.44	\$ 47,668.06	14%	\$ 285,981.38
OSY Youth Expenditure Status, by June 30, 2025						
Formula Fund	Total Allocation	Admin Expenditures	Program Expenditures	50% OSY Requirement on "Program" Funding	OSY Expenditures Reported	Percentage of Required Out of School Expenditures
Youth	\$ 900,738.00	\$ -	\$ 62,460.59	\$ 405,332.10	\$ 62,460.59	15%
OSY Work Experience Expenditure Status, by June 30, 2025						
Formula Fund	Total Allocation	Admin Expenditures	Program Expenditures	20% WEX Requirement on "Program" Funding	WEX Expenditures Reported	Percentage of Required Out of School Expenditures
Youth	\$ 900,738.00	\$ -	\$ 62,460.59	\$ 162,132.84	\$ 27,574.58	17%

Specific to Year of Allocation (YOA) 2024 funds, MCWIC is behind on applying expenditures to these YOA WIOA grants due to decrease in staff/overhead costs and decrease in individuals enrolling into training. Due to the amount of training expenditures set aside per AB1149 and obligated, MCWIC does not have a concern for meeting the 80% expended/obligation requirement on 6/30/2025.

MCWIC Program Update

MCWIC has a combination of WIOA grants as well as State and Local contracts. Outside of the WIOA formula funding, these additional grants and contracts are competitively procured.

MCWIC recently finalized a contract in the amount of \$76,611.00 with the Madera County Superintendent of Schools and Madera County Unified School District to launch a Summer Paid Work Experience (PWEX) Program. Starting in May 2025, this program will offer a six-week paid work experience to in-school foster and homeless youth, providing them with valuable hands-on job skills and knowledge across various occupations.

In addition, MCWIC has been awarded a grant for \$814,757.00 for the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) Collaboration Project, which will begin in August 2025. This project will bolster local efforts to foster a culture of disability inclusion, rebuild staff capacity, and strengthen collaborations. It aims to increase co-enrollments that support workforce participation in training, employment, and retention, ultimately leading to long-term positive outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

MCWIC has also submitted a grant proposal for DOR's Student Training & Employment Program (STEP), to provide work experience and job preparation training for students with disabilities ages 16-21. If awarded, the STEP project will leverage collaborative partnerships between the Local Workforce Development Board, the AJCC, and the local DOR office to support students through career readiness, training, and work-based learning opportunities.

In addition, MCWIC responded to the Madera County Department of Public Health's Community Resilience Program Consultation RFP. If awarded, MCWIC will provide guidance and technical support for green workforce development and disaster preparedness and recovery. Our diverse network of workforce system partners and community-based partnerships enables us to act as critical operational partners in aligning and executing the Sierra San Joaquin Jobs First (S2J2) vision and for supporting the development and implementation of this project.

Lastly, MCWIC is seeking a US Bank grant that will provide individuals who may not be eligible for WIOA funds to access the broader workforce system through referrals, job readiness, vocational training, work experience, employment assistance, and wrap-around services and supports. If funded, additional activities supported by this grant may include childcare training and entrepreneurship opportunities that are outside the scope of the local board's priority industries and eligible training list, thus, expanding our ability to serve our community's needs more effectively.

MCWIC has selected Archer and Hound as its marketing firm. Funded by The James Irvine Foundation, this partnership will involve a comprehensive analysis of current marketing strategies, the development of a new marketing plan, assistance with community-centered branding and messaging, a logo refresh/redesign, and a website refresh.

The following is a chart of grants and contracts obtained during the fiscal year as well as the enrollment and activity by grants:

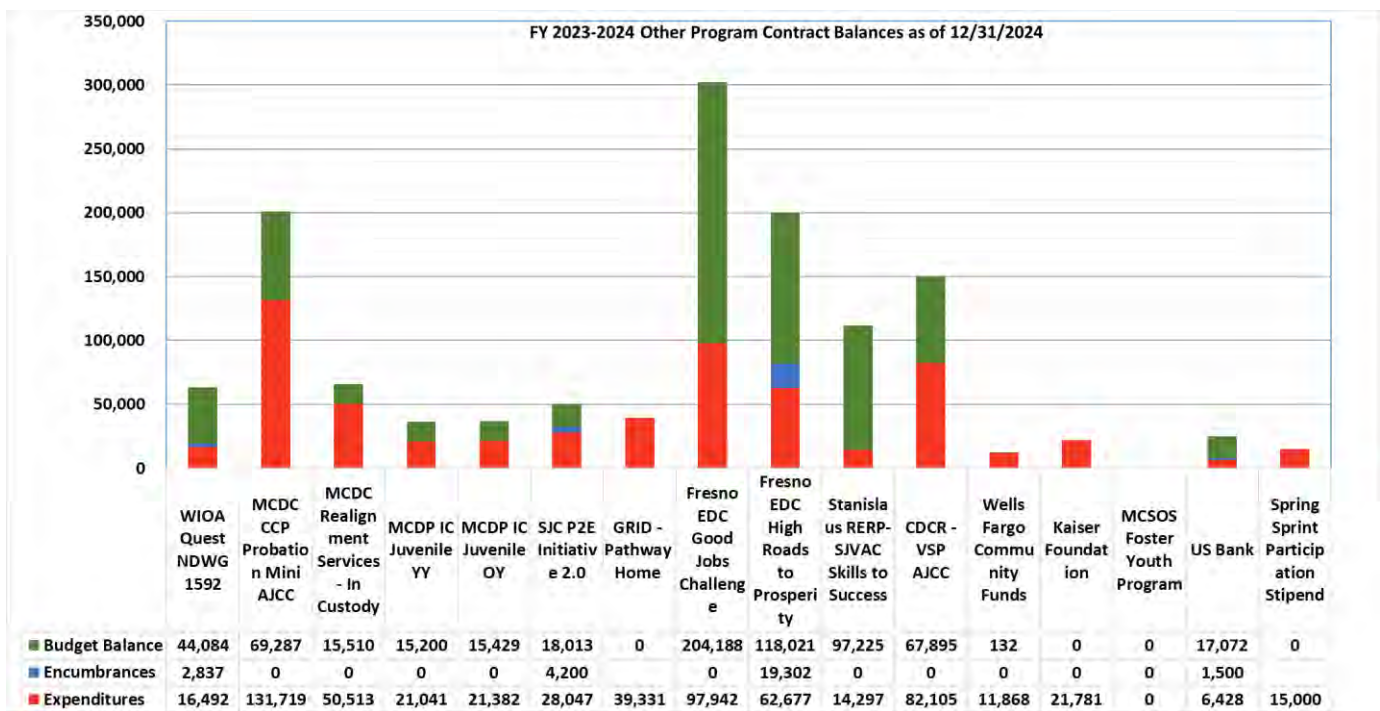
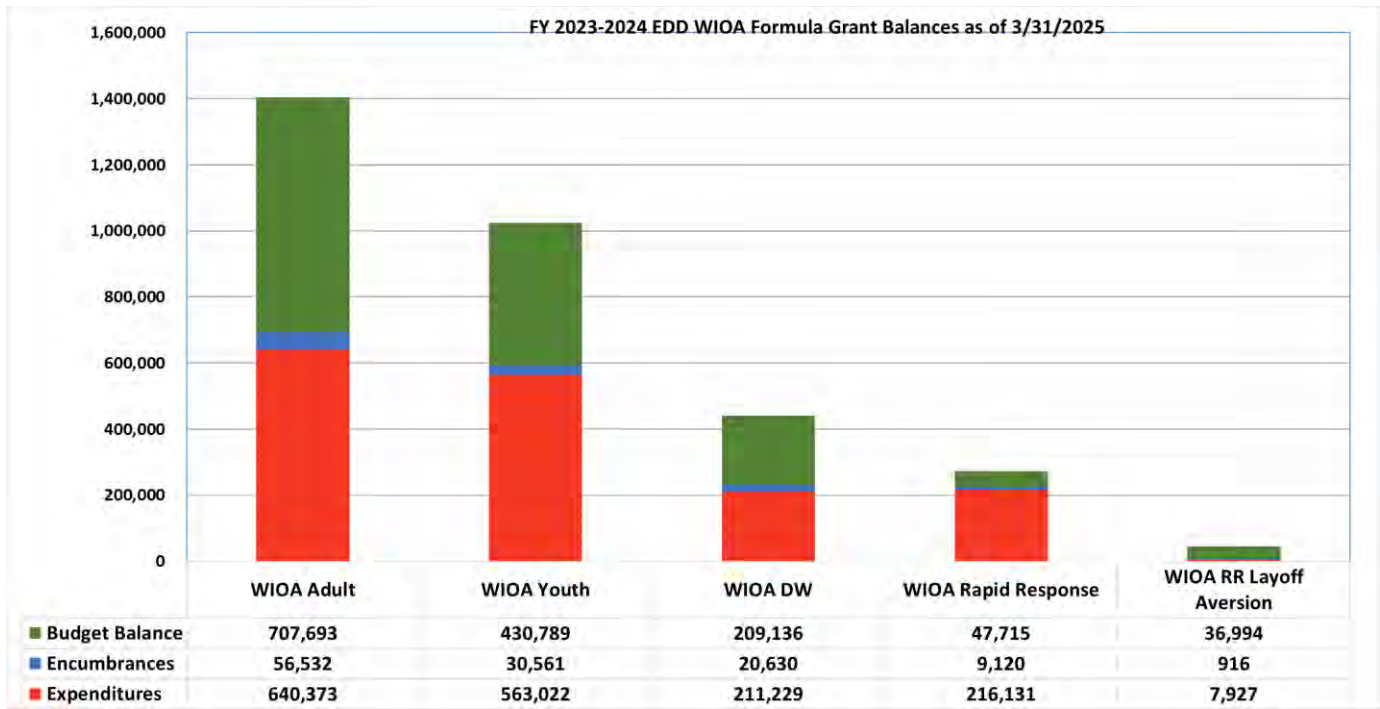
<u>GRANTS and CONTRACT</u>	<u>Allotment/Award Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Count Served as of 3.31.25</u>
WIOA Formula Adult SCOPE: Provide employment, training, and supportive services assistance for eligible adult participants.	\$ 773,535.00	7/1/2023-6/30/2025	233 Enrolled
WIOA Formula Dislocated Worker (DW) SCOPE: Provide employment, training, and supportive service assistance for individuals who have been laid off due to a company downsize or closure.	\$ 524,321.00	7/1/2023-6/30/2025	50 Enrolled
WIOA Formula Youth SCOPE: Provide youth between the ages of 16-24 with employment, training, and supportive service assistance.	\$ 777,473.00	4/1/2023-6/30/2025	90 Enrolled
WIOA Formula Rapid Response & Layoff Aversion (Business Services) SCOPE: Provide timely and effective response to potential layoffs and business closures (WARN notices) as well as enable affected workers to return to work as quickly as possible following a layoff. Assist businesses with targeted job fairs and other employment services.	\$ 283,747.00	7/1/2025-6/30/2025	• 1 WARN Notices • 13 RR Orientations • 25 In person hiring events • 46 recruitment flyers • 4 Small Business Workshops • 27,930 text messages • 9 OJTs • 3 TJT • 3 IWT • 1029 businesses served

<u>GRANTS and CONTRACT</u>	<u>Allotment/Award Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Count Served as of 3.31.2025</u>
GRID Pathway Home Project SCOPE: In collaboration with GRID Alternatives and the Madera County Department of Corrections, identify in-custody individuals interested in solar careers. Provide transitional services, post-release orientation, career exploration, skills evaluation, case management, and follow up services for individuals enrolled in GRID Alternatives Central Valley Solar Installer training program. This project completed on December 31, 2024.	\$ 147,847.00	7/1/2020-12/31/2024	71 Served/15 Enrolled - In Follow Up Stage -
EDC Good Jobs Challenge SCOPE: In partnership with Fresno Economic Development Corporation and other key stakeholders, MCWIC will serve as the backbone lead for the Transportation industry and provide guidance and support through all phases of the grant in determining gaps in the training pipeline, facilitating sector partnership meetings between industry and education partners, and increasing access to trainings and opportunities to upskill individuals. In addition to Transportation, Madera will also coordinate with other backbone leads for training and employer support in the Business Services, Construction, and Manufacturing industries.	\$ 507,195.00	4/01/2023 -3/31/2026	70 WIOA Co-Enrolled
Stanislaus P2E 2.0 SCOPE: Funding to provide individual direct services to formerly incarcerated and other justice involved individuals.	\$ 148,796.00	6/1/2023-12/31/2025	34 Enrolled
Fresno - High Road Training Partnership-Central California Forestry Corp SCOPE: In partnership with Fresno Workforce Board and Yosemite Adult School, funding will support recruitment, enrollment, supportive services, and employment activities for 35 individuals from low-income and underserved communities and candidates with barriers to employment who are interested in a career in Forestry. Individuals will attend a 10-week Forestry Training at Yosemite Adult School. Upon completion, participants will be eligible for employment with any local, state, and federal companies and earning self-sustaining wages.	\$ 137,555.00	05/01/2024-12/31/2025	22 Enrolled
Quality, Jobs Equity Training (QUEST) National DW Grant SCOPE: Funding will be used to enable individuals adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the social and economic inequities that the pandemic exacerbated to enter, return to, or advance in high-quality jobs in growth industry sectors such as infrastructure, environment and climate, care economy, and other critical sectors with high-quality jobs.	\$ 156,226.00	10/1/2022-9/30/2025	21 Enrolled
Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership (RERP) SCOPE: Funds will serve English language learner, immigrant, justice involved, veterans, older youth, dislocated workers, and low-income household target populations on building skills in manufacturing production, manufacturing welding/fabrication, and industrial/maintenance through training and work-based opportunities that will lead to sustainable quality jobs.	\$ 131,342.00	10/1/2022-9/30/2025	8 Enrolled / 3 WIOA
CDCR-VSP SCOPE: Staff assist residents with employment readiness, skills development, job training, and employment services. Staff work with inmates nearing parole to provide connections to an AJCC program in their area of residence post-release, labor market data, referrals to appropriate community resources, and support the development of basic job search portfolio, based on needs and interests identified.	\$ 150,000.00	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	294 Referrals 113 Scheduled 143 Orientations 194 Mail Outs

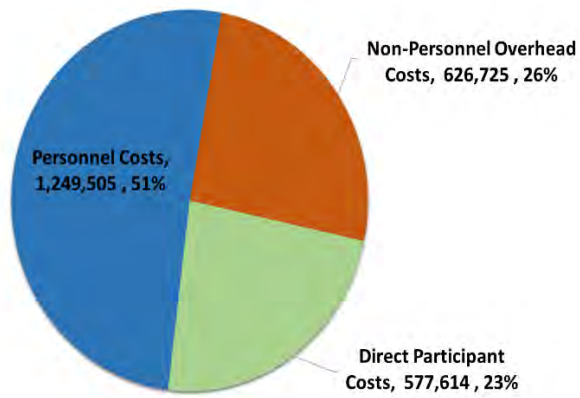
GRANTS and CONTRACT	<u>Allotment/Award</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Count Served as of 3.31.2025</u>
Madera County AB109 CCP In-Custody SCOPE: Provide a maximum of 8, 4-week transitions workshops for In-Custody Pre-Release customers at Department of Corrections. The workshop is designed to serve individuals who are within 120 days of release from the correctional facility but can be offered to any individual that DOC staff deem appropriate.	\$ 66,023.00	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	17 Referred - 16 Completed
Madera County Mini AJCC @ Probation SCOPE: Located onsite at the Justice Center, staff provide Probation referrals access to the full array of services normally available only at the Workforce Assistance Center. Staff May provide career assessment, career counseling, workshops, development of an individual employment plan, labor market information/research, training, supportive services, job search activities, employment referrals, follow-up, and any other appropriate services.	\$ 201,006.00	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	161 Referred / 150 Appointments 3 Pending Eligibility / 14 WIOA Enrolled
Madera County Juvenile Probation Realignment- Older Youth SCOPE: Provide a 10-week workshop for In-Custody Pre-Release Older Youth at the Juvenile Detention Facility Monday through Friday. The workshop is designed to serve Individuals who are within 90 to 120 days of release from the Juvenile facility but may also be offered to any individual that Juvenile Detention Staff deem is appropriate.	\$ 36,811.00	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	10 Referred - 10 Assited/Connected to Resources
Madera County Juvenile Probation Realignment- Younger Youth SCOPE: Provide a 7-day workshop for In-Custody Pre-Release Younger Youth at the Juvenile Detention Facility Monday through Friday. The workshop is designed to serve Individuals who are within 90 to 120 days of release from the Juvenile facility but may also be offered to any individual that Juvenile Detention Staff deem is appropriate.	\$ 36,241.00	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	16 in Workshops / 12 Completed
Kaiser - Pathways to Careers SCOPE: Funding to provide disconnected individuals who may not be eligible for WIOA Funds to access the broader workforce system through referrals, job readiness, vocational training, work experience, employment assistance and wrap around services. Targeted groups include individuals who are low income, have not registered for Selective Service, do not have a high school diploma/GED, are limited English proficient, and/or are undocumented. The grant will promote upward mobility, retention, and increase the self-worth of participants as they become contributing citizens.	\$ 75,000.00	07/01/2023-9/30/2024	15 Served
US Bank SCOPE: Funding to provide disconnected individuals who may not be eligible for WIOA Funds to access the broader workforce system through referrals, job readiness, vocational training, work experience, employment assistance and wrap around services. Targeted groups include individuals who are low income, have not registered for Selective Service, do not have a high school diploma/GED, are limited English proficient, and/or are undocumented. The grant will promote upward mobility, retention, and increase the self-worth of participants as they become contributing citizens.	\$ 14,500.00	7/1/2024-06/30/2025	5 Enrolled
James Irvine Foundation SCOPE: Funds will provide the support needed to develop a marketing plan to expand our reach, tell "our story", and elevate the narrative of Madera County as the place to live and work and raise a family. Activities will include a comprehensive marketing assessment, logo redesign, and purchase of a mobile unit.	\$ 466,889.00	2024-2026	N/A
Madera County Superintendent of Schools SCOPE: Funding to provide Summer PWEX program to prepare and place 15 foster youth homeless students in a paid work experience worksite that will provide students with hands-on job skills and knowledge required for various occupations of interest. This project completed July 31, 2024.	\$ 60,000.00	3/25/2024-7/31/2024	15 Served
SS Ticket-toWork Contract SCOPE: Provide employment and training support to SSI/SSDI beneficiaries.	\$ -	Open Ended	9 Tickets Assigned
Note: Amount above only reflects ticket holders who have entered milestone payments. Payments from SS tend to be 2-3 Qrts behind.			

Program Expenditure Information:

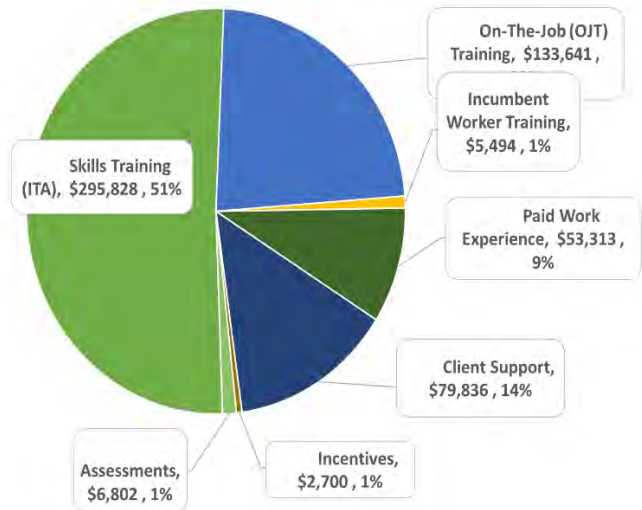
Below charts and graphs reflect data for all projects operated by MCWIC. Any chart that specifies WIOA, is only reflecting WIOA formula activity.



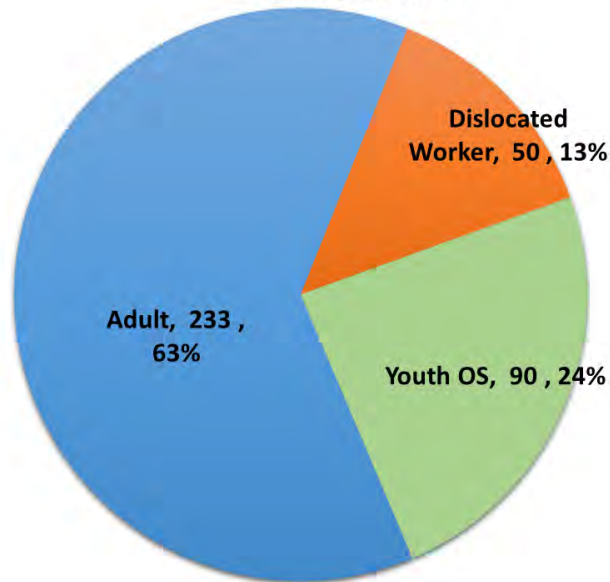
Total Operating Expenses as of 3/31/2025
Total \$2,453,844



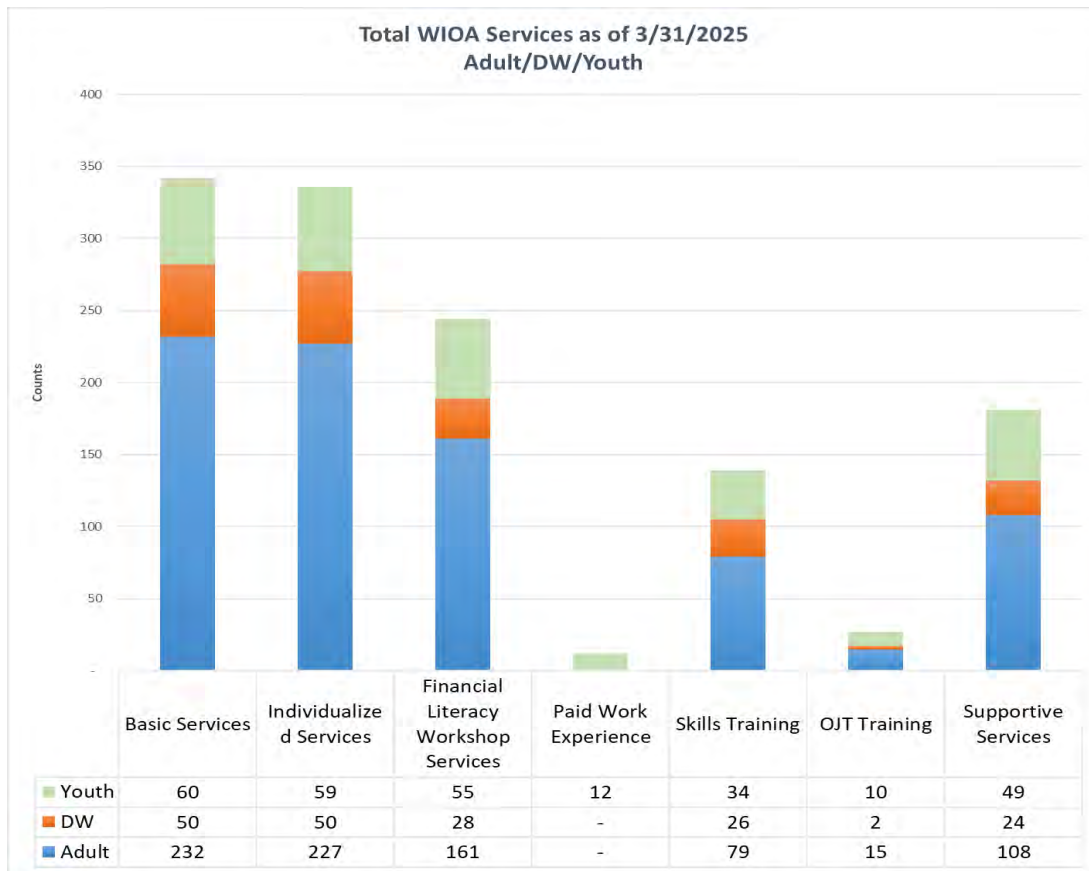
Direct Participant Expenses as of 3/31/2025
Total \$577,614



Total WIOA Enrollments as of 12/31/2024
Adult/DW/Youth



Note: Enrollment Chart includes co-enrollments



The chart below displays the occupations for which clients have enrolled training services in for this fiscal year to date. The counts do not include active carry-in numbers that roll from 6.30.24 to 7.1.2024. Training services include Individual Training Accounts (ITA), On-the-Job Training (OJT), Transitional Job Training (TJT), Incumbent Worker Training (IWT), and Work Experience (WEX). All training determinations are based on an individual's service/employment plan as well as verifying current demand for the occupation resulting from the specific training. Services provided to individuals are to develop the right skills for today's labor market and to also provide a clear career path for those entering or re-entering the labor market.

O'Net	Sum of Total	# of Requests
+ 19-0000 Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	\$ 19,675	48
+ 31-0000 Healthcare Support Occupations	\$ 54,220	44
+ 53-3032 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$ 57,373	25
+ 51-4121 Welders	\$ 66,279	18
+ 29-0000 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$ 39,420	13
+ 47-2111.00 Electricians	\$ 20,432	12
+ 33-0000 Protective Service Occupations	\$ 13,047	6
+ 49-9041-00 Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$ 10,120	5
+ 53-3051.00 School Bus Drivers	\$ 78,758	5
+ 43-0000 Office and Administrative Support Occupations	\$ 20,329	5
+ 49-0000 Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	\$ 20,204	4
+ 53-0000 Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	\$ 5,535	2
+ 35-0000 Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	\$ 100	1
+ 13-0000 Business and Financial Operations Occupations	\$ 9,563	1
+ 43-5032 Dispatchers except Police, fire, and ambulance	\$ 8,946	1
+ 41-0000 Sales and Related Occupations	\$ 9,588	1
Grand Total	\$ 433,587	191



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☒ Information

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: Information on Madera Community Hospital

Information:

The WDB is providing customized hiring events in support of the hospital. A clinical job fair was held on June 12, 2025, in Fresno. Available positions included Licensed Vocational Nurses, Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician's Assistants. Eighty-seven (87) job seekers were in attendance and interviewed on the spot. Over thirty (30) job offers have been provided. A clinical job fair will also be held in Merced early next month.

In addition, the WDB is supporting the hospital with upskilling and incumbent worker training opportunities.

Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



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☒ Information

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: Information on Federal Legislative Update

Information:

On May 30, the White House released its detailed FY26 Budget Proposal calling for a 35% reduction in funding for the Department of Labor. Compared to the “skinny budget” issued on May 2, this release provides Congress with more details on the president’s priorities and recommended funding allocations, including the programs that would be impacted by steep reductions proposed for the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Congress may consider the president’s priorities when drafting and passing appropriations bills, which provide annual funding for the operation of federal government agencies and programs.

The Trump administration is proposing to combine 11 workforce programs administered by DOL into a single block grant funding stream to states, called Make America Skilled Again (MASA). MASA would reduce funding by \$1.6 billion over current funding levels and give funding to states to use at their discretion. The following workforce programs would be eliminated through the proposal: Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth state funds under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Wagner-Peyser Employment Service state grants; Dislocated Worker National Reserve, including use for the Strengthening Community College Training Grants and Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities; YouthBuild; National Farmworker Jobs Program; Indian and Native American Programs; Reentry Employment Opportunities; and Workforce Data Quality Initiative. The proposal would also eliminate Adult Education as administered by ED. The proposal to consolidate federal programs and shift to states would undermine a proven nationwide network of Job Centers, neglect local businesses’ insights crucial for workforce planning, and upend public-private partnerships.

The National Association of Workforce Boards joined the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals and the U.S. Workforce Associations in sending a letter to Congress to object the president’s proposed FY26 budget. On June 5, U.S. Secretary of Labor Lori Chavez-DeRemer testified before the House Education and Workforce Committee regarding the Administration’s FY26 budget request for the Department of Labor and the Department’s wider priorities. The hearing focused on an array of issues, including the role of apprenticeship programs, concerns about workforce funding reductions, shorter-term job training initiatives, and wider efforts to increase labor force participation. Several members voiced concerns about the President’s budget proposal and the MASA block grant component. Members questioned how DOL would meet workforce goals given proposed cuts to Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) and the elimination of other workforce programs.

Congressional leaders are always interested in hearing from business leaders in their community. We have drafted a letter template urging Congress to fully fund and reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which plays a critical role in helping businesses hire, train, and retain skilled employees. Lawmakers need to hear from constituents that a well-funded workforce system strengthens local economies,

boosts productivity, and secures the talent pipeline needed for long-term success. We urge our board members to sign and send this letter to members of Congress.

Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



June 4, 2025

The Honorable Tim Walberg
Chairman
House Education & Workforce Committee
2266 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby Scott
Ranking Member
House Education & Workforce Committee
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Walberg and Ranking Member Scott,

Collectively, The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), United States Workforce Associations (USWA), and National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP), represent employer-led workforce boards, as well as state and local workforce development professionals. Our members were deeply dismayed to see the recent Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget request from the Department of Labor outlining a plan to dismantle and consolidate 11 workforce development programs. We urge you to forcefully reject this proposal.

This plan comes at a time when both employers and job seekers are asking for more support from the public workforce system to help develop the skilled workforce America needs to be successful. In recent months, we have seen announcements relating to plans to strengthen domestic manufacturing in the United States. The FY26 Department of Labor budget request would fatally undermine this goal, which we support, by abandoning its statutory investment in human capital.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I programs are held accountable for worker and employer outcomes, private-public partnerships, and direct investment in high-demand skills training, aligned with local employer demand—features of current law that bipartisan majorities in recent years have signaled should remain in future workforce legislation.

Additionally, these funds support apprenticeships, industry-led training programs, and credentialing efforts that are deeply informed by and directly aligned with employer needs. These investments are critical in overcoming existing barriers to bring more individuals back into the workforce and advancing them in careers once employed.

The Administration's budget proposal would exacerbate the very problems it claims to be seeking to address.

We look forward to working with the House Education and Workforce Committee and the Administration on prioritizing investments in the workforce development system to expand opportunity across the US.

Sincerely,



Bradford Turner-Little
President and CEO
National Association of Workforce Boards



Ryan Hundt
Director
U.S. Workforce Associations



Melissa Robbins
CEO
National Association of Workforce Development Professionals

[Letter head]

Date

Dear [Name],

As a member of the Workforce Development Board of Madera County, I am writing to urge you to fully fund and reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The public workforce system is essential to our success and growth as a U.S. company, and I urge you to protect WIOA Title I formula funds to ensure we can continue to serve our local businesses and jobseekers.

WIOA plays a critical role in helping businesses hire, train, and retain skilled employees. WIOA helps businesses find qualified candidates, align training programs with needed skills, upskill employees, and adapt to evolving industry demands. This federal investment in workforce development pays immense dividends, including \$66 billion in annual wages earned by newly employed workers; reduced reliance on public assistance; business growth and productivity; and increased U.S. competitiveness.

I support the goals of a thoughtful renewal of the WIOA law. Employer-led local workforce boards are the best vehicle for the change the administration is seeking; however, an underfunded system cannot achieve transformational results. We welcome the opportunity to increase apprenticeships and other work-based learning, such as on-the-job training and internships. Especially at a time when the Trump administration is focused on revitalizing domestic manufacturing, we need to invest in workforce development to ensure we have the requisite skilled workers.

Workforce Boards and the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), our national association, look forward to working with you to create efficiencies by outlining regulatory excess, duplication of effort, and better technological tools. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how workforce boards can partner with Congress to drive meaningful solutions.

Sincerely,

Name



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☒ Information

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: Approval for WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker Career Services

Information:

The Career Service Provider application for WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker services for the local workforce development area was submitted to the California Workforce Development Board on February 11, 2025. MCWIC has been approved to provide Career Services for the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029.

Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

May 14, 2025

Maiknue Vang
Madera County Workforce Development Board

SUBJECT: Approval for the Local Board to act as Career Service Provider

Dear Director Vang,

The California Workforce Development Board has received and carefully assessed your application to act as the Career Service Provider, in accordance with the criteria established in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Workforce Services Directive WSD22-13. We are pleased to inform you that your Local Workforce Development Board has been approved to act as the Career Service Provider, through June 30, 2029.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Regional Advisor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kaina Pereira', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Kaina Pereira, Executive Director
California Workforce Development Board

cc: Kristy Thorp, Regional Advisor



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To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claim Information

Information:

The most recent data on UI Claims for the period of April 12, 2025, through June 7, 2025, for Madera County is being provided for the WDB's review.

Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

California Unemployment Industry & Demographics Data Dashboard

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Weekly Initial Claims by County

County	April 2025			May 2025				June 2025	
	(Week Ending)			(Week Ending)				(Week Ending)	
	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7
Madera	200	202	208	202	176	194	195	186	231

Claim Type

- ☒ UI Claims
☐ PUA Claims

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The data provided in these reports are the number of initial claim counts. It includes new claims, additional claims, and transitional claims. Data includes regular Unemployment Insurance program and federal extended benefit programs. Data for claimants who live outside of California, but collect benefits, and invalid addresses in California are not included in these numbers.

- A new claim is the first claim for a benefit year period (for the regular UI program it is 52 weeks). You can only have one new claim during a benefit year period.
- An additional claim is when a second claim is filed during the same benefit year and there is intervening work between the current claim and the previous claim. For example, an individual files a new claim, goes back to work, gets laid off and files another claim before the benefit year period of the first claim expires. An individual can have multiple additional claims during the same benefit year if individual you meet the eligibility requirements.
- A transitional claim is when a claimant is still collecting benefits at the end of their benefit year period and had sufficient wage earnings during that year to begin a new claim once the first benefit year period ends.



Agenda Item 8.10

☐ Consent

☐ Action

☒ Information

To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County
From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: 2025-26 WDB Meeting Calendar

Information:

The WDB meeting calendar for the 2025-26 fiscal year is being provided to the Board.

Financing:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



2025 - 2026

WDB BOARD MEETINGS

Meeting Location (unless otherwise stated):

Workforce Assistance Center

2037 W. Cleveland Avenue

Madera, CA 93637

559-662-4589

Workforce Development Board meets every other month: 3 rd Thursday of the month @ 3:00 p.m.
August 21, 2025
October 16, 2025
December 18, 2025
February 19, 2026
April 16, 2026
June 18, 2026

April 23, 2025

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**WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) SECTION 188
NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVISIONS ANNUAL
COMPLIANCE MONITORING REVIEW FINAL REPORT PROGRAM YEARS (PYs)
2023-25.**

This notification informs you of the results of the Employment Development Department's (EDD) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office on-site compliance monitoring review of the Madera County Workforce Investment Corp. for compliance with the WIOA Section 188 for PYs 2023-25.

Our review was conducted under the authority of WIOA Section 188 and its implementing regulation Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations Part 38. The purpose of this review was to determine the level of compliance by the Madera County Workforce Investment Corp. with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and directives related to the WIOA grant regarding nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions for PYs 2023-25.

We collected the information for this report through an on-site and desk review of documents submitted by the Madera County Workforce Investment Corp., the completed EDD's EEO Office Compliance Monitoring Guide completed by your Equal Opportunity (EO) Officer, interviews with representatives, and a review of applicable policies and procedures.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING REVIEW RESULTS

We conclude that, overall, the Madera County Workforce Investment Corp. is meeting the applicable WIOA Section 188 requirements concerning nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions.

This report contains no findings or conditions; therefore, we are issuing this report as the final report.

Maiknue Vang, Executive Director
April 23, 2025
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Because the methodology for our monitoring review included sample testing, this report is not a comprehensive assessment of all of the areas included in our review. It is the Madera County Workforce Investment Corp.'s responsibility to ensure that its systems, programs, and related activities comply with the WIOA grant program, federal and state regulations, and applicable state directives. Consequently, any deficiencies identified in subsequent reviews, such as an audit, would remain the Madera County Workforce Investment Corp.'s responsibility.

Please extend our appreciation to your staff for their cooperation and assistance during our review. If you have any questions regarding this report or the review that was conducted, please contact Samuel Swafford at Samuel.Swafford@edd.ca.gov or Kimberly Singh, EEO Office Manager, at Kimberly.Singh@edd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ NICOLE PLACENCIA
EEO Officer

cc: Gustavo Alatorre, Workforce Services Branch, MIC 50
Kristy Thorp, Workforce Services Branch, MIC 50