



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

Central Sierra Economic Development District Board of Directors
Thursday, May 16, 2024 (9:30am)

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

In-Person (Amador): 1 Prosperity Court
Sutter Creek, CA 95685
(209) 267-5590

In-Person (Calaveras): 7 Main Street
San Andreas, CA 95249
(209) 754-4242

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

In-Person (Alpine): 99 Water St (Board Chamber)
Markleeville, CA 96120
(530) 694-2281

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll call / Establish quorum

JPA Member	Member Name	Present	Absent
Alpine County Supervisor	Terry Woodrow	X	
Alpine County Citizen Member	JT Chevallier	X	
Amador County Supervisor	Frank Axe	X	
Amador County Citizen Member	Karen Warburton	X	
Calaveras County Supervisor	Benjamin Stopper (Chair)	X	
Calaveras County Citizen Member	Kathryn Gallino	X	
Mariposa County Supervisor	Rosemarie Smallcombe	X	
Mariposa County Citizen Member	Nina Rhodes <i>(Remote, attending as non-voting guest.)</i>		X
Tuolumne County Supervisor	Jaron Brandon	X	
Tuolumne County Citizen Member	Robbie Bergstrom <i>(Remote, attending as non-voting guest.)</i>		X
City of Angels Camp	Alvin Broglio, Council Member		X
City of Sonora	Suzanne Cruz, Vice Mayor	X	

Guests: Nina Rhodes (Mariposa County), Robbie Bergstrom (Tuolumne County), Alex Bloom (CSEDD/MLJT), Bob Adams (CalOSBA), Manjeet McCarthy (Go-Biz)

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1. Approval of Minutes of the February 15, 2024 CSEDD Governing Board Meeting

Minutes approved, (M) B. Stopper, (S) J. Brandon, ayes carried, 3 absent.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Approve the contract (attached) with TEKsystems to administer and implement the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) CASF Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant.

Contract with TEKSystems to administer and implement the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) CASF Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant approved, (M) K. Gallino, (S) B. Stopper, ayes carried, 3 absent.

4.2. Approve application for AHEAD \$100,000 grant

The board discussed and proposed projects for the AHEAD Grant, and suggested CSEDD use the grant for Microgrants for businesses. Application for AHEAD \$100,000 grant approved, (M) K. Gallino, (S) J. Brandon, ayes carried, 3 absent.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1. Director's Report – Dave Thoeny

5.1.1. Introduced new Economic Development Manager, Alex Bloom

5.1.2. Notified board of CEDS approval

5.1.3. Announced final CEDS payment received from EDA

5.1.4. CASF update

- *Kathy reminded the board to complete and send CASF timesheets to CSEDD Staff.*

5.1.5. CSEDD member invoices coming soon

- *Board requested overview of CSEDD projects and accomplishments to send with invoice*

5.1.6. Form 700 Reminder

5.2. Update on the CA Jobs First Regional Planning Grant

5.2.1. Additional \$100,000 allocated to CSEDD

CA Jobs First is hosting numerous upcoming outreach events. Kathy shared with the board that the CSEDD counties (Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne) could use additional representation, especially from County Supervisors, at CA Jobs First events.

5.3. Update on Sierra K-16 Collaborative

- *Plan to leverage with CA Jobs First*
- *For the next phase of the grant, Sierra Business Council looking for industry navigators to develop career pathways for target sectors.*

5.4. Board member topics of interest (Roundtable)

6. 2024 MEETINGS (all 9:30am – 11:00 am)

August 15, November 14

7. ADJOURN