



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, May 20, 2021  
9:30 a.m.

**Location (Teleconference only):**

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6067573943>

Dial-in audio: 669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 606 757 3943

**CSEDD Governing Board Members (12):**

JPA Member	Member Name	Present	Absent
Alpine County Supervisor	Terry Woodrow	X	
Alpine County Citizen Member	Tom Sweeney		X
Amador County Supervisor	Frank Axe	X	
Calaveras County Supervisor	Benjamin Stopper (Vice-Chair)	X	
Calaveras County Citizen Member	Kathyn Gallino	X	
Mariposa County Supervisor	Marshall Long (Chair)	X	
Mariposa County Citizen Member	Tara Schiff	X	
Tuolumne County Supervisor	Ryan Campbell	X	
Tuolumne County Citizen Member	Cole Przybyla	X	
City of Angels Camp	Alvin Broglio, Mayor	X	
City of Sonora	Ann Segerstrom, Council Member	X	

**Guests:** Kim Holland (Amador County), Courtney Copeland (RCAC), Jen Herndon (Angels Camp City Council), Roy Anderson (Beck Group), Derek Kirk (GO-BIZ), Stan Keasling (RCAC), Alicia Vennos (Mono County)

**CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

**1. ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

*None*

- 2. CONSENT AGENDA:** The following Consent Agenda items are expected to be routine. They will be acted upon by the District Board at one time. Any Board Member, staff member or interested person may request that any Consent items be removed for discussion.

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting of the CSEDD Governing Board  
*Minutes approved. (M) T. Schiff, (S) B. Stopper, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

**3. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Approve Mother Lode Job Training entering into contract with RCAC for up to \$20,000 to administer a Sierra Nevada Revolving Loan Fund benefitting CSEDD businesses  
*Contract with RCAC for up to \$20,000 to administer a Sierra Nevada Revolving Loan Fund benefitting CSEDD businesses approved. (M) B. Stopper, (S) F. Axe, ayes carried, 1 absent, 1 abstained.*
- b. Approve publishing an RFP up to \$80K, for a contractor to write CSEDD's 4-year CEDS (pursuant to CSEDD securing a Short-Term Planning grant)  
*Publishing of an RFP up to \$80K, for a contractor to write CSEDD's 4-year CEDS approved. (M) F. Axe, (S) K. Gallino, ayes carried, 1 absent.*
- c. Approve the intent to add Mono County as an 8<sup>th</sup> member to the CSEDD JPA, subject to ratification of 5 (2/3) of the current 7 members' elected bodies  
*Intent to add Mono County as an 8<sup>th</sup> member to the CSEDD JPA approved. (M) B. Stopper, (S) T. Woodrow, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

**4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Status of USDA Rural Business Development Grant – Biomass feasibility study  
*Beck Group gave a progress report and results of May 3-7 site visits. Roy notified the board that Beck Group is on track to finish by the July deadline. He also shared that he has met with each of the counties and visited existing sites. Next steps include picking 1-2 businesses to develop.*
- b. GO-Biz update for Central Sierra  
Derek Kirk (Regional Business Development Specialist) to report on state budget revisions, strategic initiatives, Central Sierra road trip

*Derek Kirk updated the board that strategic initiatives for GO-Biz include Broadband, Forest Management/Wood Product Innovation, Sustainable Groundwater Management, Alternative Energy Industry Development, Commercial Space Development, ZEV Market Development and Place Based Initiatives. Budget revisions include CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program (possible addition of \$1.5 billion), California Competes Tax Credit Program (possible addition of \$180 million), CA Alternative Energy & Advanced Transportation Authority (possible addition of \$100 mil). Derek also informed the board that he plans to do a Central Sierra road trip to travel through and visit the CSEDD counties.*

- c. Open CSEDD Board Meetings for hybrid (Zoom/In-person) attendance?
  - Limit 15 persons currently  
*The members of the CSEDD plan to open meetings back up for limited in-person attendance.*
- d. Board member topics of interest
  - *Frank Axe proposed that he would like CSEDD to apply for Broadband Grants.*
  - *Cole Przybyla shared that he would like CSEDD to have a position in the Central Sierra Connect Consortium. He also shared that there would be an upcoming broadband opportunity (to be presented at future special CSEDD Meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021).*
  - *Terry Woodrow announced that Alpine County is getting an Economic Development staff person.*
  - *Tara Schiff notified CSEDD that Mariposa County was chosen to be included in an Economic Resiliency group.*

## **5. NEXT MEETING(S):**

- a. 2021 meeting dates (all at 9:30 AM)  
Aug. 19; Nov. 18

## **6. ADJOURN**

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