



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:30 a.m.

Locations:

In Person:

197 Mono Way, Suite B
 Sonora, CA 95370
 (209) 533-3396

Teleconference:

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 Agency	Elected Board Member	Citizen Board Member
Alpine County	Terry Woodrow, Supervisor	JT Chevallier
Amador County	Frank Axe, Supervisor	Simon Montagu
Calaveras County	Benjamin Stopper, Supervisor (Vice-Chair)	Kathryn Gallino
Mariposa County	Marshall Long, Supervisor (Chair)	Tara Schiff
Tuolumne County	Anaiah Kirk, Supervisor	Cole Przybyla
City of Angels Camp	Caroline Schirato, Council Member	
City of Sonora	Ann Segerstrom, Council Member	

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

1. ACTION ITEM:

- a. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution *Re-Authorizing* Findings in Support of Allowing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB361 (Modifies Brown Act Procedures During a Declared Emergency) and Direction Regarding Holding CSEDD Board Meetings in Person or Remotely

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATION:** The Public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken. [Gov. Code § 54954.2(b)(2)]

3. **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 January 20, 2022 meeting of the CSEDD Governing Board

4. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. None

5. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Welcome Simon Montagu, Amador citizen member
- b. Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Regional Planning Grant
- c. EDA CEDS grant - North State Planning and Development Collective
- d. Board member topics of interest (Roundtable)

6. **NEXT MEETING(S):**

- a. 2022 meeting dates (all at 9:30 AM)
Feb. 17, May 19, Aug. 18, Nov. 10

7. **ADJOURN**

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1 **Board of Directors, Central Sierra Economic Development District**

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3 **FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL SIERRA ECONOMIC**
4 **DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS**
5 **FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 17, 2022 – MARCH 19, 2022**
6 **PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.**
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8 **WHEREAS**, all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development
9 District and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov.
10 Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative
11 bodies conduct their business; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote
13 teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the
14 requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and
15 requirements; and

16 **WHEREAS**, a required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency
17 is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of
18 conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by
19 conditions as described in Government Code section 8558(b); and

20 **WHEREAS**, a further required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that state or local
21 officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body
22 holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would present
23 imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

24 **WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency
25 declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to the California
26 Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625); and,

27 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-07-21, which
28 formally rescinded the Stay-at-Home Order (Executive Order N-33-20), as well as the framework for a

1 gradual, risk-based reopening of the economy (Executive Order N-60-20, issued on May 4, 2020) but did
2 not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom also issued Executive Order N-08-21, which set
4 expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020 and
5 other Executive Orders but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Finding, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have
7 exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency
8 either by proclamation or by concurrent Finding the state Legislature; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to
10 COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of
11 Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the
12 measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can travel
13 more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

14 **WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic
15 Development District previously adopted findings that the requisite conditions existed for the Board of
16 Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District to conduct remote teleconference meetings
17 without compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), as authorized by Section 54953(e); and,

18 **WHEREAS**, as a condition of extending the use of the teleconferencing provisions for another 30
19 days beyond the Finding adopted on January 20, 2022, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), the
20 Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District must reconsider the circumstances
21 of the state of emergency that exists and find that either the state of emergency continues to directly impact
22 the ability of the members to meet safely in person or state or local officials continue to impose or
23 recommend measures to promote social distancing; and,

24 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District has
25 reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that state or local officials continue to
26 impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, based on the California Department of
27 Industrial Relations regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention, specifically, Title 8 of the California Code
28 of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D), continuing to remain in effect; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, as a consequence, the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development
2 District does hereby find that it may continue to conduct their meetings by teleconferencing without
3 compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such
4 legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as
5 prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND AND ORDERED** by the Board of
7 Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District, in regular session assembled on February
8 17, 2022, does hereby find as follows:

9 Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this
10 Finding by this reference.

11 Section 2. Reconsideration of the State of Emergency. The Board of Directors of the Central
12 Sierra Economic Development District has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency that
13 continues to exist and was proclaimed by the Governor through a State of Emergency Proclamation on
14 March 4, 2020.

15 Section 3. State or Local Officials Continue to Impose or Recommend Measures to Promote
16 Social Distancing. The Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District hereby
17 proclaims that state officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social (physical)
18 distancing based on the continuance of California Department of Industrial Relations regulations related to
19 COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D).

20 Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Board of Directors of the Central Sierra
21 Economic Development District is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out
22 the intent and purpose of this Finding including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with
23 Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

24 Section 5. Effective Date. This Finding shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and
25 shall be effective until the earlier of (i) March 19, 2022, or (ii) such time the Board of Directors of the
26 Central Sierra Economic Development District adopts a subsequent Finding in accordance with
27 Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which its legislative bodies may continue
28 to teleconference without compliance with Section 54953(b)(3).

1 ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2022 by the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra
2 Economic Development District, by the following vote:

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4 YES:

5 NO:

6 ABSENT:

Marshall Long

7 ABSTAIN:

Chair, Central Sierra Economic Development Board of Directors

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Guests: Vicki Doll, Simon Montagu, Courtney Farrell, Nina Rhodes, Derek Kirk (GO-Biz)

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

1. **ORAL COMMUNICATION:** *None.*

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the December 9, 2021 meeting of the CSEDD Governing Board
Minutes approved. (M) F. Axe, (S) B. Stopper, ayes carried.

3. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution *Re-Authorizing* Findings in Support of Allowing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB361 (Modifies Brown Act Procedures During a Declared Emergency) and Direction Regarding Holding CSEDD Board Meetings in Person or Remotely
Motion approved. (M) F. Axe, (S) B. Stopper, ayes carried.
- b. Review and approve the selection of North State Planning and Development Collective to engage in Contract Services to assist in preparing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
Selection of North State Planning and Development Collective to engage in Contract Services to assist in preparing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) approved. (M) B. Stopper, (S) T. Schiff, ayes carried, 1 abstained.
- c. Approve CSEDD, as a “district organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD)”, to apply for the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Regional Planning Grant, on behalf of the 7 counties in the “Eastern Sierra” Region.
The board also suggested each of the CSEDD Counties send letters of support during CERF’s open comment to suggest the grant fund allow allocation for capacity building. Motion to approve CSEDD, as a “district organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD)”, to apply for the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Regional Planning Grant, on behalf of the 7 counties in the “Eastern Sierra” Region Approved. (M) T. Woodrow, (S) K. Gallino, ayes carried.

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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCE FUND (CERF)

OVERVIEW: CERF's planning phase will establish regional, inclusive planning tables to develop blueprints and align resources for each region's economic future. These regional tables will result in recommended investments throughout the region that will support economic recovery from COVID-19, bolster equity outcomes, and facilitate the transition to carbon neutrality.

PROGRAM VISION: Deliver a sustainable and equitable recovery from the economic distress of COVID-19 that meets communities and regions where they are by supporting new regional plans and investing in strategies and projects that help diversify regional economies and develop or expand environmentally sustainable industries that create high-quality, broadly accessible jobs for all Californians.

Program Objectives

- Support the development of meaningfully inclusive regional planning processes that produce regional roadmaps for economic recovery from COVID-19 that prioritize the creation of accessible, high-quality jobs in sustainable industries.
- Invest in projects proposed by regional planning tables that respond to negative economic impacts of COVID-19 and meet criteria for equity, job quality, and sustainability, among others.
- Align and leverage state investments (e.g., High Road Training Partnerships, community capacity building programs), federal investments (e.g., Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), and philanthropic and private-sector investments in regions to maximize COVID-19 recovery efforts.

What Does Success Look Like?

- **Planning phase.** Inclusive, diverse, transparent, and accountable regional planning that results in a holistic strategy and recommended series of investments to recover from COVID-19, grow sustainable industries, diversify regional economies, and increase access to high quality jobs.
- **Implementation phase.** Projects throughout the region that advance globally competitive and sustainable industries and high-quality jobs with clear employment pathways for underserved and incumbent workers facing industry disruption after COVID-19.

Program Detail

1. Phase 1—Regional Planning Grants:

- a. Create 13 Regional Collaboratives that will receive ~\$5M each.



- b. Establish new, inclusive regional planning tables starting in spring/summer 2022. Much like a “team of teams,” they will incorporate existing local efforts to address planning on a broader regional scale.
- c. Develop localized integrated recovery and transition plans that meet regions where they are. Plans will include analysis of industry sectors and labor markets, with actionable research and consultation from expert institutions.
- d. Embed locally-hired coordinators to facilitate ongoing engagement, partnership, and relationship-building activities with business, labor, community, government, education, economic development, federally and non-federally recognized tribes, and other key stakeholder groups.
- e. Support participants to increase access and broaden participation in the planning process.
- f. Provide technical assistance to guide convening, evaluation, research priorities, and other needs during the planning phase.
- g. Create holistic investment strategies that address disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 by diversifying the economy, and developing or growing sustainable industries that create accessible, well-paying jobs. Strategies should complement, incorporate, or expand on existing plans such as Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS), as applicable and relevant.

2. Phase 2—Implementation Grants:

- a. Provide approximately \$500M in rolling, competitive grants from Fall 2022 to June 2024. Includes reserve funding for each region for competitive bidding.
- b. Fund projects in localities across the regions based on regional plans developed and criteria outlined.
- c. In cases with prior inclusive planning processes, regions may be eligible to apply for “early implementation” pilot projects. More details forthcoming regarding eligibility and criteria.
- d. Ensure projects support economic recovery and transition for populations and/or industries disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, while promoting economic diversification, sustainability, and equity. Outcomes will drive the growth of globally competitive, sustainable industries with well-paying, accessible jobs and bolster equity outcomes by race, ethnicity, gender, and geography.



Best-Case Scenario Timelines

Month	Program Progress
December 2021	Release of finalized regions
December 2021	Draft guidelines for Planning Grants released for public comment
January 2022	Listening-session webinar for public feedback
February 2022	Planning Grant solicitation released
March 2022	Draft guidelines for implementation grants released
April 2022	Planning Grant finalists selected and grants awarded
August 2022	Implementation grant solicitation released
October 2022	Begin awarding implementation grants
June 2024	Funds must be encumbered
October 2026	Funds must be expended

Resources

- [SB-162 Community Economic Resilience Fund Program](#)
- [Community Economic Resilience Fund - Office of Planning and Research \(ca.gov\)](#)

Contact Information

- Mary Collins, Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Mary.Collins@opr.ca.gov



Finalized CERF Regions and Responses to Frequently Asked Questions

We thank everyone for submitting comments and voicing your suggestions and concerns. The CERF Team has thoroughly reviewed all comments submitted, and below we provide finalized economic regions with high-level responses to some common themes and questions.

Final CERF Regions:

