



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Central Sierra Economic Development District Board of Directors**  
Thursday, August 17, 2023 (9:30am)

**Teleconference (Non-voting Attendees):** **In-Person (Primary Location):**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6067573943> 197 Mono Way, Suite B  
 Phone audio: (669) 900-9128 Sonora, CA 95370  
 Meeting ID: 606 757 3943 (209) 588-1150

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

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

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

**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	<Open>		
Tuolumne County Supervisor	Anaiah Kirk	X	
Tuolumne County Citizen Member	Robbie Bergstrom	X	
City of Angels Camp	Caroline Schirato, Council Member		X
City of Sonora	Suzanne Cruz, Council Member	X	

**Guests:** Nina Rhodes (Mariposa Citizen Member Alternate), Courtney Farrell (Chico), Tom Crosby (Chico), Erika Harvey (Sierra Business Council), David Griffith (Alpine County), Ben Vandersluis (Chico)

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3.1. Approval of Minutes of the August 4, 2023 CSEDD Governing Board Special Meeting  
August 4, 2023 Minutes approved, (M) T. Woodrow, (S)R. Smallcombe, ayes carried, 2 absent.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.1. *None*

**5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 5.1. Update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) project - Chico State Enterprises

*The CEDS process is starting to wrap up. Courtney shared that her team will soon have action items for the CEDS to bring to the board. F.Axe asked if the regional CEDS will include projects from the Amador CEDS. Courtney shared that the regional CEDS will reference the Amador CEDS but should not list too many specific Amador projects. A final draft of the CEDS will be distributed soon, and the board will need to approve the final draft, release the CEDS for public comment, then conduct a final approval with all public comments. Courtney requested final board CEDS comments by September 7<sup>th</sup>.*

- 5.2. Update on the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Regional Planning Grant – Sierra Business Council

*Erika shared that she has no major updates from the state regarding CERF at this time. She did announce that the Sierra Business Council has had their first round of committee meetings and will also be conducting focus groups in the community to get input that cannot be collected at a committee meeting.*

- 5.3. Update on Eastern Sierra K-16 Planning Grant – ARCHES

*Amy Frost shared that the Arches K-16 grant is currently in the planning phase. A main topic of discussion at the subcommittee meetings includes “growing our own” instead of bringing working from outside areas. Tom asked if we are lacking programs to “grow our own” or motivated participants. Amy shared that it’s a combination of lack of participants, lack of programs, and also a lack of teachers for programs. She also shared that Career Technical Education (CTE) programs are being dissolved in many schools in the area. Amy explained that of the three industries of focus: (Education, Healthcare, and IT) each regional county will be focusing on one of the three chosen industries.*

- 5.4. Board member topics of interest (Roundtable)

- *Kathy Gallino shared that the Solar for All grant application has been submitted.*
- *Suzanne Cruz announced that the City of Sonora has a new Newsletter.*

**6. 2023 MEETINGS (all 9:30 – 11:00 am)**

November 9

**7. ADJOURN**