

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE CENTRAL SIERRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Mother Lode Job Training  
Thursday, September 21, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Terry Woodrow brought the regular meeting of the Central Sierra Economic Development District (CSEDD) to order at 9:30 a.m., asked for the roll call to establish which Directors were present and to confirm that there was a quorum.

**The following Directors of the Governing Board were present:**

Alpine County – Terry Woodrow, Supervisor (Chair)  
Alpine County Citizen Member – Tom Sweeney  
Calaveras County – Michael Oliveira, Supervisor  
Calaveras County Citizen Member – Brian Tewksbury  
Mariposa County – Marshall Long, Supervisor  
Mariposa County Citizen Member – Dane Carlson  
Tuolumne County – Randy Hanvelt, Supervisor  
City of Angels Camp – Linda Hermann, Council Member  
City of Sonora – George Segarini, Council Member

**The following Directors of the Governing Board were absent:**

Tuolumne County Citizen Member – Ron Patel

**Others in Attendance:**

Carlyn Drivdahl	County Counsel/ CSEDD Legal
Dave Thoeny	Mother Lode Job Training
Larry Yanni	Mother Lode Job Training
Vicki Long	Mother Lode Job Training

A quorum was confirmed with 8 board members present at roll call of the CSEDD Governing Board Meeting. Brian Tewksbury arrived after roll call which then made 9 board members present

**1. ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

Randy Hanvelt discussed the request of a letter of support for Sierra Northern Railway Track Upgrade Project discussion was made on the importance of adding this item to the agenda for today. Carlyn Drivdahl explained how to add a late agenda item be placed on the agenda with sufficient evidence of adding item. Adding item to new business #B

Motion: Marshall Long made a motion to approve the added item. Michael Oliveria seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 9-0-0 vote.

Carlyn Drivdahl announced that there will be AB 1234 Ethic Training held on November 9, 2017 at Tuolumne County BOS. If interested, please contact Carlyn's office at 209-533-5517.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting of the CSEDD Governing Board.

Motion: Marshall Long made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 CSEDD Governing Board meeting. Randy Hanvelt seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 9-0-0 vote.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

A. New member Amador County (Discussion and Possible Action)

Carlyn Drivdahl, Tuolumne County Deputy County Counsel addressed the board on this matter. Amador County is very interested in rejoining the CSEDD. Amador County withdrew in 2014 which also included the 5 incorporated cities. Carlyn explained the process of the operation of the JPA at the time which meant once the county withdrew, the cities were automatically withdrawn. 2015 district members revised the JPA to allow cities to join or stay in the district without their counties and visa - versa. Explanation was given on how a member would now join the JPA and what the number of members would be. She also explained the financial contribution for Amador County to join. Formula plan is set by the board members and she shared a chart that would show what the proposed contributions would be and how it has been done in the past. D. Thoeny also contributed to this discussion with regards to

the current fees and that this new amount was calculated with Amador County joining. Question was asked about the interest of the 5 incorporated cities join again also. Discussion followed regarding their interest and decision was made that Amador County would contact them and get interest and then bring back to future meeting. Carlyn asked for consideration of Amador County to join and what the financial contribution will be. Staff will work with Amador County to present the JPA ratification to the BOS with dues mentioned and have it placed on the BOS agenda to approve.

Motion: Randy Hanvelt made a motion to approve the Amador County membership and add the dues with the 35K population as mentioned, Marshall Long seconded. The motion was approved by a 9-0-0 vote.

#### 4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### A. Partnerships, Contracts and Economic Development Update

D. Thoeny addressed the board on these updates. Introduced MLJT staff to the board members and explained how MLJT is funded and what services they offer through their Workforce Development efforts. Shared some examples of how counties within the region are starting to work closer together to break down silos and form a stronger coalition within our communities. Discussion also followed regarding current and future grant opportunities for workforce development and workforce economics which would also assist in our communities. Operationally we will try to get funds to create opportunities and serve as conveners and work on a way to keep best practices and work collaboratively between counties. Larry Yanni discussed two possible grant opportunities; however, they require a dollar for dollar match and that the board members time could possible count as in-kind match. Question was asked to the board if they could possible go back to their counties and ask for the match in order to apply for these types of grants. Direction was given to staff to make the rounds within the counties and meet with business councils in each. Larry Yanni gave status on current grants: The EDA Butte Fire grant is now being managed by Calaveras Chamber of Commerce and they will be completing the needed recording of the grant. The USDA grant is moving along very well, we are halfway through and meeting the goals as needed. Michael Oliveria shared with the board that a technical education program has been approved by Calaveras BOS. The program will create career pathways in technical trades which will start with K-12 and move up to apprentices. This program was created by many partners High School Superintendent's, Board of Supervisors, Workforce Development and Economic Development.

**B. Support Letter for Sierra Northern Railway Track Upgrade Project.**

R. Hanvelt spoke on this matter, the local railroad is rated E and is limited to 10 miles per hour and also the number of cars they can pull. The rails are in dire need of being upgraded for increased freight efficiency and cost effectiveness for Tuolumne County. They are asking for a letter of support from CSEDD for a grant that they are seeking to upgrade the rails. Board requested a copy of the two-page project description.

Motion: Marshall Long made a motion to approve the Letter of Support, George Segarini seconded. The motion was approved by a 9-0-0 vote.

**C. NEXT MEETING**

November 16, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Mother Lode Job Training, 197 Mono Way, Suite B, Sonora, CA

**D. ADJOURN**

Terry Woodrow adjourned the meeting of the Central Sierra Economic Development District at 10:50 a.m.

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Terry Woodrow, Chair

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Date