



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, August 18, 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

**CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

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	< Open >		
Calaveras County Supervisor	Benjamin Stopper (Vice-Chair)	X	
Calaveras County Citizen Member	Kathryn Gallino	X	
Mariposa County Supervisor	Marshall Long (Chair)	X	
Mariposa County Citizen Member	Tara Schiff	X	
Tuolumne County Supervisor	Anaiah Kirk	X	
Tuolumne County Citizen Member	< Open >		
City of Angels Camp	Caroline Schirato, Council Member	X	
City of Sonora	Ann Segerstrom, Council Member	X	

**GUESTS:** Len Degroot (Tuolumne County), Courtney Farrell (Chico State), Steve Frisch (Sierra Business Council), Melissa Kovacs (Chico State), Luke Scholl (Chico State), Krystal Heaney (Alpine County), Erika Harvey (Sierra Business Council), Haley Stone (Chico State), Vicki Doll (Chabin Concepts), Fawn McLaughlin.

**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*  
*Motion accepted, (M) T. Woodrow, (S) B. Stopper, ayes carried.*

- 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)]  
*Krystal Heaney addressed the board for public comment. She shared that she has been helping some of the businesses in Markleeville with obtaining any possible disaster relief funding they can find due to a large thunderstorm and mud flow that devastated the town on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The thunderstorm hit areas that were severely burned by the Tamarack Fire and created a mud flow down Highway 89 into the center of town. Additionally, the mud flow hit a construction area just north of town on Highway 89 where Caltrans was replacing culverts under the road. When the mud, water, and debris hit this area, it found its way under the road and destabilized the roadbed. Caltrans has determined that the road is unsafe for travel and estimates that it will be up to five weeks before it opens again. She further explained that many of our residents work in South Lake Tahoe or Gardnerville and now have to travel over Monitor Pass adding at least an extra hour one way to their daily commute. Additionally, the businesses that rely heavily on summer tourism has had visitors decline drastically due to the road closure. She shared that it has also become more difficult to get supplies delivered to the restaurants and the general store as delivery routes have been impacted severely. The owners are unsure if they will be able to remain open and so far, one has decided to close until the road is opened again. Krystal ended her comment by stating that she is seeking is any relief funding that can be obtained to help Markleeville get through this difficult time, and it is her hope that CSEDD can help brainstorm and reach out to the right people to get them on their feet again after the back-to-back disasters of the Tamarack Fire and the mudflow.*

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of Minutes of the June 23, 2022 CSEDD Governing Board Meeting (Deferred from the July 14, 2022 meeting for lack of quorum)

*Minutes accepted, (M) F. Axe, (S) B. Stopper, ayes carried, 2 abstained.*

- b. Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2022 CSEDD Governing Board Meeting  
*Minutes accepted, (M) F. Axe, (S) B. Stopper, ayes carried, 2 abstained.*

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. *None*

**5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Discussion on open Citizen Member board seats for Tuolumne and Amador counties  
*D. Thoeny addressed the board on this matter. He reminded the board that there are currently 2 board vacancies, for an Amador County Citizen Member and a Tuolumne County Citizen Member.*
- b. Update on the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia grant application – Kathryn Gallino  
*Kathy notified the board that the grant application has been submitted and she is waiting to hear back.*
- c. Update on the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Regional Planning Grant – Sierra Business Council  
*Steve Frisch (Sierra Business Council) began by informing the board that the announcement of the CERF Grant awardees has been delayed from August to September 2022. Upon approval, the Sierra Business Council will be looking for 2 CERF grant project navigators. He also notified the board that there will be an upcoming workshop in August to help awardees develop guidelines for the Tribal funding and engagement component of the CERF grant. On November 18, 2022, the Sierra Business Council will be doing a meet-and-greet with the Sonora board of supervisors. Lastly, Steve reminded the board that the Governor's Office of Planning and Research is doing 5 Biomass pilot projects, one of which an application was submitted by Cole Przybyla on behalf of Tuolumne County. The Sierra Business Council has been contracted to help with the implementation of this biomass project and will be reaching out for with information on biomass infrastructure.*
- d. Update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) project - Chico State Enterprises  
*Courtney Farrell (Chico State) updated the board on the CEDS project. She shared that they have been moving forward with interviews and surveys and asked that the board members help to share and push the survey out for more*

*representation from all counties. She stated that a majority of the responses are currently from Alpine and Calaveras and would like to see more responses from the other CSEDD counties. Courtney then asked the board if in-person or hybrid community meetings would be useful. The board agreed unanimously that in-person community meetings would be useful and that they would keep an out for meeting logistics from Courtney. Next, Courtney shared with the board that her team is still working on data collection and infrastructure inventory. She also requested that the board pass along any contacts for infrastructure and developers for each of the counties. She ended her presentation by announcing that her team is expecting to have a draft CEDS in December 2022 and a Public Notice will be released in January.*

- e. Board member topics of interest (Roundtable)
- *Frank Axe asked the rest of the board if anyone is planning to apply to the new infrastructure bill. The board discussed the bill and agreed to wait until there is more information from the state.*
  - *Kathy Gallino made an announcement that there will be a new Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) Resiliency grant through the Governor's office.*

## **6. NEXT MEETINGS: (all Thursdays at 9:30 AM)**

Sep 8, 2022 - CEDS meeting

Oct 13, 2022 - CEDS meeting

Nov 10, 2022 - CEDS & Board meeting; Approval to publish CEDS for 30-day public comment

Dec 8, 2022 - CEDS meeting

## **7. ADJOURN**

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