

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, January 20, 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	Kim Holland
Calaveras County	Benjamin Stopper, Supervisor (Vice-Chair)	Kathryn Gallino
Mariposa County	Marshall Long, Supervisor (Chair)	Tara Schiff
Tuolumne County	Ryan Campbell, Supervisor	Cole Przybyla
City of Angels Camp	Caroline Shirato, Council Member	
City of Sonora	Ann Segerstrom, Council Member	

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

- **1. ORAL COMMUNICATION:** The Public may speak on any item <u>not</u> on the printed agenda. No action may be taken. [Gov. Code § 54954.2(b)(2)]
- 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 December 9, 2021 meeting of the CSEDD Governing Board

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
- 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)
- 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.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Board member topics of interest (Roundtable)

5. NEXT MEETING(S):

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

6. ADJOURN

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Alpine County Supervisor	Terry Woodrow	Х	
Alpine County Citizen Member	JT Chevallier	Х	
Amador County Supervisor	Frank Axe	Х	
Amador County Citizen Member	Kim Holland		
Calaveras County Supervisor	Benjamin Stopper (Vice-Chair)	Х	
Calaveras County Citizen Member	Kathyn Gallino	Х	
Mariposa County Supervisor	Marshall Long (Chair)	Х	
Mariposa County Citizen Member	Tara Schiff	Х	
Tuolumne County Supervisor	Ryan Campbell	Х	
Tuolumne County Citizen Member	Cole Przybyla	Х	
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City of Sonora	Ann Segerstrom, Council Member	Х	

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Guests: Roy Anderson (Beck Group), Matt King (Heartwood Biomass), Derek Kirk (GO-Biz), Malinda Matson (EDA), Courtney Farrell and Vicki Doll

1. ORAL COMMUNICATION: None

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2021 meeting of the CSEDD Governing Board

Minutes approved. (M) T. Schiff, (S) A. Segerstrom, ayes carried, 1 absent.

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 (Exec. Director) *Motion approved. (M) T. Woodrow, (S) F. Axe, ayes carried, 1 absent.*
- 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) (Exec. Director) Marshall Long proposed that the board holds a special meeting in January to further review the proposal and discuss. Board voted to move action item to emergency meeting on January 20th.
 (M) M. Long, (S) T. Schiff, ayes carried, 1 absent.
- c. Review and accept the final Biomass Feasibility Study and Business Plan USDA grant (Beck Group)

 Final Biomass Feasibility Study and Business Plan approved.

 (M) R. Campbell, (S) M. Long, ayes carried, 1 absent.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Considerations for CSEDD joining the EDA Partner Program (Malinda Matson) Guest Malinda Matson from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) addressed the board on this matter. She explained that in order to join the EDA, CSEDD must change its board composition from Elected Officials to Business Owners and members with an economic interest in the community. She also explained that joining EDA currently requires a 50% match, which can be paid cash or in-kind. The board agreed to further discuss this at a future meeting.

b. Funding opportunities:

- 2 Good Jobs Challenge Grants EDA (Partnering with Fresno & Valley)
- Forestry Corps CalFire grant (Partnering with Fresno)
- Kathy Gallino mentioned a Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) grant
- c. Board member topics of interest (Roundtable)

 None

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Board of Directors, Central Sierra Economic Development District

FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL SIERRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 20, 2022 – FEBRUARY 19, 2022 PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the teleconferencing provisions for another 30 days beyond the Finding adopted on December 9, 2021, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists and find that either the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and,

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District, in regular session assembled on January 20, 2022, does hereby find as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

1	ADOPTED this 20	Oth day of January, 2022 by the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Econor
2	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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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. <u>Mary.Collins@opr.ca.gov</u>







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:









Economic Regions and Corresponding Counties:

Economic Regions	Counties
Southern Border	Imperial
	San Diego
Inland Empire	Riverside
	San Bernardino
Los Angeles County	
Orange County	
Central Coast	Monterey
	San Benito
	Santa Barbara
	Santa Cruz
	San Luis Obispo
	Ventura
Northern San Joaquin Valley	Merced
	San Joaquin
	• Stanislaus
Central San Joaquin Valley	• Fresno
	• Kings
	• Madera
	• Tulare
Kern County	
Eastern Sierra	Alpine
	• Amador
	• Calaveras
	• Inyo
	Mariposa
	• Mono
	• Tuolumne
Bay Area	Alameda
	Contra Costa
	• Marin
	• Napa
	San Francisco
	San Mateo
	Santa Clara







Economic Regions	Counties
	• Solano
	• Sonoma
Sacramento	Colusa
	El Dorado
	Nevada
	• Placer
	• Sacramento
	• Sutter
	• Yolo
	• Yuba
Redwood Coast	Del Norte
	Humboldt
	• Lake
	Mendocino
North State	Butte
	• Glenn
	• Lassen
	• Modoc
	• Plumas
	• Shasta
	• Sierra
	• Siskiyou
	• Tehama
	• Trinity

Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. Q: My region already has some existing economic development planning efforts. Will the CERF-funded regional planning table overtake or erase our efforts? In other words, how will subregional efforts tie into the CERF economic regions?
 - a. CERF seeks to build on, not overtake existing economic development efforts. Think of these new, regional planning tables as a "team of teams." Existing local planning efforts (e.g., Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies, High Road Training Partnerships, recovery task forces, etc.) will be incorporated into the larger planning table, alongside representatives from other voices and/or corners of the region that







may have not been involved in prior planning efforts. The organization that serves as the "neutral intermediary" or "convener" will help facilitate setting these new, inclusive planning tables. The momentum and activities of more localized planning efforts will be able to continue.

- 2. Q: My region is large and diverse. The delineation of regions does not reflect the reality of many communities and economies, and I worry that rural, tribal, and minority communities will not be meaningfully included in the process.
 - a. The aim of this program is to create meaningfully inclusive planning tables to collaborate in the design of a blueprint for a region's recovery from COVID-19 and transition to a carbon-neutral economy. Just like a "team of teams," representatives from various community groups throughout the CERF economic region—from urban to rural to tribal—must be at the table to provide their input, perspective, and expertise. That's what makes this program so transformational and meaningful: a community and worker-centered approach to economic development planning.
- 3. Q: Industries don't fit neatly within the CERF economic regions. How do we accommodate for this in our processes?
 - a. We understand that industries may exist in several regions, and/or industries may cross regional borders. The planning phase may account for this, and implementation projects can support projects that cross regional boundaries. During the planning process, you are encouraged to collaborate with any of the other economic regions, especially those who have similar industries and/or economic challenges. To the extent feasible, the state team can help support making these connections among economic regions.
- 4. Q: You mentioned specific examples of local and regional economic development planning efforts that have been taking place in California. If I'm located in the same region as one of these planning processes but am not already part of that effort, have we already missed the opportunity to be at the table?
 - a. No, these regional tables will be new tables and there will be opportunity to engage regardless of what previous activity has occurred in your area. The CERF economic planning process is an opportunity to engage many new voices and communities who may not have previously participated in economic development efforts in your region.







- 5. Q: Your memo failed to highlight the uniqueness of my county or region, and/or did not include the specific efforts that my organization is doing.
 - a. A: We understand that each locality, county, and region is unique. Moreover, we realize there are impressive efforts happening around the state, ranging from High Road Training Partnerships to Economic Development Councils, among others. We certainly did not attempt to touch on all the unique localities and partnerships in our large and diverse state, and instead we opted for a more manageable, higher-level memo.
- 6. Q: Why will regions receive the same amount for planning efforts?
 - a. We are providing all regions with the same amount for planning because each region faces different types of difficulties as it relates to recovery from COVID-19, and we aim to provide resources to all parts of the state.
- 7. Q: This all seems to be moving very quickly. Why?
 - a. The funds are from the American Rescue Plan Act and must be encumbered by June 30, 2024 for both the planning and implementation phases. Therefore, we aim to strike a balance between providing enough time for public comments and feedback on the program, while also ensuring that each region has enough time to come together to work on planning processes.
- 8. Q: I have questions about the planning phase, such as what entities are eligible to apply.
 - a. A: We welcome your questions and feedback on the planning phase. Draft guidelines will be available for public comment in December 2021.



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