



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA**

Thursday, February 16, 2023 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>  
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 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	Karen Warburton
Calaveras County	Benjamin Stopper, Supervisor	Kathryn Gallino
Mariposa County	Rosemarie Smallcombe, Supervisor	Tara Schiff
Tuolumne County	Anaiah Kirk, Supervisor	Robbie Bergstrom
City of Angels Camp	Caroline Schirato, Council Member	
City of Sonora	Suzanne Cruz, 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 Minutes of the December 8, 2022 CSEDD Governing Board Meeting
  
4. **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - a. Elect 2023 Chair and Vice-Chair
  
5. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - a. Welcome Rosemarie Smallcombe to the CSEDD Board as Mariposa County's Citizen Member
  - b. New Brown Act rules concerning teleconference attendance by board members – David Thoeny
  - c. Designated counties for flood disaster assistance (FEMA & SBA)
  - d. Update on the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia grant application – Katherine Gallino
  - e. Update on the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Regional Planning Grant – Sierra Business Council
  - f. Update on Eastern Sierra K-16 Planning Grant - ARCHES
  - g. Update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) project - Chico State Enterprises
  - h. Board member topics of interest (Roundtable)
  
6. **2023 MEETINGS:** (all Thursdays at 9:30 AM)
  - May 18, 2023 - Board meeting
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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 16, 2023 – MARCH 18, 2023**  
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 8, 2022](#), 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 [December 8, 2022](#), pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e),  
20 the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District must reconsider the  
21 circumstances of the state of emergency that exists and find that either the state of emergency continues to  
22 directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or state or local officials continue to  
23 impose or 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 **16, 2023**, 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 18, 2023**, 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 16th day of February, 2023 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:

7 ABSTAIN:

Chair, Central Sierra Economic Development District  
Board of Directors

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**MINUTES**

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Amador County Citizen Member	Karen Warburton	X	
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	Robbie Bergstrom		X
City of Angels Camp	Caroline Schirato, Council Member	X	
City of Sonora	Suzanne Cruz, Council Member	X	

**GUESTS:** Courtney Farrell (Chico State), Melissa Kovacs (Chico State), Vicki Doll (Chabin

Concepts), Fawn Mclaughlin (Chico State), Nina Rhodes, Joy Soares (ARCHES), Joe Fletcher (Mavericks Renewable Energy), Kristin York (Sierra Business Council)

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*Motion accepted. (M) T. Woodrow, (S) T. Schiff, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

*None.*

**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) T. Schiff, (S) K. Gallino, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

- b. Approval of Minutes of the October 13, 2022 CSEDD Governing Board Special Meeting

*Minutes accepted. (M) T. Woodrow, (S) B. Stopper, ayes carried, 1 absent.*

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. *None*

**5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. *Farewell to CSEDD Board Chair Marshall Long*

- b. Welcome Robbie Bergstrom to the CSEDD Board as Tuolumne County's Citizen Member

*Deferred to next meeting due to R. Bergstrom not in attendance.*

- c. Welcome Karen Warburton to the CSEDD Board as Amador County's Citizen Member

- d. New Brown Act rules concerning teleconference attendance by board members *Effective February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, new Brown Act rules will take effect concerning stricter rules around board members attending virtually. Moving forward after February, at least a quorum of the board will need to be in attendance in-person.*

- e. Update on the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia grant application – Kathy Gallino *CSEDD's Resolution will be going to CA Public Utilities Commission(CPUC) this month and there will be an update on award in January. Several counties have published a press release about the new Federal Communications Commission Broadband Map and the public has been notified of the January 13, 2022 deadline to challenge or validate the released data.*



- f. Update on the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Regional Planning Grant – Sierra Business Council (SBC)  
*Kristin York from SBC updated the board that they are currently still waiting for an update on the grant award. SBC is currently recruiting a CERF Grant Navigator, a member of the community to be the "boots on the ground" and lead meetings. The SBC team is also working on tracking the efficacy of CERF and pushing for there to be more data released on CA's rural regions in the North and Eastside. Kristin also notified the board that they've been moving forward on the OPR Woody Biomass Pilot Project and they are working with a forester located in Murphys, CA. Collected data and information on the Biomass Project will assist with CERF and other parallel projects. K.Gallino introduced Joe Fletcher from Mavericks Renewable Energy on the call. She and Joe have been in discussion regarding electrical vehicle charging and community energy opportunities throughout the Central Sierra region. Joe shared that he would love to follow up with members on discussions around opportunities for biomass, solar and energy projects.*
- g. Update on Eastern Sierra K-16 Planning Grant – ARCHES  
*Joy Soares from ARCHES gave the board a brief presentation on the Eastern Sierra K-16 Planning grant. PowerPoint attached.*
- h. Update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) project - Chico State Enterprises  
*Courtney Farrell from Chico State Enterprises gave the board a brief update on the Comprehensive Economic Strategy. PowerPoint attached.*
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*None*

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# EASTERN SIERRA CERF REGION



## REGIONAL K-16 EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE

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Alliance for Regional  
Collaboration to Heighten  
Educational Success

We support **intersegmental, multi-sector regional collaboratives** to design and implement systems across a region that will prepare students to be ready, without remediation to have the **greatest range of personal options** upon graduation; enter the workforce and post-secondary education to **ultimately fill the job pipeline and earn a sustainable living wage.**

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## ARCHES Role

ARCHES will provide the following services:

- a) Provide leadership to manage and facilitate the planning year activities;
- b) Support the building of a new collaborative and the leadership that will serve and sustain this 7-county region; and,
- c) Write and collaborate with the newly formed collaborative in the submission of the Mature Implementation Grant - October, 2023.

**We facilitate! We follow your vision.  
This is your grant, your region and your students.**

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## K16 Funding Grants

Two Types of CERF Grants occurring simultaneously

Resilience-EDD

+ RETURN TO SEARCH  
Community Economic  
Resilience Fund Program  
Program Year 2022-24

Grantor: [Employment Development Department](#)

Portal ID: 10541

Status: Closed

Opportunity Type: Grant



K16

REGIONAL K-16 EDUCATION  
COLLABORATIVES GRANT PROGRAM  
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## K16 Phase 2 Planning Grant Summary

- Work plan was submitted and the Eastern Sierra region was awarded \$250,000.
- One year to conduct planning needed to be able to respond with a Work Plan for Phase 1 Implementation Project by September, 2023.
- Phase 2 deliverables due by June 2026.

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*We have a **unique region** with geographic challenges. Throughout the planning process, we must build upon **our assets** while we address our **unique challenges and needs**. We must solve our challenges **creatively** and **collaboratively** and ensure equity for all.*

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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

- Choose a minimum of two of the four pathway choices
- Choose a minimum of four of the seven Recover with Equity recommendations (RwE)
- Confirm Cradle to Career participation and enrollment (CCGI)
- Have at least one of each of the required partners: K12 with a high school, Community College, CSU, UC and Employers representing 25% of an Executive Steering Committee.
- Complete build out two pathways and four RwE recommendations **by June 30, 2026**

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## Key Phrases from Planning Application

- **This newly formed seven-county collaborative is groundbreaking and innovative for our region.**
- **We want to build from our regional strengths.**
- **Promote equity, access and reduce barriers for students and job seekers.**
- **Align segments; K12, Post-Secondary and Industry.**

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## **LMI Considerations To Select The Region's Pathway Focus**

- **Business**
- **Education**
- **Engineering|IT**
- **Healthcare**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
COMMITMENT TO  
INTERSEGMENTAL  
COLLABORATION!**

**This newly formed seven  
county partnership is  
poised to win!**



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**CENTRAL SIERRA CEDS  
2022 – 2027  
COMPLETED TASKS & NEXT STEPS**

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Completed

- Interviews
- Surveys
- SWOT
- Draft Goals and Objectives
- Economic Conditions and Data
- Previous CEDS Action Items Update – ½ complete

Next Steps

- Expand CEDS Committee
  - Review Goals and Objectives
  - Input on Action Items
  - Input on Implementation
- Committee Expansion – Representation:
  - Education, Land Stewardship, Natural Resources, Recreation/Tourism, Health Care, Technology, Broadband, Infrastructure, Housing, Tribal Partners, Transportation, Retail, Non Profit,...



# CENTRAL SIERRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2023

## Primary Location

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If you require reasonable accommodation in order to participate in any of these meetings please contact Kelly Smith, 72 hours in advance, at [ksmith@mljt.org](mailto:ksmith@mljt.org)  
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