



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY**

**A G E N D A**

**April 16, 2026  
3:00 p.m.**

*Meeting will be held in person at:*

**Workforce Assistance Center, 2037 W. Cleveland Avenue, Madera, CA 93637**

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**1.0 Call to Order**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

**2.0 Additions to the Agenda**

Items identified after preparation of the Agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-thirds vote required for consideration (Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2))

**3.0 Public Comment**

This time is made available for comment from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction but not appearing on the agenda. The Board will not take action on any items presented under public comment. The comment period will be limited to 15 minutes.

**4.0 Introductions and Recognitions**

**5.0 Adoption of Board Agenda**

**6.0 Consent Calendar**

- 6.1 Consideration of approval of the February 19, 2026, Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting minutes.
- 6.2 Consideration of approval of the reappointment of Jorge DeNava, Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC), for an additional 3-year term.
- 6.3 Consideration of approval of the reappointment of Brett Frazier, Papa Murphy's, for an additional 3-year term.
- 6.4 Consideration of approval of the reappointment of Wendy Lomeli, Employment Development Department (EDD), for an additional 3-year term.
- 6.5 Consideration of approval of the non-reappointment of Donald Foster, Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce, to the WDB.

**7.0 Action Items**

- 7.1 Consideration of approval of Priscilla Varela's Director application to the WDB representing the Department of Rehabilitation for a 3-year term.
- 7.2 Consideration of approval of the One Stop Operator (OSO) quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026.

7.3 Consideration of approval of the transfer of funds from the Dislocated Worker funding stream to the Adult funding stream in order to maximize customer service and provide more flexibility in the areas of greatest needs as allowed by Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 113(b)(4) and as outlined in EDD Directive WSD22-09:

- EDD Subgrant AA511014 YOA 2024 Transfer of Fund request 02 in the amount of \$120,000

## **8.0 Information Items**

8.1 Success Stories

8.2 WDB Action Planning Subcommittee Updates

8.3 Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) Update

8.4 Federal and Legislative Updates

8.5 National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) 2026 Conference

8.6 California Workforce Association (CWA) WORKCON 2026 Conference

8.7 Information on James Irvine Foundation Better Careers Retreat

8.8 Update on Mountain Community and Madera County Job Fairs

8.9 Weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims for Madera County

## **9.0 Written Communication**

### **10.0 Open Discussion/Reports/Information**

10.1 Board Members

10.2 Staff

### **11.0 Next Meeting**

June 18, 2026

### **12.0 Adjournment**



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY**

**MINUTES**

**February 19, 2026  
3:00 p.m.**

*Meeting will be held in person and via Zoom at:*

***Workforce Assistance Center, 2037 W. Cleveland Avenue, Madera, CA 93637***

*9300 Valley Children's Place  
Madera, CA 93636*

*2621 Cowden Avenue  
Merced, CA 95348*

*30277 Avenue 12  
Madera, CA 93638*

- PRESENT:** Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Eric Niino, Gurminder Sangha, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Michelle Jones, Robert Poythress, Todd Lile, Wendy Lomeli
- ABSENT:** Aaron Chambers, Donald Foster, Emilio Hipolito, Joe Perez, Jorge DeNava, Lanie Suderman, Mike Lopez, Nichole Mosqueda
- GUEST:** Andrew Munoz
- STAFF:** Bertha Vega, Jessica Roche, Maiknue Vang, Nicki Martin, Sheyla Garcia

**1.0 Call to Order**

*Meeting called to order at 3:03pm by Chair Brett Frazier.*

**1.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

**2.0 Additions to the Agenda**

*None.*

**3.0 Public Comment**

*None.*

**4.0 Introductions and Recognitions**

*Roundtable introductions were made by everyone in attendance. Michelle Jones, Manager – AutoZone Distribution Center, introduced herself to the Board. She was recently appointed to the WDB and represents the transportation and logistic sector.*

**5.0 Adoption of Board Agenda**

*Rob Poythress moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Chuck Riojas*

*Vote: Approved – unanimous*

*Yes: Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Eric Niino, Gurminder Sangha, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Michelle Jones, Robert Poythress, Todd Lile, Wendy Lomeli*

## **6.0 Consent Calendar**

### **6.1 Consideration of approval of the December 18, 2025, Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting minutes.**

### **6.2 Consideration of approval of the resignation of Joe Perez, Department of Rehabilitation, from the WDB.**

*Laura Gutile moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Eric Niino.*

*Vote: Approved – unanimous*

*Yes: Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Eric Niino, Gurminder Sangha, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Michelle Jones, Robert Poythress, Todd Lile, Wendy Lomeli*

## **7.0 Action Items**

### **7.1 Consideration of approval of the One Stop Operator (OSO) quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.**

*Andrew Munoz, OSO, presented the quarterly report to the WDB. The OSO is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party that works as a firewall. The OSO does not have compliance or punitive duties. The OSO focuses on ensuring that the work based on the Partner memorandum of understanding (MOU) is working well, that the work is being done, that services are being delivered and also checks for customer satisfaction. This ensures maximum use of taxpayer dollars. He also works as a meeting facilitator for the Partner meetings. The OSO also works on implementing and working with the Continuous Improvement Plan.*

*Rob Poythress moved to approve, seconded by Laura Gutile.*

*Vote: Approved – unanimous*

*Yes: Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Eric Niino, Gurminder Sangha, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Michelle Jones, Robert Poythress, Todd Lile, Wendy Lomeli*

### **7.2 Consideration of approval of the revised Supportive Services policy to include revising the daily base mileage rate from \$10 to \$15.**

*The Supportive Services policy provides a flat-rate allowance of 25 miles minimum round trip per day for training participants. The policy provides a daily \$10 mileage reimbursement rate with no more than up to \$15 per day with Executive Director exception authorization. With the increase in fuel charges, there are more exceptions being made. Staff recommend raising the mileage rate to \$15 minimum and a \$20 exception limit.*

*Rob Poythress moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Riojas.*

*Vote: Approved – unanimous*

*Yes: Brett Frazier, Chuck Riojas, Eric Niino, Gurminder Sangha, Kristina Gallagher, Laura Gutile, Michelle Brunetti, Michelle Jones, Robert Poythress, Todd Lile, Wendy Lomeli*

## **8.0 Information Items**

### **8.1 Success Stories**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.2 WDB Action Planning Subcommittee Updates**

- *Leadership: Michelle Jones' application to the WDB was part of the Leadership Committee's work to restructure the WDB to ensure that the Board membership was reflective of the identified priority industries for Madera County. Michelle's application was approved in December. She represents the transportation and logistics sector. Staff may continue to search for a member to represent renewable energy as that is the only priority industry not represented on the WDB. Staff are trying to engage and include Board members on a variety of community events such as the Graduate Profile. Previous meeting discussions mentioned utilizing Board*

members as panel members for the Graduate Profile and using members to connect local businesses/employers to the event. Staff have created a call to action campaign to recruit members of the community to participate and support the students and the school district. Workforce staff are participating in the event. Past participants have mentioned that there are not enough community/industry members serving on the panels at the Graduate Profile. Superintendent Lile stated that he presented information on the Graduate Profile and also on creating more time for teachers to design more rigorous curriculum and lesson planning to meet students' needs at the National Association of School Administrators in Nashville. The Graduate Profile was very well received and created lots of interest. The Graduate Profile takes place on 3/23/26 from approximately 8:30am to 4:00pm. Panelist evaluate student presentations. Students must pass their presentations in order to graduate but are able to defend their presentations in the future in order to pass if they failed initially. Students are tasked with presenting and defending/highlighting "artifacts" which could be assignments or projects that they've worked on from their high school years. They can pick and choose what soft skills they have learned by working on their artifacts. Students may speak to how mastering certain soft skills will help them with their future endeavors including obtaining a job.

- *Marketing: The logo redesign is wrapping up. Staff are working on a process for an internal presentation of the logos to the Boards, staff, and Partners. Staff are ordering new marketing materials which will be used as teasers/previews of the new logo at the Mountain Community Job Fair and the Madera County Job Fair. An official external launch will take place in the summer which will also include the new website. The van wrap is being finalized which will include a QR code that will take people to a landing page that will ask whether they are looking for talent (employees) or employment (job seekers). Staff are hopeful that the van will be ready by April so a ribbon cutting can be planned. The van is meant to be used by the Workforce system and not just for MCWIC events. It will be used for various workforce system events that can include Partner agencies. Partner staff can bring their own marketing materials and supplies and use the van as a central location for events such as job/resource fairs along with Workforce staff.*
- *Ethics: the committee met earlier this month and a draft was presented with language that spoke to how to engage employers with MUSD's Madera Promise. An additional draft was presented on how to present the Madera Promise to students. The goal is to gather 5 to 10 employers to form a pilot group who will then receive graduates who are deemed ready-to-work for employment consideration. The committee requested that WDB members reach out to their industry partners or business friends to participate in the Madera Promise. The next quarter will focus on employer recruitment and a flyer will be created and shared with the Board to help with recruitment. The committee will be working on creating a process that will identify students as ready for work based on their participation at the Graduate Profile and then getting those students to the Center to develop resumes and get the resumes to employers. The committee was asked to review the drafts and provide feedback so that flyers can be created for employer recruitment and student engagement. The committee is asking Board members to participate in the Graduate Profile as well so that students can hear directly from employers. The intent of the work the Ethics committee is doing with the Madera Promise is to help identify exemplary students from the and connect them with Workforce's essential skills workshops. A seal or certificate will be developed which will identify students as job ready. The goal is to market a seal or certificate to employers that will let them know that a student who is in possession of the document is already vetted by the workforce system and the school district as ready for employment. The committee will work on identifying the employer pilot group who will agree to interview these students for possible employment – it will not guarantee that they will be hired. One of the goals for this initiative is to keep talented students in Madera County. MUSD may also consider recognizing students participating in the Madera Promise at graduation.*
- *Training: the training committee is having a difficult time meeting and getting Board members to participate. Except for Michelle Brunetti, who chairs this committee, staff, and Gurminder, no one else attended the last scheduled meeting. Staff are still moving forward with the work to meet and gather information from employers. The transportation sector partnership meetings have been very successful. A Green Energy Sector partnership meeting was recently launched. Staff are trying to coordinate a healthcare sector meeting and potentially moving forward with an OR Technician training. Madera Community College has been going through an accreditation process for the training. Staff are hopeful that they will hear back from the college some time in Spring. The 4<sup>th</sup> school bus driver cohort began on January 12<sup>th</sup>. There are a total of 38 or 39 participants who have graduated from the training and everyone but a handful of graduates have been hired. Of those not hired, it was for personal reasons and not because there was no employer interest. Another cohort should be starting in April. Staff are working with Golden Valley School District to start a cohort there. A cohort for Yosemite Unified is pending. Staff are working with the Maderal Adult School to identify a training location in order to bring a CNA training to Madera. A childcare training is also being looked at. This training will allow participants to get certified and then work with SCORE mentors for their needs to run their own childcare businesses. A ValleyBuild cohort training started on January 12<sup>th</sup> at Yosemite Unified. 20 individuals will receive training on the apprenticeship'*

- s MC3 curriculum. This training is working in conjunction with the Fresno Workforce Board. Staff encouraged Board members to participate or join the committee – Laura Gutile volunteered to join the committee.

### **8.3 Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) Update**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.4 Local Business Closures**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.5 Federal and Legislative Updates**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.6 Information on James Irvine Foundation Better Careers Retreat**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.7 Update on PY 2024 Local Area Performance Scores**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.8 Program Impact Report July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025**

### **8.9 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Formula and Special Projects Quarterly Program Overview Through December 31, 2025**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.10 Mountain Community and Madera County Job Fairs**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.11 High Performing Board Application Notice**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.12 Weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims for Madera County**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

### **8.13 Form 700 Due April 1, 2026**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

## **9.0 Written Communication**

*None.*

## **10.0 Open Discussion/Reports/Information**

### **10.1 Board Members**

### **10.2 Staff**

## **11.0 Next Meeting**

*Next meeting will be held at the Workforce Assistance Center on April 16, 2026*

## **12.0 Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 4:23pm due to loss of quorum during discussion for item 8.2.*



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY**

# Director Application

<b>NAME:</b> Priscilla Varela	<b>TITLE</b> Supervisor II-District Administrator
<b>EMPLOYER:</b> Department of Rehabilitation	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 4925 Commerce Dr. Suite 150 Bakersfield CA. 93309	
<b>PHONE:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>FAX:</b>
<b>EMAIL:</b> priscilla.varela@dor.ca.gov	<b>ALTERNATE EMAIL:</b>

<b>ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO:</b>	<b>HOW LONG?</b>
1. Department of Rehabilitation	13 Years
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

<b>REFERENCES:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>
Mahalia Gotico-Manager II Regional Director	[REDACTED]
Shayn Anderson-Assistant Deputy Director	[REDACTED]
Gabriela Silva-Supervisor I	[REDACTED]
Erika Angel-Supervisor I	[REDACTED]
Belinda Boylan-Supervisor I	[REDACTED]

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY?**

I am interested in serving on the Madera County Workforce Development Board because of my strong commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities in the workforce. As the District Administrator for the San Joaquin Valley District of the Department of Rehabilitation, I work closely with job seekers and community partners to support successful entry into employment. Serving on the board would allow me to stay informed about local workforce trends in Madera County. I am motivated to ensure that individuals with disabilities have equitable access to meaningful employment, and that employers are supported in building inclusive workplaces. I look forward to collaborating with board members to strengthen pathways to employment and promote a workforce that reflects the diversity and potential of the community.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE WITH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, OR TRAINING PROGRAMS?  YES  NO  
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

I have extensive experience in workforce development, education, and training programs through my work with the Department of Rehabilitation. In my current role as a District Administrator, I oversee teams that provide vocational services, employment readiness activities, and training coordination for individuals seeking to enter or reenter the workforce. This includes guiding staff in developing individualized employment plans, identifying appropriate training providers, and ensuring compliance with state and federal requirements. I actively collaborate with community partners, educational institutions, and training programs to align services with labor market needs and meaningful employment outcomes. My experience also includes reviewing and approving training requests, supporting career pathway development, and ensuring training programs are effectively connected to workforce and economic self sufficiency goals. Additionally, I currently serve on the Kern, Inyo, Mono Workforce Development Board, which has further strengthened my understanding of regional workforce trends, employer needs, and collaborative strategies that support local economic development.

**PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU FEEL WOULD BE PERTINENT.**

In addition to my experience in workforce development and my role with the Department of Rehabilitation, I bring strong collaborative and community focused leadership skills. I actively participate on the Kern, Inyo, Mono Workforce Development Board, which has provided me with regional insight into workforce trends, employer needs, and strategies to support economic growth. I have extensive experience working with cross-agency partners, educational institutions, and training providers to align services with labor market demands and improve employment outcomes for diverse populations. I am committed to strengthening community partnerships and ensuring that workforce initiatives are accessible, equitable, and responsive to local needs. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute my experience, regional knowledge, and commitment to public service to support the goals of the Madera Workforce Development Board.

**Priscilla.Varela** Digitally signed by Priscilla.Varela  
Date: 2026.03.26 15:20:59 -07'00'

**SIGNATURE**

03/26/2026

**DATE**



# One-Stop (OS) / AJCC Operator 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report



<b>Program Year (PY)</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>
<b>Report Period</b>	<b>Q3: January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026</b>
<b>Local Workforce Area</b>	<b>Madera County</b>

## **BACKGROUND**

The Munoz Group (TMG) was procured to provide One-Stop Operator Services for the Sub-Region as July 1, 2025. The Sub-Region is comprised of four local workforce development areas: Kings County, Madera County, San Joaquin County, and Stanislaus County. TMG services are to include AJCC partner meeting facilitation, coordination of service delivery among workforce partners, and MOU review/compliance. Each local area has the flexibility to customized services delivered by the One-Stop Operator. Madera County functioned as the lead for procurement and contract administration.

## **OS OPERATOR DELIVERABLES– 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

- Coordinated and Facilitated Three Monthly Partner Meetings
- Continued Maintenance / Development of MC Partner Network Resource
- Promoted Multiple MCWAC sponsored events
- Modification and Implementation of Madera Action Plan
- On-Site Meeting with MCWAC Partners and Staff
- Developed Survey for Sub-Region Cross-Training Sessions (Focused on Priorities)



## **Deliverable Related Activities Summary**

ACTIVITY	DATE	IMPACT(S)
Monthly AJCC Partner Meetings	January 14 February 11 March 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintained Partner Engagement</li> <li>• Added New to Workforce Development Professionals to Partnership</li> </ul>
Sub-Region AJCC Action Plan Updates	January 2026 – March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Existing MCWAC Initiatives (Alignment with CIP)</li> <li>• Initiated Private-Post Secondary Training Provider Review</li> <li>• Partner Roundtable Coordination</li> </ul>
Communications with MCWAC Staff	February 2026 – March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing promotion of MCWAC and MCWDB Employment Opportunities</li> <li>• Developed Strategies for Increased Targeted Partner Engagement</li> </ul>
Maintained and Improved Madera County Partner Network	January 2026 – March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed Network Usage and Posting Guideline</li> <li>• Promotion of Partner Online Resources for Job Seekers</li> </ul>

## **Deliverable Related Attachments**

- Partner Meeting Agendas
- MCWAC / AJCC Partner Network Screenshots

# MCWAC / AJCC PARTER MEETING: January 14, 2026



America's JobCenter  
of California

California Indian Migration  
Consortium

Central Valley  
Opportunity Center

Housing Authority of the City  
of Madera

Job Corps

Madera County Department  
of Social Services

Madera County Workforce  
Investment Corporation

Madera Unified School  
District  
Madera Adult School

SRR - Skills for Progress, Inc.

State Center Adult Education  
Consortium

State Center Community  
College District  
Madera Community College  
Center

State of California  
Department of Rehabilitation

State of California  
Employment Development  
Department

## Madera County AJCC Partner Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

**Madera County Workforce Assistance Center (MCWAC)**

2037 W. Cleveland Street

Madera, CA 93637

**Executive Conference Room**

***IN-PERSON***

### *Welcome and Introductions*

- I. **MCWAC / AJCC Service Reports**
  - a. **Customer Satisfaction Surveys (Q2)**
- II. **AJCC Sub-Region Partner Meetings (Handout)**
- III. **MCWAC / AJCC Partner Survey**
- IV. **[Madera County AJCC Partner Network Info. + News](#)**
- V. **Action Plan Review + Update**
- VI. **Partner Updates: Service Delivery + Staffing Changes**
- VII. **Declarations and Last-Minute Announcements**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY**

**February 11, 2026**

**Zoom Call**

# MCWAC / AJCC PARTER MEETING: February 11, 2026



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Consortium

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## Madera County AJCC Partner Meeting Agenda Zoom Call

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

[Zoom Log-In Link](#)

Meeting ID: 850 7436 1359

### Welcome and Introductions

- I. Action Plan Review + Update
- II. Partner Roundtable Schedule
- III. Madera County AJCC Partner Network Info. + News
  - Launch Date / User Tips
  - Viewer vs. Commenter
  - Request for AJCC Services Information
- IV. Partner Updates: Service Delivery + Staffing Changes
  - Opportunity MCWIC Deputy Director (Deadline February 17<sup>th</sup>)
- V. Declarations and Last-Minute Announcements

### NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY

March 11, 2026

Zoom Call

# MCWAC / AJCC PARTER MEETING: March 11, 2026



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## Madera County AJCC Partner Meeting Agenda

### Zoom Call

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

[Zoom Log-In Link](#)

Meeting ID: 850 7436 1359

### **REVISED AGENDA**

#### *Welcome and Introductions*

- I. **PRESENTATION: Madera County Rebranding**  
Sheyla Garcia, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator
- II. Partner Roundtable Update
- III. Cross Training Needs Assessment
- IV. [Madera County Partner Network](#)
- IV. Partner Updates: Service Delivery + Staffing Changes

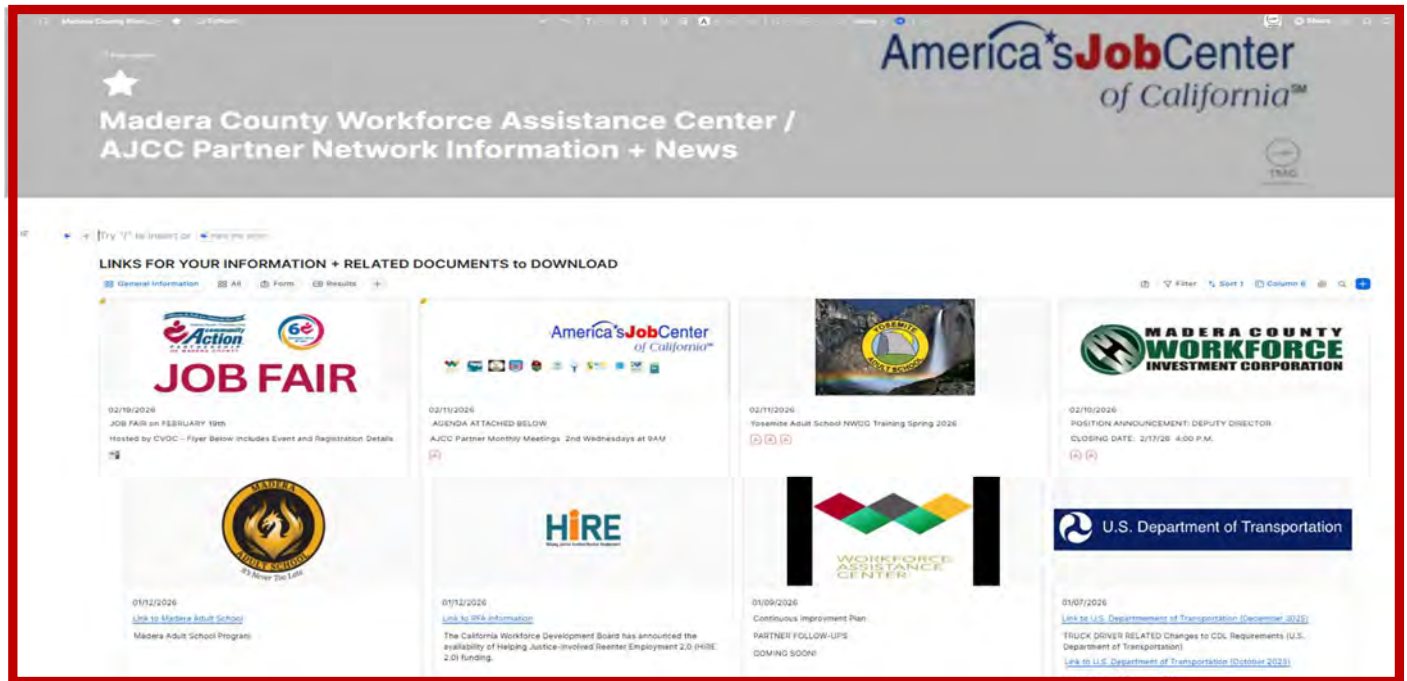
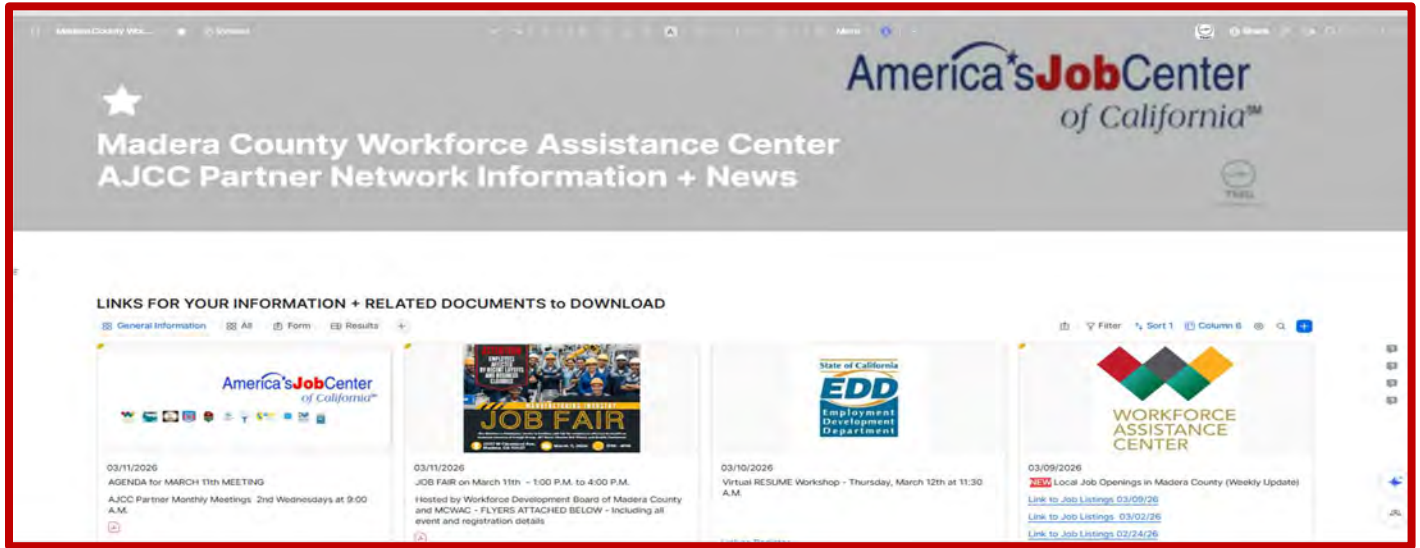


- V. Declarations and Last-Minute Announcements

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY April 8, 2026**

# MADERA COUNTY PARTNER NETWORK

## Information and News (Screenshots)



(QR Code Sample)

### Transfer of Funds Request

1. Local Area Madera County

2. Subgrant Number AA511014      3. Request Date 4/9/2026

4. Program Year 2024      5. Transfer Request No 02

6. Direction of Transfer (Check One):

Adult to Dislocated Worker	Dislocated Worker to Adult
<input type="checkbox"/> 201 → 299	<input type="checkbox"/> 501 → 499
<input type="checkbox"/> 202 → 200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 502 → 500

7. Amount of Transfer \$120,000

8. Contact Person Jessica Roche

9. Contact Person's Telephone Number 559-662-4590

10. All transfer requests must be approved and signed off by the Local Board.

Date of Local Board meeting to discuss transfer April 16, 2026

Date of Local Board meeting to approve transfer April 16, 2026

11. By signing below, the Local Area Administrator/Designee requests a transfer of funds and certifies that this transfer request was approved at the Local Board Meeting on the date indicated above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name Maiknue Vang

Title Executive Director

Date 4/16/2026

12. Taking into account the factors described under the Transfer of Funds Procedures section on page 5 of the directive, describe the Local Board's reasoning to request a transfer of funds.

Madera County is experiencing low DW enrollment numbers which is in alignment with the low unemployment rate. Adult eligible participants have been holding steady, but the adult enrolled clients are needing more individualized services and support than typically needed. Training and support service costs have also increased with the Adult individuals.

## Transfer of Funds Request Budget Plan

<b>Local Area</b> <u>MAD</u>	<b>Date Prepared</b> <u>4/9/2026</u>
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<b>Subgrant Number</b> <u>AA5111014</u>	<b>Grant Code</b>	<b>Adult to DW</b>	<b>DW to Adult</b>
<b>Year of Appropriation</b> <u>2024</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> 201 → 299 <input type="checkbox"/> 202 → 200	<input type="checkbox"/> 501 → 499 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 502 → 500

FUNDING IDENTIFICATION	ADULT	DW
1. Formula Allocation	901,189	563,402
2. Prior Adjustments - Plus or Minus	0	0
3. Previous Amounts Transferred	100,000	(100,000)
4. Current Amount to be Transferred	120,000	(120,000)
<b>5. TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE (Lines 1 through 4)</b>	<b>1,121,189</b>	<b>343,402</b>

TOTAL ALLOCATION COST CATEGORY PLAN		
6. Program Services (Lines 6a through 6c)	<b>1,009,070</b>	<b>224,610</b>
a. Career Services	482,390	98,236
b. Training Services	372,314	68,680
c. Other	154,366	57,694
7. Administration	112,119	34,340
<b>8. TOTAL (Lines 6 plus 7)</b>	<b>1,121,189</b>	<b>258,951</b>

QUARTERLY TOTAL EXPENDITURE PLAN (cumulative)		
9. September 2024	0	0
10. December 2024	0	0
11. March 2025	46,086	34,259
12. June 2025	88,925	133,831
13. September 2025	258,317	200,383
14. December 2025	510,179	280,207
15. March 2026	782,442	323,884
16. June 2026	1,121,189	343,402

COST COMPLIANCE PLAN (maximum 10%)		
17. % for Administration Expenditures (Line 7/Line 5)	<b>10.00%</b>	<b>10.00%</b>

<u>Jessica Roche, Controller</u>	<u>559-662-4590</u>
<b>Contact Person, Title</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>

**Comments**

Expenditures listed above are in alignment with current year expenditures and forecasted projections based on enrolled and client activity.

## Transfer of Funds Request Participant Plan

Local Area: MADPrepared Date 4/9/2026

Enter the number of individuals in each category.

TOTALS FOR PY 20__	ADULT	DW
1. Registered Participants Carried in from PY 20__	137	28
2. New Registered Participants for PY 20__	107	11
3. Total Registered Participants for PY 20__ (Line 1 plus 2)	<b>244</b>	<b>39</b>
4. Exiters for PY 20__	85	21
5. Registered Participants Carried Out to PY 20__ (Line 3 minus 4)	<b>159</b>	<b>18</b>

PROGRAM SERVICES		
6. Career Services		
a. Basic Career Services	244	39
b. Individualized Career Services	238	38
7. Training Services	109	17

Jessica Roche, Controller

**Contact Person, Title**

559-662-4590

**Telephone Number****Comments:**

Although dislocated workers are indeed coming into the center, they are not needing individualized services, due to their ability to be self sufficient in finding employment. Therefore, we are moving DW funds to Adult and extending specialized cohorts training, such as Valley Build Trades Training and also School Bus Driver Training.



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY**

**Agenda Item 8.1**

**Consent**

**Action**

**Information**

**To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County**

**From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director**

**Date: April 16, 2026**

**Subject: Success Stories**

**Information:**

Program participants and employers share about their experience working with the workforce system and how their participation and partnership has contributed to positive results.

**Financing:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

# Meet Jerome

A Workforce Success Story

## Resilience in Motion

Jerome's journey is one of resilience and transformation. After being sentenced to 14 years in prison, he spent nearly a decade incarcerated before earning early release through good behavior and participation in rehabilitative programming.

Six months prior to his release, he connected with Madera County Workforce, a program that would support his transition back into the community.

After his release, he enrolled in the program and quickly began rebuilding his future. Within three months, he renewed his commercial driver's license at no cost, removing a key barrier to employment and opening the door to new opportunities.



Today, he is employed with J&E Freight LLC in Madera, CA, earning up to \$1,500 per week.

His success reflects both the support of Madera County Workforce and his commitment to growth, discipline, and accountability.

Now, he shares his story to inspire others facing similar challenges. His journey highlights that while support systems are important, lasting change begins with personal responsibility and the decision to move forward.

## Success Starts With Personal Accountability

“It's me against me. Once I stopped making excuses and focused on what I wanted, everything started to change.”  
- Jerome



# Meet Jazmine

A Workforce Success Story

## Finding a Career Path

After graduating high school in 2023, Jazmine was unsure which career path to pursue. She connected with Madera County Workforce for guidance and career direction and explored new opportunities.

Through their support, she was placed at JKaur Dentistry under the Paid Work Experience Program, where she began learning the responsibilities of a Dental Assistant in a real-world setting.

At the same time, Madera County Workforce sponsored her enrollment in a Dental Assistant course to help her earn her certification and build new skills for long-term success.



With determination and hard work, she successfully completed both the work experience and training program with confidence.

Today, she is thriving at JKaur Dental Corporation in Madera, earning \$19.50 per hour and taking on additional responsibilities, including training new staff members.

Her journey reflects the impact of hands-on experience, supportive guidance, and perseverance in building a successful career path.

## Jazmine Turned Opportunity Into Growth

“ I wasn’t sure what path to take, but with the support I received, I found a career I’m proud of and a future I’m excited about. **-Jazmine** ”

# Meet

## Madera Cemetery District

A Workforce Success Story

### Partnership in Action

Madera Cemetery District partnered with Madera County Workforce to provide meaningful work-based learning opportunities for local youth.

What began as a request to support a young individual interested in landscaping grew into a successful collaboration benefiting both the organization and participants.

As the District worked to digitize cemetery maps and update its database, Madera County Workforce connected them with participants who supported both grounds work and technical projects. Three individuals were placed, each contributing in different ways.



Adrianna supported technology efforts, quickly learning new skills and earning a direct hire. She continued digital mapping and training others before pursuing her college goals.

Additional participants, including Ramiro, supported daily operations and strengthened overall team capacity.

This collaboration advanced key projects and created opportunities for local youth.

### Strong Partnerships Create Meaningful Opportunities

“ All of the participants were respectful, hardworking, and made a meaningful impact on our team.

—Madera Cemetery District





## Agenda Item 8.2

Consent                       Action                       Information

**To:** Workforce Development Board of Madera County  
**From:** Maiknue Vang, Executive Director  
**Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Subject:** WDB Action Planning Subcommittee Updates

**Information:**

Each of the 5 subcommittees will have an opportunity to share progress toward action items outlined in each priority area. The subcommittees include Leadership Engagement, Training, Work Ethics, Marketing, and Policy.

**Financing:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



### Agenda Item 8.3

Consent                       Action                       Information

**To:** Workforce Development Board of Madera County  
**From:** Maiknue Vang, Executive Director  
**Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Subject:** Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) Update

**Information:**

The MCWIC Board last met on February 26, 2026, and is scheduled to meet on April 23, 2026. The agenda for their February meeting and the minutes for the December MCWIC meeting are provided for the WDB's review.

**Financing:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



# MADERA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## AGENDA

February 26, 2026  
3:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held at:

**Workforce Assistance Center – Executive Conference Room  
2037 W. Cleveland Avenue, Madera, CA 93637, 559-662-4589**

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY** Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in a meeting or function of the Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation, may request assistance by contacting the Executive Assistant at Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation office, 2037 W. Cleveland Avenue, Madera, CA 93637; Telephone 559/662-4589; CRS 711; Fax 559/673-1794.

This agenda and supporting documents relating to the items on this agenda are available through the Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) website at <http://www.maderaworkforce.org/mcwic-meetings-and-agenda/>. These documents are also available at the Workforce Assistance Center – office of the Executive Director. MCWIC is an equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request.

### **1.0 Call to Order**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

### **2.0 Additions to the Agenda**

Items identified after preparation of the agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-thirds vote required for consideration (Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2))

### **3.0 Public Comment**

This time is made available for comments from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction but not appearing on the agenda. The Board will not take action on any items presented under public comment. The comment period will be limited to 15 minutes.

### **4.0 Introductions and Recognitions**

### **5.0 Adoption of Board Agenda**

### **6.0 Closed Session**

6.1 Request for Closed Session: Potential Employee Appointment/Evaluation/Release/Compensation Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b).

### **7.0 Consent Calendar**

7.1 Consideration of approval of December 11, 2025, Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) meeting minutes.

### **8.0 Action Items**

8.1 Consideration of approval of the MCWIC year-to-date financial reports for period ending December 31, 2025.

8.2 Consideration of approval of a budget increase in the amount of \$59,375.93 for the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board's (FRWDB) ValleyBuild project in Eastern Madera County.

8.3 Consideration of approval of the MCWIC Exempt Salary Schedule to include revisions to the Executive Director salary.

### **9.0 Information Items**

9.1 Success Stories

- 9.2 Workforce Development Board (WDB) of Madera County Update
- 9.3 MCWIC Executive Director Mid-Year Goals Update
- 9.4 Local Business Closures
- 9.5 Federal and Legislative Updates
- 9.6 One Stop Operator (OSO) quarterly report for the periods of July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025.
- 9.7 One Stop Operator (OSO) quarterly report for the periods of October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
- 9.8 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Budget Adjustment
- 9.9 James Irvine Foundation Better Careers Retreat
- 9.10 Program Year 2024 Local Area Performance Goals
- 9.11 High Performing Board Application Notice
- 9.12 Program Impact Report July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025
- 9.13 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Formula and Special Projects Quarterly Program Overview Through December 31, 2025
- 9.14 Mountain Community and Madera County Job Fairs
- 9.15 Weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims for Madera County
- 9.16 Form 700 Due April 1, 2026

**10.0 Written Communication**

**11.0 Open Discussion/Reports/Information**

- 11.1 Board Members
- 11.2 Staff

**12.0 Next Meeting**

April 23, 2026

**13.0 Adjournment**



# MADERA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**December 11, 2025**

Convened at:

**Workforce Assistance Center  
2037 W. Cleveland Ave., Madera Ca, 93637**

**PRESENT:** Aaron Chambers (7.1), Debi Bray, Mattie Mendez, Ramona Davie, Roger Leach, Tim Riche  
**ABSENT:** Gabriel Mejia  
**GUEST:** Catalina Reyes, Henry Oum  
**STAFF:** Bertha Vega, Jessica Roche, Maiknue Vang, Nelson Vang, Nicki Martin

### **1.0 Call to Order**

*Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Debi Bray*

#### **1.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

### **2.0 Additions to the Agenda**

*None.*

### **3.0 Public Comment**

*None.*

### **4.0 Introductions and Recognitions**

*Roundtable introductions were made by everyone in attendance. Nelson Vang, Marketing Intern, was introduced. He is providing support to Sheyla Garcia, Marketing & Outreach Coordinator, with marketing and outreach.*

### **5.0 Adoption of Board Agenda**

*Tim Riche moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Roger Leach.*

*Vote: Approved – unanimous*

*Yes: Debi Bray, Mattie Mendez, Ramona Davie, Roger Leach, Tim Riche*

### **6.0 Consent Calendar**

**6.1 Consideration of approval of October 23, 2025, Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation (MCWIC) meeting minutes.**

**6.2 Consideration of approval of the reappointment of Ramona Davie, US Bank, to the MCWIC Board for an additional 3-year term: 10/24/25 to 10/24/28.**

**6.3 Consideration of approval of a budget increase in the amount of \$71,450 for the Madera County Public Health Department (MCPH) Resilience Program grant.**

*Roger Leach moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Mattie Mendez.*

Vote: Approved – unanimous

Yes: Aaron Chambers, Debi Bray, Mattie Mendez, Roger Leach, Tim Riche

Abstain: Ramona Davie

## 7.0 Action Items

### 7.1 Consideration of approval of the Audit Report for the 2024-2025 audited financial statements submitted by Price Page & Company.

Henry Oum, Price Page & Company, presented the audited financials to the Board. This will be Price Page & Company's 3<sup>rd</sup> year providing auditing services to MCWIC. There were no audit adjustments, waived adjustments or findings. Waived adjustments can mean that there are minor or trivial differences that have been identified but are not significant enough to worry about or record. MCWIC is receiving another year of unmodified opinions. Price Page & Company is contracted to audit the financial statements and provide an opinion on the overall financial statements as well as the Federal programs. The Independent Auditor's Report covers the overall financial statements, which is comprised of the statement of financial position, the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year ended June 30, 2025, and related notes to the financial statements. In Price Page & Company's opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as of June 30, 2025, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America – a clean, unmodified opinion. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial documents and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of financial statements, and must ensure that there are no material misstatements whether due to fraud or errors. Auditors must exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism which means that they need to corroborate verbal representation by the management team with support and cross-check information. Auditors must obtain an understanding of internal controls but not provide an opinion of their overall effectiveness, evaluate accounting principles, and conclude whether there are conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about MCWIC's ability to continue and sustain operations for a 1-year period. The Statement of Financial Position was reviewed. Total assets for the year ended at approximately \$3.7 million. Lease liability shows as just over \$2.7 million with the offset to that being approximately \$2.4 million, which makes up the majority of the assets - approximately \$1.2 million. MCWIC does not have a lot of debt outside of the lease liability. There is no long-term debt, only accounts payable, accrued payroll and deferred revenue. Net assets equal \$972,429 and represent approximately 25% of total liabilities and total net assets. The Statement of Activities represents the income statement. It details revenue sources as well as expenditures. Total revenue is listed at \$3,615,096 against expenditures of \$3,312,768 million. Revenue less expenses equal changes in net asset (net income) which totals \$302,328. The Statement of Functional Expenses includes the natural expenses on the left column such as salaries, employee benefits, equipment, professional fees, as well as others. The Functional categories include Program Services and Supporting Services. This analysis is performed by management and is reviewed for reasonableness. Overall, this analysis was considered reasonable. The Statement of Cash Flow details how cash was spent throughout the year. The report starts with the net assets figures of \$302,328 and details adjustments made. This report details the beginning of the year cash amount of \$513,503 and the end of year cash amount of \$550,395. \$550,395 represents cash on hand - a change of \$36,887. There was nothing substantially new in terms of Notes to the Financial Statements. Note 2 – Availability and Liquidity details out how much financial resources the Corporation has to operate the following year if it didn't receive any other revenue. This figure is calculated by taking the amounts for cash, grants receivable, accounts receivable, and contracts receivable for a total in financial assets amount and subtracting the financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year. This figure, \$1,098,180, represents what would be available cash if there were no revenues incoming. All Notes were updated for the current audit year with nothing substantial of note. The Schedule of Federal Expenditures is a required schedule to be prepared by management. This is an audit of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds. \$2,157,694 of WIOA expenses were tested from a total of \$2,348,149. The Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other Matters is the 2<sup>nd</sup> report being issued. This report talks about whether there are any issues related to internal controls over financial reporting or any potential noncompliance with rules and regulations. The results of this report disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. The last report, Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control, provides an opinion on compliance testing for a single audit. This report's opinion states that MCWIC complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025 – a clean internal audit report. The last pages of the report provide a summary of the auditor's results which provide a quick reference for the report. The summary also provides information on qualifying as a low-risk auditee, which

means that the Corporation can maintain the minimal requirements for auditing purposes and the auditors only have to test the minimum. If this line was marked No, the agency would need to test more items which would also mean more costs associated with an audit. The MCWIC Board and staff thanked Henry Oum for explaining the reports in a manner that was easily understandable and Catalina Reyes and her team for making the process very easy. Henry commended MCWIC for being able to get their reports ready in about 6 months as other nonprofits typically take about 8 months.

Roger Leach moved to approve, seconded by Tim Riche.

Vote: Approved – unanimous

Yes: Aaron Chambers, Debi Bray, Mattie Mendez, Ramona Davie, Roger Leach, Tim Riche

## **7.2 Consideration of approval of the MCWIC year-to-date financial reports for period ending September 30, 2025.**

The financial reports were presented to the Board. It was noted that on the budget to actual report under personnel costs, the amount was slightly higher due to some delays in hiring staff for the first quarter. Under direct client costs, there are still significant dollars partly due to some carry-over from the previous fiscal year. Marketing and outreach is ramping up in hopes of getting more people to the Center for services. Some grants can also carry over funds from one fiscal year to the next. Staff are working on bringing in cohort trainings to expend some funds as well. Staff are looking into replicating the school bus driver training in other school districts such as Golden Valley and Yosemite school districts. Other trainings such as medial assistant and CNA and also childcare training/certification are being researched. Staff are looking at Nurture for the childcare training and working with them on getting on to the State's eligible training provider list (ETPL). Other trainings such as Valley Build and the forestry training are helping spend down training funds. Everything else on the financial reports look good. Jessica Roche, Controller, stated that the unaudited financials were still listed on the reports as the audit took place after they were run. The audited financials will be reflected on the next set of financial documents.

Aaron Chambers moved to approve, seconded by Ramona Davie.

Vote: Approved – unanimous

Yes: Aaron Chambers, Debi Bray, Mattie Mendez, Ramona Davie, Roger Leach, Tim Riche

## **8.0 Information Items**

### **8.1 Success Stories**

Information provided within the agenda packet. Maria is the featured success story. She completed the school bus driver training program and was hired by Madera Unified School District. Another cohort will be starting in January.

### **8.2 Workforce Development Board (WDB) of Madera County Update**

Information provided within the agenda packet.

### **8.3 Federal and Legislative Updates**

Information provided within the agenda packet.

### **8.4 PY 2025-2028 Local and Regional Workforce Plan Approvals**

Information provided within the agenda packet.

### **8.5 PY 2025-2027 Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification Approval**

Information provided within the agenda packet.

### **8.6 Employment Development Department (EDD) PY 2024-2025 Final Monitoring Report**

Information provided within the agenda packet.

## **8.7 KTGD LLC Common Area Maintenance (CAM) Square Footage Fee Increase Information**

*Information provided within the agenda packet. The CAM fees are increasing from \$1.78 to \$2.25. Work is being done on the shopping center and it looks improved. The budget can sustain the increase and staff have been budgeting a little over to make sure that the budget isn't negatively impacted. Staff provided information on what future possible increases to the lease or CAM fees could look like. Every Workforce partner within the Center gets charged lease and fees based on the square footage they occupy. The school district holds their own lease. The human resources department staff for the North Fork casino will soon occupy space in the Center.*

## **8.8 Weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims for Madera County**

*Information provided within the agenda packet.*

## **9.0 Written Communication**

*None.*

## **10.0 Open Discussion/Reports/Information**

### **11.1 Board Members**

*Debi Bray shared that Herman Perez recently passed away. He was the original executive director for the local workforce area when it was first created as the Private Industry Council. He was also a former Mayor of Madera.*

### **11.2 Staff**

*Maiknue Vang recently vacationed in Vietnam and stated that it was an impactful visit to the country and to the Hmong community in Sapa.*

## **11.0 Next Meeting**

*The next meeting will be held at the Workforce Assistance Center on February 19, 2026.*

## **12.0 Adjournment**

*Roger Leach moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m., seconded by Tim Riche.*



## Agenda Item 8.4

Consent                       Action                       Information

**To:** Workforce Development Board of Madera County  
**From:** Maiknue Vang, Executive Director  
**Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Subject:** Federal and Legislative Updates

**Information:**

On April 3, 2026, the White House released its FY2027 budget overview, requesting \$9.9 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Labor, a \$3.5 billion (25.9%) decrease from the FY2026 enacted level. The President's budget is a non-binding proposal that reflects Administration priorities and is the first step in a long appropriations process. Detailed programmatic figures are expected in mid-April. From there, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees will hold agency hearings, markup their own spending bills, and negotiate final funding levels through the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill, a process that typically extends into the fall or beyond.

Similar to the FY2026 request, the budget again proposes the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) block grant that would consolidate WIOA Title I formula programs, the complete elimination of Job Corps and the Senior Community Service Employment Program and require that states dedicate at least 10% of MASA funding to registered apprenticeship. As with last year, MASA cannot be implemented without significant changes to WIOA, which remains the governing law. New in the FY2027 request, the budget positions DOL as the lead agency for Career and Technical Education and Adult Education, functions traditionally housed at the Department of Education. It ties MASA to the implementation of Workforce Pell Grants, and it references Executive Order 14278 and a goal of one million active apprentices. For context, Congress rejected the MASA consolidation and most of the Administration's proposed program eliminations in FY2026, maintaining distinct WIOA funding streams in the final enacted appropriations.

In addition, on April 6, 2026, House Education and Workforce Committee Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) introduced A Stronger Workforce for America Act of 2026 (H.R. 8210), the latest effort to reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which has been expired since 2020. The text of ASWA 2026 structures closely to the version of ASWA that was nearly enacted by Congress in late 2024. However, unlike the previous iterations of ASWA, this new, updated bill is not bipartisan and does not carry Democratic co-sponsors. One significant difference between the two bills is that ASWA 2026 proposes the transfer of WIOA Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act funding and programming from the Department of Education (ED) to the Department of Labor (DOL), which is likely to face strong Democratic opposition. Whether the bill can advance through committee and the House floor without bipartisan support will depend on Republican unity and the political dynamics of the legislative calendar.

Three concerning policy proposals remain in ASWA 2026 including:

- 50% training requirement for Adult and Dislocated Worker funds (allowing for up to 10% for supportive services and/or individual career services related to the provision of training services)
- Additional 10% Governors Reserve funding for Critical Industry Skills Fund (essentially allowing states to reserve up to 25% of all WIOA Title I funding, up from 15% in current law)
- Single State Board Redesignation authority for states with a population below 5.1 million or with fewer than 5 local areas to be designated as a single state local area, subject to state legislature approval. While California is not directly affected by the population threshold, there are concerns that this provision sets a precedent for consolidating local workforce governance into state-level control. Any redesignation process should include options for local stakeholders to negotiate and propose alternatives, and any change should be measured against the existing accountability framework to ensure it produces better outcomes and not just administrative convenience. We are particularly concerned that rural communities and historically underserved areas like Madera County may lose voice and visibility under consolidated state-level governance, where their needs may be subordinated to statewide priorities.

ASWA 2026 would also authorize federal funding for Title I Adult and Youth programs at current enacted levels for six years and cut Dislocated Worker funding levels by 4.5% over those six years. There is no funding increases envisioned as part of this proposed reauthorization effort. ASWA 2026 also has a more elaborate 'Performance Accountability' section with greater data and reporting requirements for local workforce boards and eligible training providers. Following introduction, the House Education and Workforce Committee will schedule a markup of the legislation in the coming weeks, providing Committee members with a chance to amend and vote on the bill. If the bill is approved by the Committee, it would then be eligible for House floor consideration.

WDB staff will provide additional information as more detailed budget and ASWA 2026 information becomes available.

**Financing:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



## Agenda Item 8.5

Consent                       Action                       Information

**To:** Workforce Development Board of Madera County  
**From:** Maiknue Vang, Executive Director  
**Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Subject:** National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) 2026 Conference

**Information:**

The ED and Nichole Mosqueda attended the 2026 National Association of Workforce Boards Forum in Las Vegas from Monday, March 23, 2026, through Thursday, March 26, 2026. This conference marked the first time in over 40 years that the conference moved from Washington, D.C.

The theme, “**Ignite. Innovate. Impact,**” focused on advancing workforce development through new ideas, partnerships, and practical strategies. The conference brought together workforce leaders, policymakers, educators, and employers to:

- explore future-of-work trends, including AI, apprenticeships, and skills-based hiring;
- participate in interactive sessions and hands-on workshops;
- engage in a stronger advocacy focus, including federal policy discussions and training; and
- build partnerships and share real-world solutions for workforce systems.

The 2026 Forum emphasized innovation, policy engagement, and actionable solutions, with a shift toward a more dynamic, nationwide approach to shaping the future of workforce development.

**Financing:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY**

**Agenda Item 8.6**

**Consent**

**Action**

**Information**

**To: Workforce Development Board of Madera County**  
**From: Maiknue Vang, Executive Director**  
**Date: April 16, 2026**  
**Subject: California Workforce Association (CWA) WORKCON 2026 Conference**

**Information:**

Staff and Advanced Career Institute (ACI) will attend the WorkCon Conference hosted annually by the California Workforce Association (CWA) from Tuesday, April 28, 2026, through Thursday, April 30, 2026, in Irvine, CA. Our team will present on the School Bus Driver training program. The workshop will highlight the unique partnership between ACI and the Madera Unified School District and share how Madera has developed a local training pipeline for this demand.

**Financing:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



## Agenda Item 8.7

Consent                       Action                       Information

**To:** Workforce Development Board of Madera County  
**From:** Maiknue Vang, Executive Director  
**Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Subject:** Information on James Irvine Foundation Better Careers Retreat

**Information:**

The James Irvine Foundation and their Better Careers team will be in Madera County on April 14-15, 2026. Their visit will begin at the Tesoro Viejo Camarena Health Center where staff will provide an overview of the public workforce system, priorities and challenges, and local updates on Madera's current project with the Irvine Foundation. The afternoon will include a tour of the Workforce Assistance Center, our mobile unit, and a partner discussion before heading over to the Justice Center and concluding with a tour of our mini-AJCC. On the second day, the Better Careers team will meet to debrief and wrap up their retreat.

An unveiling and ribbon cutting for the mobile unit will be held in May.

**Financing:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY**

**Agenda Item 8.8**

Consent                       Action                       Information

**To:** Workforce Development Board of Madera County  
**From:** Maiknue Vang  
**Date:** February 19, 2026  
**Subject:** Update on Mountain Community and Madera County Job Fairs

**Information:**

The Mountain Community job fair was held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 2-6pm, at the Oakhurst Community Center. There were 14 employers and 77 job seekers in attendance. In addition, the Madera job fair was held on Thursday, April 2, from 10am-2pm, at the Madera County Fairgrounds – Hatfield Hall. The event included 53 employers and had 635 job seekers in attendance.

**Financing:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



## Agenda Item 8.9

Consent                       Action                       Information

**To:** Workforce Development Board of Madera County  
**From:** Maiknue Vang, Executive Director  
**Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Subject:** Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claim Information

**Information:**

The most recent data on UI Claims for the period of February 14, 2026, through April 4, 2026, for Madera County is being provided for the WDB's review.

**Financing:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

# California Unemployment Industry & Demographics Data Dashboard

(Dashboard appears better when viewed in full screen mode. Click the icon in the bottom right-hand corner of screen next to download icon.)

About This Tool	<b>County Claims</b>	County Demographics	County Industry	Statewide Demographics	Statewide Industry
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## Weekly Initial Claims by County

County	February 2026			March 2026			April 2026	
	(Week Ending)			(Week Ending)			(Week Ending)	
	14	21	28	7	14	21	28	4
Madera	282	266	294	307	220	204	203	192

- Claim Type
  - UI Claims
  - PUA Claims
- County
  - Madera
- Claims by Y.. Multipl..
- Claims by Week (Sele.. Multiple values

The data provided in these reports are the number of initial claim counts. It includes new claims, additional claims, and transitional claims. Data includes regular Unemployment Insurance program and federal extended benefit programs. Data for claimants who live outside of California, but collect benefits, and invalid addresses in California are not included in these numbers.

- A new claim is the first claim for a benefit year period (for the regular UI program it is 52 weeks). You can only have one new claim during a benefit year period.
- An additional claim is when a second claim is filed during the same benefit year and there is intervening work between the current claim and the previous claim. For example, an individual files a new claim, goes back to work, gets laid off and files another claim before the benefit year period of the first claim expires. An individual can have multiple additional claims during the same benefit year if individual you meet the eligibility requirements.
- A transitional claim is when a claimant is still collecting benefits at the end of their benefit year period and had sufficient wage earnings during that year to begin a new claim once the first benefit year period ends.