

**M A D E R A   C O U N T Y**  
***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT***  
***COMMISSION***  
**E x e c u t i v e   C o m m i t t e e**

**August 13, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**   *Jordan Wamhoff, Waseem Ahmed, Elja Mejia*

**ABSENT:**   *Rob Poythress (attended via phone)*

**STAFF:**   *Kristina Gallagher, Lois Leonard, Elena Estrada*

**1.0   CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by the Recording Secretary reporting both the Chair and Vice-Chair were unable to attend the meeting. On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Mejia, Commissioner Wamhoff will Chair the meeting. Motion carried.*

**2.0   PUBLIC COMMENT- *None.***

**3.0   INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION – *Lisa Rhoads, Community Outreach Manager, Pioneer Community Energy, Jake Trumbull, Communications Coordinator, Pioneer Community Energy and Wayne Padilla a concerned citizen were in attendance.***

**4.0   CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA- *As presented.***

**5.0   CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5.1   Madera County Economic Development Commission  
Executive Committee Minutes – June 11,2025**

**5.2   Madera County Economic Development Commission  
Financial Report- July 2025**

*On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Mejia the consent calendar is approved as presented. Motion carried.*

## **6.0 ACTION ITEMS-**

### **6.1 Postponement of the MCEDC Executive Committee Legislative Mission Trip**

*On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Mejia the August 27, 2025, Legislative Mission Trip is postponed and rescheduled to February 18, 2025. Motion carried.*

### **6.2 Delegated Authority Policy for Professional Services**

*On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Mejia the delegated authority for professional services, is approved with the change in the Resolution under I. Delegation of Authority to read "not to exceed a three-year agreement", including any renewal options. Motion carried.*

## **7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –**

### **7.1 Pioneer Community Energy will give a presentation on Community Choice Aggregation**

*Lisa Rhoads, Community Outreach Manager, Pioneer Community Energy and Jake Trumbull, Communications Coordinator, Pioneer Community Energy gave a presentation on their programs, and rates where the average savings for customers is approximately 10%. Customers would stay with PG&E's equipment, and Pioneer purchases energy and passes the savings to their customers. The California CPUC has allowed this business model. Jurisdictions will have a resolution with Pioneer to offer their services to the citizens of the jurisdictions. The jurisdictions citizens can opt of the program at any time. They shared the list of different jurisdictions currently using their services and those that will be online in the next several years. PG&E has shareholders and Pioneer Energy is customer owned allowing for more savings.*

## **8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION- None.**

## **9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION**

### **9.1 Executive Committee Members**

**Commissioner Mejia (City of Madera)** – *reported on her attendance at the backpack give away event held at the John Wells Center. It will give kids a good start for the school year.*

**Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla)** – *reported a new Wing Stop is coming to the city. Century Homes are moving along, building new homes.*

**Commissioner Wamhoff (Board of Supervisors)** – *reported on a ribbon cutting for the new Menchie's Frozen Yogurt in Riverwalk.*

**Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber)** – *Reported on the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement awards event. And the upcoming Salute to Ed and Pomegranate Festival. The chamber continues to look for ways to be relevant to the business community.*

**9.2 Executive Director Gallagher-** *Reported she attended the North Fork Fire Station ribbon cutting in early July. The station will increase response times in Eastern Madera County. The Rio Mesa Blvd broke ground on July 25<sup>th</sup>, connecting Ave 12 to Tesoro Viejo. Drivers won't have to take Hwy 41. She attended the 2025 Economic Development Rural Exchange. It was interesting to see how the Tribe, local government and the EDC worked to create the Hard Rock Café in Yuba City. The consultant that worked with this tribe is the same consultant for the North Fork Rancheria, Mono Casino. She attended ribbon cuttings for the Madera Chamber J&P Spine, Leightons Jewelers and Smash Brothers. The highlight was attending the Trolley Tour hosted by Visit Yosemite Visit Madera County. It was great to see projects in place and moving forward. Toured Outbound Yosemite, BIO Energy plant in North Fork that is 95% complete, and Minarets Crossing. She attended the Lifetime Achievement awards where Supervisor Poythress was honored. She will be attending the Family-Owned Businesses, Business Journal Awards on August 19<sup>th</sup>, where several Madera based companies will be honored. Has been working with Workforce setting up meetings to create partnerships with both the cities and the county. And attended a Workforce meeting with the state workforce representative, who is traveling the state introducing himself to local workforce organizations. ED Gallagher reported that AB339 would require public agencies to give 60-day written notice to unions before issuing RFP. Many agencies are opposing this because it would slow down the procurement process, especially for public works projects. AB380 would impose commercial rent control and eviction ban on leases during declared emergencies for 60 days. It is opposed by the California Business Properties Association. They would like commercial properties removed, making the policy only for residential. Gave an update on clean up legislation for bills AB98 and AB735. She gave an overview of the New Market Tax Credit program which was made permanent with the passing of the federal governments "Big Beautiful Bill"*

**9.3 Manager of Business Development and Marketing-** *As presented.*

**9.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager-** *As presented.*

**10.0 NEXT MEETING-** *The next meeting will be held on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>. All future meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month at 3pm.*

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT-** *The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary