

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

November 10, 2025

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: *Rob Poythress*

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 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 – None.

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA - On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Mejia the agenda is approved as presented. Motion carried.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission Executive Committee Minutes – September 8, 2025

5.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission Financial Report- October 2025

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS- None.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION- None.

8.1 Letter in support of City of Madera's "Keep Our City Clean" grant application

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Mejia (City of Madera) – reported on National Night Out with law enforcement at the Trunk or Treat event. She is slowly sharing the revolving loan fund program.

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla) – reported on a 26-acre development located at Chowchilla Blvd and Hwy 99.

Commissioner Wamhoff (Board of Supervisors) – reported the county will be considering a fleet services contract with United Fleet Service, which will save the county money. Gave an update on Snap benefits for the county during the government shut down.

9.2 Executive Director Gallagher- Reviewed her report, highlighting the CCVEDC Southern California broker mission in Irvine she attended late October. Despite LA's high industrial vacancy rate and high rent, business is not moving because of lack of funds, love of their community and climate. Most Southern California brokers are mostly interested in Kern County because it's closer. Reported on Prop.19 and the consequences for business owners and homeowners. People and business should have a succession plan in place, knowing the rules of Prop. 19. Final reminder, the State of the County event will be held on Thursday, November 13th. The annual report is complete and will be distributed at the State of the County event and the mailing list. In October, she attended the groundbreaking for the Yosemite Travel Center in Tesoro Viejo which will open in spring of 2026. Took part in the CALED Economic Development certificate program at Fresno State, sharing information on data sources. Coordinated an informal, round table discussion with MCTC, Madera County and CALINFRA to discuss different procurement delivery methods. She will be attending the CSAC meeting the first week in December. State legislation bills have been signed. In January, they will begin the 2nd year of a 2-year session focusing on the 2-year bills by the end of January. Releasing the state budget in mid-January. February 15th is the deadline for new bills to be introduced. The Executive Committee is scheduled to go to Sacramento in mid-February. She is working with a business right now and they were able to get to the final round for a California Competes tax credit. It would create around 115 jobs. Also, she was able to get a PG&E ED rate for them as well.

9.3 Manager of Business Development and Marketing- Annual report is complete and will continue to push out the loan program.

9.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager- Facebook inquiries about the loan program have been asked to contact the Business Assistance/Office Manager but no one has reached out. The loan committee will be reviewing their first loan for the City of Madera in years on Monday.

10.0 NEXT MEETING- The next meeting will be held on Monday December 8th.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary