

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

September 8, 2025

M I N U T E S

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

ABSENT: *Rob Poythress*

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Vice-Chair Vang.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION – *Tiffany Louk, Go-Biz, Central Valley Business Development Specialist, was in attendance with Scott Dosick, Deputy Director, Go-Biz California Competes Program, Poonum Patel, Deputy Director, Go-Biz, Business Investment Services, Go-Biz attending via zoom.*

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA-

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

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 **Madera County Economic Development Commission Executive Committee Minutes – August 13, 2025**

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

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6.0 ACTION ITEMS-

None.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –

7.1 Presentation- GoBiz-Cal Competes Tax Credit Program

Scott Dosick, Deputy Director, Go-Biz, California Competes Tax Credit Program gave a presentation on the program. Starting with why it was created, what the guidelines are and how it is a job creation program that can help businesses receive Franchise Tax Board credits. He discussed evaluation criteria, identifying competitive applicants, application deadlines, and process. They have a total of \$922,694,691 allocated for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. With three applications periods in the year.

Tiffany Louk, Go-Biz, Central Valley Business Development Specialist gave an overview of other programs. Other than Cal Competes, there is the Economic Development Rate (EDR) which allows for a 20% reduction on PG&E, Manufacturers Partial Exemption on purchase of new equipment for manufacturers. The Employer Training Panel (ETP), Homeless Hiring Tax Credit, Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), IBANK and the Small Business Loan Guarantee program.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION-

8.1 Letter to the California Public Utilities Commission

8.2 Letter to Oppose AB339

8.3 Letter to Support AB265

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Mejia (City of Madera) – nothing to report.

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla) – nothing to report.

Commissioner Wamhoff (Board of Supervisors) – reported on meeting with the McCaffrey's to create a video highlighting the 41 Corridor. He suggested to possibly hire someone to create a video working with the JPA partners to highlight the county as a whole.

Commissioner Vang (Workforce Investment Board) – shared and reviewed their Program Impact Report which is completed annually to share with their board. HR related Webinar covering Form I9 and E verify virtual training, HR Hotline cards to share with businesses and reported on their upcoming Cyber Security Summit. Will send flyer once they settle on a date. Both workshops are free.

9.2 Executive Director Gallagher- Reported on the upcoming State of the County luncheon to be held at the Madera Municipal Golf Course on October 16th from 11:30-1:30pm. Attended the annual Meeting of the Minds, Workforce Conference in Monterey. The workshop on AI was interesting, sharing a program training people to improve their soft skills. Will be attending the CALED Real Estate Summit and ICSC-Palm Springs. Lead a discussion on the Revolving Loan Fund and best ways to market the program.

9.3 Manager of Business Development and Marketing- Currently working on the annual report.

9.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager- as the program manager for the loan program, please reach out for any questions you may have.

10.0 NEXT MEETING- The next meeting will be held with the Board of Commissioners on Monday October 13th. All future meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month at 3pm.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary

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