

M A D E R A C O U N T Y
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
Executive Committee

August 10, 2026

3:00 pm

Meeting will be held at:

**Madera County Economic Development Commission
2425 West Cleveland Ave. Suite 101
Madera, CA 93637**

(This meeting is open to the public. The public may attend in person or participate via zoom. Zoom information is shown at the end of the agenda)

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- 1.0 Call to Order**
- 2.0 Public Comment-** *This time is made available for comment from the public on matters within the Commission's Jurisdiction. Comment period will be limited to 15 minutes, each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes and only one speaker. per subject matter.*
- 3.0 Introductions and Recognitions**
- 4.0 Consideration of Agenda**
- 5.0 Consent Calendar**
 - 5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes – June 8, 2026**
 - 5.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- July 2026**

6.0 Written Communication

6.1 Support AB 1761

7.0 *Open Discuss/Reports/Information*

7.1 Executive Committee Members

7.2 Executive Director

7.3 Manager of Business Development and Marketing

7.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will held on September 14, 2026.

9.0 Adjournment

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MADERA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
2025-2026

ATTENDANCE

2025	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rob Poythress <i>Madera Chamber</i>	BC	O	O	BC	O	X
Jordan Wamhoff <i>Board of Supervisors</i>	BC	X	X	BC	X	X
Waseem Ahmed <i>City of Chowchilla</i>	BC	X	X	BC	X	O
Elsa Mejia <i>City of Madera</i>	BC	X	X	BC	X	X

2026	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Rob Poythress <i>Madera Chamber</i>	BC	NQ	O	NM	BC	X
Jordan Wamhoff <i>Board of Supervisors</i>	BC	NQ	X	NM	BC	X
Waseem Ahmed <i>City of Chowchilla</i>	BC	NQ	X	NM	BC	X
Elsa Mejia <i>City of Madera</i>	BC	NQ	X	NM	BC	O

BC -Board of Commissioners, NM- No Meeting, NQ- No Quorum

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

June 8, 2026
MINUTES

PRESENT: *Rob Poythress, Waseem Ahmed, Leticia Gonzalez*

ABSENT: *Jordan Wamhoff, Elsa Mejia*

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Supervisor Rob Poythress

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT- *None.*

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION – *Leticia Gonzales is serving as alternate for Jordan Wamhoff and Brigitte Wickard was introduced as the new Business Assistance/Office Manager as Lois Leonard is retiring.*

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA- *As presented.*

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 **Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes – March 9, 2026**

5.2 **Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- May 2026**

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS-

6.1 MCEDC AUDIT 2024/2025

On motion by Commissioner Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed the audit for FY 2024/2025 is approved as presented. Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –

7.1 SOCIAL MEDIA POLCY

Executive Director Gallagher reviewed the social media policy.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION-

8.1 Support Approval of 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber) – *the chamber continues to advocate for small businesses, sharing legislative information, and holds events and ribbon cuttings.*

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla) – *gave an update on projects in the city. This summer they will continue with Fridays with music in the park, and Saturday with movies in the park.*

Commissioner Gonzalez (Board of Supervisors) – *reported they are working on a new project. The permits were filed today with 90 day review period. Raley's in Riverstone will hold a groundbreaking in a couple of weeks.*

9.2 Executive Director Gallagher- *reported her conference and event season is winding down. Currently working on the annual report. She will be reaching out to each jurisdiction for information that may have been missed or any kind of data they would like to include. Alongside that, we will be working on the Real Estate Update. She noted the Department of Finance just came out with their latest data on population and housing estimates where Madera County is the 2nd fastest growing county in California and the 3rd fastest growing population. She had a meeting with Matt Treber and Ethan Smith, Pearson Realty with the Business Journal. It was a positive conversation on how Madera County can be the next logistics hub and discussed the growth happening in Madera County. On local economic development, she attended the SR 41 express way groundbreaking which is the largest public works project in Madera County. Attended the 7-11 ribbon cutting, breaking a record as it was the highest priced single tenant property in the state. Workforce Board had a ribbon cutting for their Mobile Unit, expanding access to unincorporated areas.*

Attended Camarena's new facility on Avenue 12 and noted that Madera Community College is moving forward with its Agave Innovation Center. Regarding the legislative budget update, the May Revision reflects an improved fiscal outlook, with no new ongoing expenditures and a projected surplus. Counties expressed disappointment that the budget does not include additional funding or investments to address the impacts of HR1, although \$87 million has been allocated for that purpose. Counties also raised concerns about impact fees associated with affordable housing projects. The Governor is expected to sign or veto the budget by June 29. On the legislative front, AB 2462 did not advance, and SB 954 and AB1761 will continue moving forward. She also reviewed and distributed the Opportunity Zone 2.0 document for members to share with their planning departments.

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

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

10.0 NEXT MEETING- *The next meeting will be held with the Board of Commissioners on July 13, 2026.*

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary

P&L

	<u>Jul 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4100 · City-County Contributions	
4130 · County of Madera	<u>15,522.43</u>
Total 4100 · City-County Contributions	<u>15,522.43</u>
Total Income	<u>15,522.43</u>
Gross Profit	15,522.43
Expense	
5000 · Salaries	
5001 · Salaries- MCEDC	<u>21,299.18</u>
Total 5000 · Salaries	21,299.18
5100 · Employee Expense	
5110 · FICA ER	1,291.39
5120 · Medicare ER	302.01
5131 · ICMA Retirement	1,597.42
5150 · Insurance	
5151 · Dental	188.00
5152 · Medical	7,882.00
5153 · Vision	54.60
5150 · Insurance - Other	<u>2.46</u>
Total 5150 · Insurance	8,127.06
5160 · LT Disability	217.32
5170 · Insurance - Worker's Comp	3,681.34
5180 · Staff Mileage	268.24
5190 · Staff Expense	21.50
5195 · ED/Staff Cell Phones	<u>482.08</u>
Total 5100 · Employee Expense	15,988.36
5200 · Marketing	11,596.01
6160 · Organization Dues	900.00
6170 · Equipment Rental	219.27
6260 · Printing and Reproduction	107.43
6290 · Rent	3,031.72
6300 · Repair and Maintenance	
6301 · Office Maintenance	<u>400.00</u>
Total 6300 · Repair and Maintenance	400.00
6340 · Telephone	450.11
6390 · Utilities	82.94
6550 · Office Expense	
6560 · Payroll Expenses	0.00
6550 · Office Expense - Other	<u>370.33</u>
Total 6550 · Office Expense	370.33
6670 · Special Events Expense	17.31

6980 - Audit	<u>5,800.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>60,262.66</u>
	-
Net Ordinary Income	<u>44,740.23</u>
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Net Income	<u><u>44,740.23</u></u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	

Budget vs Actual

	Jul 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Grants				
4040 · CDBG Grant-City of Madera	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
4060 · Brownsfield	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4076 · City of Madera CDBG CV Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 4000 · Grants	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
4100 · City-County Contributions				
4110 · City of Chowchilla	0.00	39,842.58	-39,842.58	0.0%
4120 · City of Madera	0.00	194,268.20	-194,268.20	0.0%
4130 · County of Madera	15,522.43	241,337.60	-225,815.17	6.43%
4135 · Marketing Plan Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 4100 · City-County Contributions	15,522.43	475,448.38	-459,925.95	3.27%
4149 · Private Memberships	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
4151 · Special Events	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
4180 · Special Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Income	15,522.43	500,448.38	-484,925.95	3.1%
Gross Profit	15,522.43	500,448.38	-484,925.95	3.1%
Expense				
5000 · Salaries				
5001 · Salaries- MCEDC	21,299.18	267,840.04	-246,540.86	7.95%
5000 · Salaries - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 5000 · Salaries	21,299.18	267,840.04	-246,540.86	7.95%
5100 · Employee Expense				
5110 · FICA ER	1,291.39	16,606.08	-15,314.69	7.78%
5120 · Medicare ER	302.01	3,883.68	-3,581.67	7.78%
5131 · ICMA Retirement	1,597.42	20,088.00	-18,490.58	7.95%
5150 · Insurance				
5151 · Dental	188.00	1,350.00	-1,162.00	13.93%
5152 · Medical	7,882.00	57,166.36	-49,284.36	13.79%
5153 · Vision	54.60	275.00	-220.40	19.86%
5150 · Insurance - Other	2.46	14.76	-12.30	16.67%
Total 5150 · Insurance	8,127.06	58,806.12	-50,679.06	13.82%
5160 · LT Disability	217.32	1,250.00	-1,032.68	17.39%
5170 · Insurance - Worker's Comp	3,681.34	3,150.00	531.34	116.87%
5180 · Staff Mileage	268.24	3,500.00	-3,231.76	7.66%
5190 · Staff Expense	21.50	2,500.00	-2,478.50	0.86%
5195 · ED/Staff Cell Phones	482.08	3,000.00	-2,517.92	16.07%
Total 5100 · Employee Expense	15,988.36	112,783.88	-96,795.52	14.18%
5200 · Marketing				
Chicago Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
ICSC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%

Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
SIOR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
West Pak	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5200 · Marketing - Other	<u>11,596.01</u>	<u>42,000.00</u>	<u>-30,403.99</u>	<u>27.61%</u>
Total 5200 · Marketing	11,596.01	42,000.00	-30,403.99	27.61%
5400 · Conference & Training	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
6120 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6160 · Organization Dues	900.00	1,500.00	-600.00	60.0%
6170 · Equipment Rental	219.27	3,000.00	-2,780.73	7.31%
6230 · Publications/Directories	0.00	1,700.00	-1,700.00	0.0%
6250 · Postage and Delivery	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
6260 · Printing and Reproduction	107.43	250.00	-142.57	42.97%
6270 · Newsletter	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
6290 · Rent	3,031.72	26,000.00	-22,968.28	11.66%
6300 · Repair and Maintenance				
6301 · Office Maintenance	400.00	3,500.00	-3,100.00	11.43%
6302 · Computer Repairs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 6300 · Repair and Maintenance	400.00	3,800.00	-3,400.00	10.53%
6331 · Commissioner Expense	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
6340 · Telephone	450.11	3,500.00	-3,049.89	12.86%
6390 · Utilities	82.94	5,300.00	-5,217.06	1.57%
6450 · Contract Service				
6453 · Website Re-Design	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6454 · Legal Services	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
6450 · Contract Service - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 6450 · Contract Service	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
6550 · Office Expense				
6560 · Payroll Expenses	0.00	252.00	-252.00	0.0%
6550 · Office Expense - Other	<u>370.33</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-1,629.67</u>	<u>18.52%</u>
Total 6550 · Office Expense	370.33	2,252.00	-1,881.67	16.44%
6555 · Insurance - Office	0.00	2,350.00	-2,350.00	0.0%
6670 · Special Events Expense	17.31	10,000.00	-9,982.69	0.17%
6950 · CDBG Expense - Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6970 · RMDZ-expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6980 · Audit	5,800.00	5,700.00	100.00	101.75%
7000 · Other Expenses				
7120 · Equipment Purchase				
7122 · Comp Equip/Tech Upgrade	0.00	2,522.46	-2,522.46	0.0%
7120 · Equipment Purchase - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 7120 · Equipment Purchase	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,522.46</u>	<u>-2,522.46</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 7000 · Other Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,522.46</u>	<u>-2,522.46</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Expense	<u>60,262.66</u>	<u>500,448.38</u>	<u>-440,185.72</u>	<u>12.04%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>44,740.23</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-44,740.23</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Net Income	<u>44,740.23</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-44,740.23</u>	<u>100.0%</u>



August 6, 2026

The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Suite 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1761 (Rogers) Electricity: calculation methodology: data disclosure. - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Cervantes:

The Madera County Economic Development Commission (MCEDC) supports AB 1761 (Rogers), which would require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to disclose data used by the PUC to calculate the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) costs, including cost inputs, forecasting assumptions and methodologies.

MCEDC is a Joint Powers Authority created by the County of Madera and the cities of Madera and Chowchilla. MCEDC's mission is to position Madera County as an economically viable and vibrant county by pursuing all avenues of growth of new and existing businesses, with the goal of maximizing employment opportunities, tax base, and quality of life.

In October 2025, one of Madera County's largest non-bundled industrial employers was notified that its delivery costs would increase by approximately 20 percent. By December, that estimate rose to 43 percent. On January 29, the company was informed the increase would reach 125 percent, representing a six-fold escalation within just three months, which resulted in an estimated annual cost impact of \$6 million. Notably, these increases were not driven by higher energy usage, but by PUC-approved cost-recovery mechanisms and rate design changes that disproportionately impacted non-bundled B-20 customers.

These changes are now driving unprecedented delivery cost increases for non-bundled industrial customers resulting in a direct threat to manufacturing competitiveness in the Central Valley and to the family-supporting jobs these businesses provide.

The timing and lack of transparency surrounding these changes have only intensified their impact. Such volatility makes responsible budgeting, production planning, and capital investment extremely difficult, if not impossible. AB 1761 (Rogers) would bring much needed transparency to the PCIA calculation process, helping ensure that energy bills are fair, accurate, and understandable for California businesses.

The MCEDC Executive Committee adopted a 2026 Legislative Principles document that specifically states that MCEDC supports economic vitality by expanding employment opportunities. MCEDC also backs legislation that advances economic development activities aimed at promoting and attracting businesses to the region. Furthermore, MCEDC supports the advocacy efforts of aligned organizations, such as the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the League of California Cities (CalCities).

For these reasons, MCEDC strongly supports AB 1761 (Rogers) and respectfully requests that the bill comes off the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File. Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me at kgallagher@maderacountyedc.com or (559) 675-7768, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "kgallagher".

Kristina Gallagher
Executive Director

CC: The Honorable Members, Senate Appropriations Committee
Ashley Ames, Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Assemblymember Chris Rogers, AD 02

TO: Executive Committee, Madera County Economic Development Commission

FROM: Kristina Gallagher, Executive Director, Madera County Economic Development Commission

RE: July Update

DATE: August 10, 2026

The Madera County Economic Development Commission (MCEDC) is grateful for the opportunity to represent the County of Madera, the City of Madera and the City of Chowchilla and continue to support economic vitality through local and regional economic development efforts that will result in job and business growth.

July was primarily focused on data analysis and finalizing information for the 2025-26 Annual Report and preparing for the Biennial Real Estate Update that we will be working on in the Fall.

The Madera industrial submarket recorded a vacancy rate of 7.7% as of the third quarter of 2026. Over the past year, the vacancy rate increased by 6.1%, driven by 160,000 square feet (SF) of newly delivered space and negative net absorption of 210,000 SF, potentially meaning a decline in demand for space, according to the latest CoStar data. Overall industrial vacancy is forecast to reach 8.0% by the end of 2026.

As of the third quarter of 2026, only 3,000 SF of industrial space is under construction in Madera. However, additional industrial development is anticipated following the successful lease-up of the recently completed 50,000 SF building on Independence Drive, which is now fully occupied. By comparison, the submarket has averaged approximately 150,000 SF of industrial space under construction over the past 10 years.

On the retail side, the Madera retail submarket posted a vacancy rate of 4.7% as of the third quarter of 2026. Over the past year, the vacancy rate declined by 1.2%, supported by 4,900 SF of newly delivered space and 42,000 SF of positive net absorption, indicating an increase demand for space. Overall retail vacancy is projected to reach 4.8% by the end of 2026.

MCEDC does want to note that the CoStar submarket data presented above does not represent all of Madera County. According to the data provider's geographic coverage, it excludes the growth on the Highway 41 corridor, Eastern Madera County or anything north of Berenda, and therefore should not be interpreted as a countywide assessment of all retail and industrial market conditions.

On July 31st, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California's statewide minimum wage will increase from the current \$16.90 per hour to \$17.40 per hour, effective January 1, 2027. The new rate will be the highest statewide minimum wage in the nation and is nearly two and a half times the federal minimum wage, which has remained at \$7.25 per hour since 2009.

California also maintains industry-specific minimum wage requirements that exceed the statewide rate for certain sectors. For example, covered fast food restaurant employees are generally entitled to a minimum wage of at least \$20.00 per hour, while certain healthcare workers remain subject to separate minimum wage schedules based on facility type and employer classification.

As most people know, there are arguments for and against raising the minimum wage. Those who oppose an increase argue that it can reduce employment as businesses have to cut workers' hours or eliminate positions altogether. Increasing the minimum wage can also lead to higher labor costs, increased prices for consumers, particularly concerning during periods of inflation, lower business profits, and greater reliance on automation and AI.

Supporters of raising the minimum wage argue that it improves financial stability for low-wage workers, reduces poverty, increases consumer spending, and lowers employee turnover. The overall impact of a minimum wage increase often depends on factors such as the local cost of living, the strength of the labor market, and whether the increase is implemented gradually over time.

The unemployment rate in Madera County is currently at 7.4%. According to state statistics, between June 2025 and June 2026, total industry employment in Fresno and Madera Counties increased by 8,300 jobs, representing a 1.6% gain. To break it down, the nonfarm employment grew by 7,100 jobs, representing a 1.6% gain, while farm employment increased by 1,200 jobs, representing a 2.0% gain. Specifically, private education and health services recorded the largest year-over-year increase, adding 5,400 jobs. The majority of this growth occurred within the health care and social assistance sector. Agriculture also experienced growth, with total farm employment increasing by 1,200 jobs. Professional and business services added 700 jobs over the year. However, three major industries reported employment declines during the same period, including government employment, which decreased by 600 jobs, financial activities declined by 400 jobs, and IT employment fell by 100 jobs. The Central Valley's unemployment rate is often higher than the rest of California, which currently stands at 5.2%, due in part to the region's heavy reliance on agriculture and seasonal employment. However, among the eight Central Valley counties, Madera County ranks third for the lowest unemployment rate, following San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties.

Opportunity Zones 2.0 – Update

The State's Opportunity Zone (OZ) 2.0 Public Comment Period will run from August 3, 2026, through August 28, 2026. All public comments must be submitted by August 28, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted.

MCEDC participated in the webinar outlining the public comment submission process and is available to assist local jurisdictions with preparing and submitting comment letters, as well as developing and submitting letters of support from our own office.

It is important to understand the competitive nature of this process. Out of the 2,469 eligible census tracts identified statewide, the California Department of Finance (DOF) selected 1,200

tracts as “preferred” based on submissions received by local governments and additional evaluation criteria. Ultimately, only 618 Opportunity Zone tracts will be selected by DOF for submission to the U.S. Treasury.

Local jurisdictions are encouraged to participate in the public comment process and submit feedback supporting eligible tracts that align with community and economic development priorities.

Local Economic Development

Although July is not typically a busy travel month for MCEDC, we participated in several monumental events that highlight continued growth, investment, and progress throughout Madera County.

On July 2nd, MCEDC joined the Tesoro Viejo community for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new Yosemite Travel Center, located at the southeast corner of State Route 41 and Tesoro Viejo Boulevard. The new center brings additional convenience and services to the area with a 76-brand fuel station featuring 12 fueling positions for gasoline, diesel, and ethanol, electric vehicle charging stations, a neighborhood market, Jamba Juice, and a drive-through car wash.

On July 16th, MCEDC attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the State Route 145 Improvement Project, hosted by the City of Madera, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and Cal Valley Construction. This project is a major investment in Madera’s future, designed to improve transportation, enhance downtown accessibility, and support continued economic development. The project will include three new mini-roundabouts at C Street, D Street, and Lake Street, along with resurfacing improvements along more than 10 miles of State Route 145 through downtown from E Street to Fig Street. While construction will bring temporary traffic impacts and detours, the completed project will create a safer, more inviting downtown for residents, businesses, and visitors. It is important to note that all businesses will remain open during construction.

MCEDC also participated in the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) Rural Economic Development Exchange in Winters, California, on July 23rd. The conference brought together economic development professionals to discuss important topics impacting rural communities, including workforce housing, community-building efforts, and wildfire resilience. The event provided a valuable opportunity to exchange ideas, share best practices, and strengthen partnerships that support rural economic development across California.

As the Riverstone community continues to grow, MCEDC celebrated another milestone by attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Canyon Creek Elementary School in early August. The new school marks the opening of the community’s second elementary campus and reflects the continued investment in students’ education.

MCEDC also recently joined the Building Industry Association of Fresno and Madera Counties (BIA), expanding opportunities to connect with leaders in the housing and construction

industries. Through this partnership, MCEDC will engage with builders, developers, contractors, and industry professionals on topics including housing, infrastructure, and power. Membership with BIA also connects MCEDC with the California Building Industry Association and the National Association of Home Builders, creating additional opportunities for advocacy, collaboration and networking throughout California and the United States.

State Legislative/Budget Update

State legislators reconvened on August 3rd to begin the final month of the second year of the 2025-26 Legislative Session. As the session moves toward its conclusion, lawmakers are focused on reviewing and advancing legislation before key deadlines arrive. Friday, August 14th, is the deadline for the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees to hear and report bills to the floor. The Appropriations Suspense File will be heard on Thursday, August 13th. Prior to the hearings, legislative leadership and Appropriations Committee chairs determine the outcome of numerous fiscal bills on whether they move forward to the floor or die quietly in the committee.

From August 17th through August 31st, Legislators will be on the floor, with August 31st being the final day for each house to pass bills. Following the Legislature's action, the Governor will have until September 30th to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before the September 1st deadline.

On the legislative side, MCEDC is tracking a number of bills, including:

AB 1421 (Wilson) Current law requires the California Transportation Commission to create a committee to guide a pilot program testing mileage-based fees as an alternative to the gas tax. The Transportation Agency must help run the pilot program. These rules expire on January 1st, 2027. This bill would require the Commission, with the Transportation Agency, to compile research and make recommendations on a road user charge or mileage-based fee system. The Commission must submit a report on this research and recommendations to the Legislature's policy and fiscal committees by January 1st, 2027. *The bill passed the Assembly Floor and is waiting for policy assignment in Senate Rules. MCEDC is watching this bill.*

AB 1761 (Rogers) The bill would require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to disclose data used by the PUC to calculate the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) costs, including cost inputs, forecasting assumptions and methodologies. *The bill has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File. MCEDC is in support of this bill.*

AB 1923 (Soria) This bill was gutted and amended on August 3rd. The previous version of the bill that dealt with the Distressed Hospital Loan Program was partially handled through the State Budget. Specifically, the final State Budget included \$90 million General Fund to provide grants to hospitals in significant distress and provided authority for the Department of Finance to augment this amount by up to \$50 million, for a potential total of up to \$140 million.

AB 2462 (Pellerin) The bill would have required manufacturers to ensure their products can be safely returned or disposed of at no cost to consumers, local facilities, retailers, and thrift stores. It would have updated the definition of "manufacturer" and raised civil penalties for

noncompliance. *The bill did not make it out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File and is now dead. MCEDC was actively watching this bill.*

SB 417 (Limón) This bill would authorize the issuance of \$11.25 billion in bonds under the State General Obligation Bond Law to fund affordable housing initiatives, if approved by voters. The recent amendments to the bill increased the bond authorization by \$1.25 billion for the Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet) Home Loan Program, for a total bond authorization of \$11.25 billion. *The bill was signed by the Governor on June 25th and will be on the November 3rd General Election ballot. MCEDC was watching this bill.*

SB 690 (Caballero) This bill seeks to stop abusive lawsuits against California businesses and nonprofits under the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA) for standard online business activities that are already regulated by the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). This bill amends CIPA to clarify that business activities already regulated by the CCPA are not within the scope of CIPA. *The bill has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File. MCEDC is watching this bill.*

SB 954 (Blakespear) The bill repeals the CEQA exemption provided to advanced manufacturing facilities in last year's SB 131 Budget Trailer bill of 2025, and instead establishes an onerous and complex gauntlet of energy, siting, and labor requirements that these facilities must meet. Specifically, the bill requires an applicant seeking a CEQA exemption for an advanced manufacturing facility project, to demonstrate high road employment standards, utilize a skilled and trained workforce, pay prevailing wages, and enter into a community benefits agreement for community improvements and amenities. CALED joined a coalition of various groups, including the Bay Area Council, the California Manufacturers and Technology Association, and Cal Chamber, opposed to SB 954. *The bill has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File. MCEDC is joining the coalition referenced above in opposition to this bill.*

SB 935 (Choi) This bill makes permanent the authorization for local agencies to use the design-build contracting method by repealing the January 1, 2031, sunset date. The bill ensures that local agencies can continue using the design-build procurement method, which has streamlined project delivery, reduced costs, and encouraged innovation in public works for decades. By removing the existing 2031 sunset date, this bill provides long-term certainty for agencies planning critical infrastructure projects and avoids unnecessary disruptions to an effective contracting process. *The bill is now chaptered into law. MCEDC was watching the bill.*

Conclusion

As always, we look forward to continuing our discussions on economic opportunities for Madera County, the City of Madera and the City of Chowchilla and will continue to work with staff to keep the Executive Committee updated. Should you or your staff have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.



Report of Activities

Meeting: August 2026

Fiscal Year Leads

*MC: Madera County, M: Madera City, C: Chowchilla City

Project	Project Name	Date	Industry	Site Requirements	Source	Jurisdictions*			Status	Notes
						MC	M	C		
2026										
2609	Project Tap	7/28/2026			MCEDC		X			Meeting with client RE Project Tap
2608	Project Compass	7/7/2026			MCEDC					Meeting with client Virtual Meeting with PG&E and client RE EDR Incentive
2607	Project Keystone	5/6/2026					X			RE Meeting with client
2606	Project Train	5/21/2026			MCEDC		X		Active	Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager, City of Madera RE Project Train
		5/7/2026							Active	Meeting with Client
		5/5/2026							Active	Client and Mayor Cece Gallegos and Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager RE Project Train
		4/27/2026							Potential	Client and Councilmember Jose Rodriguez RE Project Train
2605	Project Eagle	4/10/2026	Industrial		GoBiz				Potential	GoBiz
2604	Project Tree	2/24/2026	Industrial		MCEDC				Inactive	Meeting with Client
2603	Project Flame	2/6/2026	Commercial		MCEDC				Potential	Meeting with Client
2602	Project Red	1/29/2026			MCEDC				Potential	Meeting with the County of Madera and client RE Project Red
2601	Project 18	1/27/2026	Agriculture		MCEDC	X			Active	Meeting with the County of Madera and client RE Project 18
		1/5/2026	Agriculture						Potential	Meeting with client
2025										
2517	Project 9	5/19/2026	Agriculture		MCEDC	X			Active	Call with broker
		12/17/2026	Agriculture						Potential	Virtual meeting w/client
2516	Project High	10/15/2025	Residential		MCEDC	X			Active	Follow up call
		10/14/2025	Residential						Potential	New development
2515	Project Micro	10/15/2025	Industrial		MCEDC		X		Active	Meeting with Will Tackett
		10/14/2025	Industrial						Potential	New business
2514	Project BlueSky	9/18/2025	Manufacturing		GoBiz				Potential	GoBiz Project

2513	Project Change	7/23/2025			MCEDC				Potential	Meeting RE Project Change
2512	Project Ocean	6/23/2026	Manufacturing		MCEDC	X			Active	Meeting with Madera County Workforce Development RE Project Ocean RE Job Fair/Workforce Training Programs
		5/29/2026	Manufacturing						Active	Meeting with client and County RE Project Ocean
		1/20/2026	Manufacturing						Active	Meeting with City of Madera and client RE Project Ocean
		12/16/2026	Manufacturing						Active	Meeting with PGE and Client RE Project Ocean
		11/17/2025	Manufacturing						Active	RE Project Ocean
		11/4/2025	Manufacturing						Active	RE Project Ocean
		10/31/2025	Manufacturing						Active	Call with client
		10/21/2025	Manufacturing						Active	Call with client
		10/21/2025	Manufacturing						Active	Call with PGE
		10/6/2025	Manufacturing						Active	Call with client
		8/19/2025	Manufacturing						Active	Call with PG&E RE Project Ocean/EDR
		7/29/2025	Manufacturing						Active	Follow up Call w/ PG&E RE Project Ocean
		7/21/2025	Manufacturing						Active	Meeting with PG&E RE Project Ocean
		7/11/2025	Manufacturing						Potential	Conference Call RE Project Ocean
2511	Project Rooftile	6/27/2025	Manufacturing	2 acres	GoBiz				Potential	Referral from Go-Biz
2510	Project Yosemite	7/20/2026			MCEDC		X		Active	Conference Call with client RE Project Yosemite
		5/21/2026							Active	Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager, City of Madera RE Project Yosemite
		5/14/2026							Active	Conference Call with client RE Project Yosemite
		4/30/2026							Active	Virtual Meeting with Client RE marketing/social media
		7/22/2025							Active	Call with Paul Collins RE Project Yosemite
		7/17/2025							Active	City meeting with Mayor Gallegos and Arnoldo Rodriguez RE Project Yosemite
		6/13/2025							Active	Virtual meeting with client RE Project Yosemite/Revolving Loan Program
		6/2/2025							Active	Virtual meeting with Supervisor Rob Poythress RE Project Yosemite
		5/29/2025							Potential	Virtual Meeting with Paul Collins RE Project Yosemite

2509	Project Honey	5/21/2025			MCEDC				Potential	Virtual Meeting with Jamie Bax RE Project Honey
2508	Project Box	5/12/2025	Manufacturing	25,000 sq. ft.	GoBiz				Potential	Site Tour for Project Box
2507	Project 17	4/11/2025	Industrial	77 acres	MCEDC				Potential	Call with broker re potential new client/site
2506	Project Medicine	4/4/2025							Potential	Meeting with client re potential new project
2505	Project Power	4/8/2025	Power Plant		MCEDC	X			Potential	Meeting with potential client re new project
		2/28/2025	Power Plant						Potential	Call with the Fresno Native American and Business Development Center RE Potential Project/Funding
2504	Project Green	6/3/2026	Commercial/Industrial	5 acres	MCEDC		X		Active	Virtual Meeting with Client and City of Madera Planning Department
		5/6/2026	Commercial/Industrial	5 acres					Active	Call with Will Tackett, Community Development Director, City of Madera
		5/6/2026	Commercial/Industrial	5 acres					Active	Call with Client
		8/26/2025	Commercial/Industrial	5 acres					Active	Call with Kulvinder Gil RE Project Green
		7/8/2025	Commercial/Industrial	5 acres					Active	Call with Kulvinder Gil RE Project Green
		6/12/2025	Commercial/Industrial	5 acres					Active	Lunch Meeting with Kulvinder Gill RE Project Green
		6/2/2025	Commercial/Industrial	5 acres					Active	Call with Placer Title RE Project Green
		3/3/2025	Commercial/Industrial	5 acres					Active	Conference Call with Kulvinder Gill and Kirk Atamian, REMAX RE Project Green
		2/27/2025	Commercial/Industrial	5 acres					Potential	Meeting with SPAN and client RE Project Green
2503	Project Gunner West Ranch	2/7/2025	Residential/Commercial	1,032 acres		X			Active	Gunner Ranch West
2502	Project Canada	2/5/2025	Warehouse	4 acres					Potential	Matthew Watson RE potential project
2501	Project 7	3/11/2025	Retail	50 acres	MCEDC	X			Active	Conference Call with Tim Seiler and Raj Panu RE HWY 99/AVE 7 Project
		2/5/2025	Retail	50 acres					Potential	Call with Jamie Bax, County of Madera and Tim Seiler RE potential project on Ave 7/HWY 99
		2/3/2025	Retail	50 acres					Active	Tim Seiler and Raj Pannu RE potential project on Ave 7/HWY 99

Joint Powers Agency

Jurisdiction	Date	Activity	Staff	Project Assistance	Type Assistance*			Notes
					BA	BE	BR	
Chowchilla								
	7/1/2026	Lunch	KG					Rod Pruett, City Administrator

	3/4/2026	Ribbon Cutting	EE					Chow Stand Grand Opening
	2/24/2026	Meeting	KG					City of Chowchilla Council RE MCEDC Budget
	1/30/2026	Lunch	KG, EE					Rod Pruett, City Administrator and Mayor Kelly Smith, City of Chowchilla
	1/13/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE					AutoZone Grand Opening
	12/15/2025	Lunch	KG					Maiknue Vang, Madera County Workforce, Rod Pruett, City Administrator, and Denise Munoz, Director, City of Chowchilla
	11/18/2025	Lunch	KG					Mayor Kelly Smith, Rod Pruett and Denise
	7/10/2025	Meeting	KG					Chowchilla Meeting with Rod Pruett, and Jaime Quintana RE Update
Madera								
	7/16/2026	Groundbreaking						SR 145 Downtown Madera Improvement Project
	7/15/2026	Meeting	KG					RE Revolving Loan Program
	7/9/2026	Meeting	KG					Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager
	6/4/2026	Meeting	KG					Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager
	5/29/2026	Virtual Meeting	KG					Hunden Partners and Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager, RE Planning
	5/21/2026	Call	KG					Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager, City of Madera RE Project Yosemite and Project Train
	5/15/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE					7/11 Ribbon Cutting
	5/7/2026	Meeting	KG					Monthly Meeting with Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager
	5/6/2026	Meeting	KG					Call with Will Tackett, Community Development Director, RE Project Green
	5/1/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE					SR 41 Groundbreaking
	3/16/2026	Meeting	KG					Client RE Expansion Efforts
	3/5/2026	Meeting	KG					Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager, City of Madera RE Update/Check-In
	2/10/2026	Lunch	KG					Councilmember Rohi Zachariah RE Update
	2/4/2026	Meeting	KG					Council RE MCEDC Budget
	1/20/2026	Meeting	KG					Client RE Project Ocean
	11/17/2025	Meeting	KG					Clients RE Project Ocean
	11/4/2025	Meeting	KG					RE Project Ocean
	8/20/2025	Meeting	KG, LL					RE Revolving Loan Program
	7/24/2025	Meeting	KG					Lunch meeting with Councilmember Elsa Mejia, Madera
County								
	7/13/2026	Meeting	KG					RE EDBG RLF Program
	7/3/2026	Lunch	KG					Representatives from County of Madera, City of Madera and City of Chowchilla RE Update
	6/30/2026	Meeting	KG					Supervisor Bobby Macaulay RE Hunden Partners/Update
	6/18/2026	Groundbreaking	KG, EE					Raley's O.N.E Market
	6/16/2026	Meeting	KG, EE, LL					Madera County Board of Supervisors
	6/3/2026	Meeting	KG					Matt Treber, CAO, Madera County
	5/27/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE					Camarena Health Ribbon Cutting, Madera Ranchos

	5/6/2026	Monthly Meeting					Matt Treber, CAO, Madera County and Maiknue Vang, Executive Director, Madera County Workforce Board
	5/4/2026	Virtual Meeting	KG				S2J2 RE Energy Case Study
	5/1/2026	Groundbreaking	KG				State Route 41
	4/7/2026	Meeting	KG				County Board of Supervisors RE MCEDC Budget
	4/2/2026	Lunch	KG				Supervisor Bobby McCaulay
	3/4/2026	Meeting	KG				Matt Treber, CAO, RE Update/Check-In
	1/29/2026	Meeting	KG				Client RE Project Red
	1/28/2026	Meeting	LL				Madera County DSS
	1/27/2026	Meeting	KG				Hunden Partners RE One Madera
	1/27/2026	Meeting	KG				Client RE Project 18
	1/20/2026	Meeting	KG				Call with Supervisor Bobby McCaulay RE One Madera
	1/6/2026	Meeting	KG				County Board of Supervisors Meeting - Gateway Charter Appointment
	12/17/2025	Lunch	KG				Lunch with County Supervisor Rob Poythress
	12/17/2025	Meeting	KG				Meeting with County RE Project
	12/16/2025	Meeting	KG				Meeting with Matt Treber, CEO, Madera County
	11/18/2025	Meeting	KG				Madera County introductory virtual meeting RE Gateway Community Group Meeting
	11/17/2025	Meeting	KG				Supervisor Bobby McCaulay RE Planning
	11/3/2025	Meeting	KG				County and the California Infrastructure Delivery Coalition (CALINFRA) RE overview of alternative delivery methods
	10/6/2025	Meeting	KG				Madera County/Hipcamp meeting re low-impact camping
	10/1/2025	Meeting	KG				Meeting with Supervisor Gonzalez, CAO Matt Treber, CIO Alexan Balekian RE State of the County
	9/24/2025	Lunch	KG				Meeting with County Supervisor Bobby Macaulay RE Updates
	9/24/2025	Meeting	KG				MCEDC/MCTC Virtual Meeting with CalINFRA and Supervisor Rob Poythress RE Infrastructure
	9/23/2025	Celebration	KG				Madera County Board of Supervisors Meeting - Jay Varney Retirement Celebration
	9/18/2025	Meeting	KG				Meeting with Jay Varney, CAO, Madera County
	9/11/2025	Brunch	KG				Meeting with Supervisor Leticia Gonzalez and Councilmember Anita Evans
	8/8/2025	Ribbon Cutting	KG				Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
	7/10/2025	Meeting	KG				County meeting with Jay Varney RE Update
	7/2/2025	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE				Ribbon Cutting for Northfork Fire Station #11

Memberships & Partners

Name	Date	Activity	Contacts	Meetings/Leads	Notes

CCVEDC (California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation)					
	7/17/2026	Meeting			Board Meeting
	7/14/2026	Meeting			Budget
	6/12/2026	Meeting			Annual Board Meeting
	6/4/2026	Virtual Meeting			Tochi RE Market Overview
	6/3/2026	Virtual Meeting			Forsythe and Assoc.
	5/12/2026	Virtual Mission			CA Central Valley EDC - AIR CRE
	4/24/2026	Meeting			Board Meeting
	4/20 - 4/23/2026	Mission			Mission - Atlanta
	3/20/2026	Meeting			Board Meeting
	3/10/2026	Virtual Meeting			W/ Hopkins Group RE Introduction
	2/20/2026	Meeting			Board Meeting
	1/16/2026	Meeting			Board Meeting
	11/24/2025	Meeting			CCVEDC with Terracon
	11/21/2025	Virtual Meeting			Board Meeting
	10/27 - 10/30/2025	Mission	5		Southern California Broker
	7/18/2025	Meeting			Monthly Meeting
	7/10/2025	Meeting			RE Budget
Team CA					
	6/23/2026	Virtual Meeting			RE Industrial Information
	11/5 - 11/7/2025	Conference			Meet the Consultants Conference
	9/25/2025	Virtual Meeting			RE One Big Beautiful Bill
	8/28/2025	Meeting			
	7/30/2025	Meeting			
CALED (California Association of Local Economic Development)					
	7/22-7/23	Conference			2026 Summer Rural Economic Development Exchange
	4/15 - 4/17/2026	Conference			2026 Annual Conference
	3/4/2026	Virtual Meeting			RE GOBIZ
	2/11/2026	Webinar			RE OZ, Tax Conformity
	1/22/2026	Conference			2026 Winter Rural Economic Development Exchange
	10/20 - 10/23/25	Certificate Program			California Association for Local Economic Development Certificate Program
	9/15 - 9/17/25	Conference			California Local Economic Development Association's Finance and Real Estate Summit
	7/16 - 7/17/25	Conference			2025 Summer Rural Economic Development Exchange
ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers)					
	3/23 - 3/25/2026	Conference			Monterey
	9/27 - 9/30/25	Conference			ICSC Western - Palm Springs

Affiliations

Name & Date	Event/Activity	Staff
Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)		
7/28/2026	Virtual Meeting RE Opportunity Zones 2.0 Public Comment Guidance	KG
6/10/2026	Virtual Meeting with City of Chowchilla	KG
4/14/2026	Business Ready Sites Program Webinar Series	EE
3/10/2026	Business Ready Sites Program Webinar Series	EE
1/8/2026	GoBiz meeting with GoBiz and City of Chowchilla RE Opportunity Zones 2.0	KG
12/9/2025	GO BIZ Ready Sites Program Webinar	KG, EE
7/29/2025	Lunch meeting with Tiffany Louk, GOBIZ RE CalCompetes	KG
7/25/2025	GOBIZ meeting RE Project Ocean	KG
7/22/2025	GOBIZ CalCompetes Webinar	KG, EE, LL
7/15/2025	GOBIZ Webinar RE Foreign Trade Zones	KG, EE, LL
Greater Madera County Industrial Association (GMCIA)		
6/10/2026	Meeting	KG, LL
5/13/2026	Meeting	KG, LL
4/8/2026	Meeting	KG, LL
3/11/2026	Meeting	LL
2/11/2026	Meeting	KG, LL
1/14/2026	Meeting	KG, LL
12/10/2026	Meeting	KG, LL
11/12/2025	Meeting	KG, LL
10/8/2025	Meeting	KG, LL
9/10/2025	Meeting	KG, LL
Madera County Workforce Investment Board		
7/15/2026	Meeting with Archer and Hound RE WOW Mobile Project	KG, EE
7/8/2026	Madera County Workforce Development Board Business Services Division Meeting	EE
6/10/2026	Madera County Workforce Development Board Business Services Division Meeting	EE
5/20/2026	Workforce Mobile Unit Ribbon Cutting	EE
5/13/2026	Madera County Workforce Development Business Services Division Meeting	EE
5/12/2026	Madera County Workforce Development Marketing Meeting RE Job Seeker Self-Assessment	EE
4/8/2026	Madera County Workforce Development Business Services Division Meeting	EE
3/11/2026	Madera County Workforce Business Services Division Meeting	KG
2/19/2026	Madera County Workforce Development Meeting	KG
2/11/2026	Madera County Workforce Business Services Division Meeting	EE
1/22/2026	Subcommittee Meeting	KG
1/14/2026	Madera County Workforce Business Services Division Meeting	EE
12/18/2025	Madera County Workforce Board Development Meeting	KG
12/10/2025	Madera County Workforce Board Marketing Committee Meeting	KG

12/10/2025	Madera County Workforce Business Services Division Meeting	EE
11/14/2025	Intro Meeting with Edgar Blunt, CEO of Imago RE Workforce Issues	KG
11/12/2025	Meeting: Madera County Workforce Business Services Division	EE
11/4/2025	Special Meeting	KG
10/8/2025	Meeting: Madera County Workforce Business Services Division	EE
10/6/2025	Marketing Committee Meeting	KG
9/19/2025	Tour: Autozone Distribution Center in Chowchilla, CA	KG, EE
8/28/2025	Marketing Committee Meeting	KG
8/21/2025	Meeting	KG
8/20/2025	Marketing Subcommittee	KG
8/19/2025	Meeting with Valley Children's Hospital RE Programs/Services	KG
8/11/2025	California Workforce Development Board Regional Tour Site Visit	KG
7/31/2025	City of Chowchilla/Workforce Development Board meeting w/Rod Pruett and Jaime Quintana - Introduction/workforce programs	KG
7/30/2025	City of Madera/Workforce Development Board meeting w/ Arnoldo Rodriguez - Introduction/workforce programs	KG
Eastern Madera County Foundation		
4/1/2026	Oakhurst Ecosystem	EE
1/28/2026	Meeting	KG
8/7/2025	2025 Trolley Tour	KG
7/30/2025	Eastern Madera County Foundation Meeting	KG
7/2/2025	Lunch meeting with Supervisor Bobby Macaulay and Adam Olivares, Oakhurst Chamber RE Eastern Madera	KG, EE

Chambers

Name	Date	Activity	Staff	Leads	Notes
Madera Chamber					
	5/28/2026	Ribbon Cutting	EE		Cali Kutz - Ribbon Cutting
	5/8/2026	Ribbon Cutting	EE		Car Vault Grand Opening, City of Madera
	2/6/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG, LL		Lunita's Boutique Grand Opening
	1/16/2026	Ribbon Cutting	EE		Cogir of Cedar Creek 20 Year Celebration
	9/24/2025	Ribbon Cutting	EE, LL		MindDivers Grand Opening
	8/7/2025	Awards Ceremony	KG		Lifetime Achievement Award
	7/18/2025	Grand Opening	EE, LL		Sizzlin Smash Burgers in the City of Madera
	7/10/2025	New Ownership	EE, LL		Celebration for Leighton's Jewelers in the City of Madera
	7/7/2025	Grand Opening	EE		J&P Spine and Joint Center in the City of Madera
Chowchilla Chamber					
	2/6/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE		Joey's Glass and Tint - Grand Opening
	1/30/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE		Mark IV Metal Products
	1/9/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE		Madera Auto Center
	11/18/2025	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE		Junior's Auto and Tire
Golden Valley Chamber					
	7/2/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE		Yosemite Travel Center at Tesoro Viejo
	6/22/2026	Ribbon Cutting	KG		The Neighborhood Barbershop
Oakhurst Chamber					

	1/20/2026	Meeting	KG		Oakhurst Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Meeting
	11/21/2025	Lunch Meeting	KG, EE		Adam Olivares, Executive Director of the Oakhurst Chamber
	11/21/2025	Ribbon Cutting	KG, EE		Arbor Works Fleet and Warehouse Offices
	9/24/2025	Meeting/Training	KG, EE		Oakhurst Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Program Meeting
	7/2/2025	Lunch Meeting	KG		Supervisor Bobby Macaulay and Adam Olivares, Oakhurst Chamber RE Eastern Madera

Trade Shows/Conferences

Date	Name	Location	Notes	Staff
5/20 - 5/21/2026	Conference	Sacramento	CSAC Legislative Conference	KG
12/3 - 12/5/25	Conference	Sacramento	California State Association of Counties Annual Meeting	KG
9/2 - 9/4/25	Conference	Monterey	CA Workforce Association "Meeting of the Minds" Conference	KG

MCEDC Events

Date	Type	Place	Speakers	Event Partners	Attendees
4/27/2026	Economic Summit	San Joaquin Wine Co.	Moderator: Gabriel Dillard, Panelists: Tim Jones, Sarah Bohn, Josh Peterson, Michael Matter	PG&E, Valley Children's Healthcare, RedRock, MidValley Disposal, Precision Engineering, Kosmont Companies, Riverstone	187
11/13/2025	State of the County	Madera Municipal Golf Course	Madera County Supervisor Chair, City of Chowchilla Mayor, & City of Madera Mayor, Rhonda Salisbury	PG&E and North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians	201

Staff Calendar

*BA: Business Assistance, PA: Project Assistance, BR: Business Retention, BE: Business Expansion

Date	Activity	BA, PA, BR, BE	Notes	Staff
7/14/2026	Meeting		Representative from the CA Association of RMDZ Zone Administrators RE RMDZ program	KG
7/13/2026	Meeting		MCEDC Board of Commissioners	KG, EE, BW
7/8/2026	Meeting		U.S. Department of Agriculture, Federal Regional Forester and Madera County RE Biomass Projects/Wildfire Mitigation	KG
7/6/2026	Meeting		Tim Lambert, SBDC RE updates/business start-up information	KG
6/30/2026	Virtual Meeting		Business Journal RE Marketing	KG, EE
6/8/2026	Meeting		MCEDC Executive Committee	KG, EE, LL, BW
6/5/2026	Meeting		Business Journal RE Madera County/Logistics	KG
6/1/2026	Interviews		MCEDC Office Manager position	KG, EE, LL
5/28/2026	Quarterly Meeting		Madera County Department of Social Services	KG, LL
5/27 - 5/28/2026	Interviews		MCEDC Office Manager position	KG, LL
5/19/2026	Virtual Meeting		GoToWebinar	EE
5/18/2026	Lunch		Darren Rose, Executive Director, BIA Madera/Fresno	KG
5/11/2026	Meeting		MCEDC Board of Commissioners Meeting and Economic Development Corporation of Madera County	KG, EE, LL
5/7/2026	Dinner		BIA Madera/Fresno Trade Show and Dinner	KG
5/7/2026	Meeting	BR	PG&E Update - Economic Development Rate	KG
5/5/2026	Meeting		Client RE Project	EE

4/21/2026	Virtual Meeting		GoToWebinar	EE
4/14/2026	Meeting		MCEDC Pre Meeting with panelists RE Economic Summit Panel	KG
4/1/2026	Forum		Western Growers California Gubernatorial Candidate Forum	KG
3/31/2026	Lunch		WHSE Partners	KG
3/18/2026	Meeting		4C Manufacturing & Economic Development	EE
3/17 - 3/18/2026	Meetings		MCEDC Legislative Day	KG
3/17/2026	Virtual Meeting		GoToWebinar	EE
3/9/2026	Meeting		MCEDC Executive Committee	KG, EE, LL
3/9/2026	Coffee		District Attorney's Office RE Introduction	KG
2/26/2026	Virtual Meeting		Anna Velazquez, District Director, Sen. Anna Caballero's Office; and Gilbert Felix, District Director, Assm. Esmeralda Soria's Office RE Update	KG
2/26/2026	Virtual Meeting		PG&E, County/City RE Project Clear	KG
2/25/2026	Meeting		Gateway Community Group Winter - Yosemite Valley	KG
2/24/2026	Event		Business Journal's 2026 CEO of the Year	KG
2/20/2026	Meeting		Potential client RE Revolving Loan Program	KG, EE, LL
2/19/2026	Meeting		S2J2 RE Clean Jobs	KG
2/18/2026	Meeting		Investing in Rural California Infrastructure Meeting	KG
2/13/2026	Meeting	BR	PG&E, County/City RE Project Clear	KG
2/9/2026	Meeting		MCEDC Executive Committee	KG, EE, LL
2/6/2026	Meeting		Arturo Martinez Jr., District Representative, Office of Sen. Anna Caballero RE Update	KG
2/3/2026	Meeting	BR	Client RE Project Clear RE Energy	KG
1/21/2026	Meeting		S2J2 4C Manufacturing and Economic Development	KG
1/12/2026	Meeting		MCEDC Board of Commissioners	KG, EE, LL
12/18/2025	Lunch		Former MCEDC Director Bobby Kahn	KG
12/16/2025	Annual Meeting		PG&E 2025 Stakeholder Advisory Group	KG
12/11/2025	Lunch		Mike Matter RE projects	KG
12/9/2025	Awards Dinner		Business Journal's Best of Business Event	KG
12/8/2025	Meeting		MCEDC Executive Committee Meeting	KG, EE, LL
11/19/2025	Meeting		Amanda Cleland, Mid Valley Engineering Re Intro	KG
11/19/2025	Meeting		S2J2 4C Manufacturing and Economic Development	KG
11/11/2025	Meeting		Representative from Riverstone RE project updates	KG
11/10/2025	Meeting		MCEDC Executive Committee	KG, EE, LL
10/17/2025	Summit		Central Valley Food Economy Summit	KG, EE
10/15/2025	Meeting		S2J2 4C Manufacturing and Economic Development	KG
10/13/2025	Meeting		MCEDC Board of Commissioners	KG, EE, LL
10/10/2025	Meeting		Coffee with Combined Insurance	KG
10/8/2025	Meeting		MCTC Sustainable Community Strategy Oversight	KG
10/2/2025	Groundbreaking		Tesoro Viejo/Yosemite Travel Center Travel Facility	KG
9/11/2025	Ceremony		Madera County 9/11 Memorial Ceremony	KG, EE, LL
9/8/2025	Meeting		MCEDC Executive Committee Meeting	KG, EE, LL
9/5/2025	Meeting/Tour		Tour of Tesoro Viejo with Karen McCaffrey	KG
8/27/2025	Virtual Meeting		Mark Kempton, CALINFRA RE potential for collaboration	KG
8/26/2025	Luncheon		Crystal Tower Awards - Madera County Compact Business and Education Shareholders	KG
8/19/2025	Dinner		Business Journal's Family-Owned Business Awards	KG
8/15/2025	Tour		New Camarena Occupational Health Office - Tour	KG, EE
8/13/2025	Meeting		MCEDC Executive Committee Meeting	KG, EE, LL
7/29/2025	Call		Call w/ Mark Kempton, CalINFRA Re Collaboration efforts	KG

7/23/2025	Lunch		Lunch with Bobby Kahn, Former ED, MCEDC	KG
7/16/2025	Meeting		Central Valley Community Foundation 4C Manufacturing and Economic Development Monthly	KG
7/9/2025	Meeting		MCEDC Board of Commissioners	KG, EE, LL

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TO: Madera County Economic Development Commission
FROM: Brigitte Wohltman, Business Assistance & Office Manager
DATE: August 10, 2026
SUBJECT: Staff Report

CDBG RLF PROGRAM STATUS

- Madera County Business Assistance/Microenterprise Program Income Trust Fund Balance= \$667,757
- City of Madera Program Income Trust Fund Balance- \$ 383,342

LOAN STATUS

See attached

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<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>8/10/26 Balance</u>
Jairo Sepulveda DDS., Inc.	Over 180 days	City of Madera	\$ 2,095.62
Galaxy Dance Academy	Over 180 days	City of Madera	\$ 18,516.95
GQ Investments	Over 30 days	City of Madera	\$ 50,564.20
Sierra News Online	Over 60 days	Madera County	\$23,515.74
Lunitas Boutique	Current	City of Madera	\$ 33,533.75