FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council Meeting
November 4, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.

Workforce Connection
3170 W. Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93711
Conference Rooms 105/106

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ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES: REMOVAL OF ITEMS OR EMERGENCY ADDITIONS

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

COUNCIL CHAIR/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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1.	August 5, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes	Konczal	Yes	Approve	5
2.	Automotive Technician Pre-Apprenticeship Training Services Contract Award	V. McAlister	Yes	Recommend to Approve	11
3.	Licensed Vocational Nurse Training Services Contract Award	V. McAlister	Yes	Recommend to Approve	14
4.	Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report	Moncivais	Yes	Recommend to Accept	18
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9.	Overview of Staff Trainings	R. McAlister	Yes	Information	27
10.	Information Sharing	All	No	Discussion	--
11.	February 3, 2027, Agenda Items	Konczal	No	Discussion	--
12.	Meeting Feedback	Konczal	No	Discussion	--

Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board
Skills Development Council
2026 Attendance Roster

	2/4/2026	Canceled 5/6/2026	8/5/2026	11/4/2026
Avila Trillium Flow Technologies	A	XX	A	
Barnes State Center Federation of Teachers	P	XX	P	
Dart Dart Realty	P	XX	P	
Hensley Hensley Associates	P	XX	P	
Miller Gazebo Gardens	P	XX	P	
Olivares TransAmerica	P	XX	P	
Vicente BMO Bank	P	XX	P	
Zabrycki* CAPTRUST	A	XX	P	
Zeitz Fresno County Economic Development Corporation	P	XX	P	

* = Chairperson
P = Present
A = Absent
-- = Not a Ratified Member at Time of Meeting
XX = Meeting Canceled

FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
2027 MEETING SCHEDULE

	Executive Committee 3:00 p.m.	FAWIC Board 3:00 p.m.	Adult Council 4:00 p.m.	Skills Development Council 4:00 p.m.	Youth Council 4:00 p.m.	Workforce Development Board 4:00 p.m.
JAN	1/20	1/20	1/28			
FEB				2/03	2/18	
MAR						3/03
APR	4/21	4/21				
MAY			5/27	5/05	5/20	
JUN						6/02
JUL	7/21	7/21	7/22			
AUG				8/04	8/19	
SEP						9/08
OCT	10/20	10/20	10/28			
NOV				11/03	11/18	
DEC						12/01

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FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	1
MEETING DATE:	November 4, 2026
ACTION:	APPROVE

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Blake Konczal, Executive Director

SUBJECT: August 5, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the August 5, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

August 5, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes

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FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council
August 5, 2026

SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT –	Lacy Barnes (arrived at 4:05), Douglas Dart, Jeff Hensley, Scott Miller (arrived at 4:26), Joe Olivares, Sandra Vicente, Lydia Zabrycki, and Chris Zeitz
	ABSENT –	Steven Avila
AGENDA CHANGES:		None
ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/ DISCLOSURES OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:		None
COUNCIL CHAIR/ STAFF COMMENTS:		None
PUBLIC COMMENTS:		None

Item	Description/Action Taken

1. **February 4, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes**

Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), presented the February 4, 2026, Skills Development Council (Council) meeting minutes for the Council's approval, or correction and approval.

OLIVARES/DART – APPROVED THE FEBRUARY 4, 2026, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (UNANIMOUS)

2. **Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Training Funds – Fresno City College**

Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, presented for the Council's recommendation, the approval of the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Training Funds to the State Center Community College District in the amount of $90,658.40. The funds would provide the introduction to the Forestry Technician Program, phase one (1) at Fresno City College – Fire Academy.

Ms. Lopez shared that the First Responder Operations of Decontamination was a new addition to the certification list.

Director Olivares asked if the participants would be enrolled as City College students and if they would be able to earn units.

Ms. Lopez explained that there would be an ID enrollment so the participants would be able to use some of the on-campus services, but they would not earn units.

Ms. Lopez mentioned that the Fresno Cohort 14 would start in the Fall of 2026.

OLIVARES/VICENTE – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB APPROVE THE GREATER SIERRA FORESTRY CORPS WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TRAINING FUNDS CONTRACT AWARD TO FRESNO CITY COLLEGE. (UNANIMOUS)

3. **Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Training Funds – Valley Regional Occupational Program**

Ms. Lopez presented for the Council's recommendation, the approval of the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps WIOA Training Funds to the Valley Regional Occupational Program (VROP) in the amount of $104,398.00. The funds would provide participants with a 12-week Wildland and Heavy Equipment Operator Training, beginning in the Fall of 2026.

Director Barnes arrived (4:05 p.m.)

OLIVARES/VICENTE – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB APPROVE THE GREATER SIERRA FORESTRY CORPS WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TRAINING FUNDS CONTRACT AWARD TO VALLEY REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM. (UNANIMOUS)

4. **Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report**

Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager, FRWDB, presented for the Council's recommendation, the acceptance of the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the Fourth Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2025-2026. She explained that FRWDB staff conducted monitoring of all ETPL providers to ensure they were in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations or policies. She indicated that monitoring was completed for three (3) schools, with no findings. Monitoring for two (2) schools was still in process.

Director Zabrycki asked what items were listed on the school reviews. Ms. Moncivais stated that the list included a review of the course syllabus, descriptions of the classes participants took, a review of the instructors' certificates, verification of the school accreditation and business license, and confirmation of approval to operate with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

Director Zabrycki asked if FRWDB staff had any input on the syllabi. Mr. Konczal explained that FRWDB staff could have schools modify their curricula if an employer wanted the participants to have certain training or certifications.

DART/HENSLEY – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB ACCEPT THE ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST MONITORING REPORT. (UNANIMOUS)

5. **Adult Business of Excellence Award Winner**

Martha Espinosa, Deputy Director of Marketing, Grants and Business Initiatives, FRWDB, highlighted the success story of the Adult Business of Excellence Award winner, Span Construction & Engineering, Inc (Span). She shared that Span provided construction and engineering services for large-scale commercial, industrial, and steel building projects. Span has demonstrated a genuine commitment to connecting trained and motivated job seekers with meaningful careers in the construction industry.

Ms. Espinosa shared a video highlighting Span.

Director Zabrycki asked if there was an opportunity to put the shared video on social media and television. Ms. Espinosa stated that FRWDB has a contract with Channel 26 that would allow the video to be shown. In addition to the 30-second snippet on television, FRWDB staff would post the video on social media and YouTube.

This was an information item.

6. **Individual Training Account Overview**

Ryan McAlister, Senior Client Training Coordinator, FRWDB, gave the Council an overview of the FRWDB's participant training activities and expenditures for PY 2025-2026. Mr. McAlister reviewed the industries in which participants were trained, the total number of individuals enrolled, how many participants completed these training programs, and how many were still actively training; for a total Individual Training Account (ITA) expenditure of $3,258,838.56.

Mr. McAlister also presented a report on the number of unique individuals training in urban and rural areas. The report distinguished between males and females in these areas and included the total of unique individuals enrolled in training, how many unique individuals completed training, and how many unique individuals were still actively training.

Director Barnes asked what training was the one (1) participant enrolled in, listed under Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation. Mr. McAlister shared that he would research what the participant was in training for and report back at a future meeting.

Director Dart asked why there were three (3) participants enrolled in Automotive Services and only $1,107.07 listed for the total ITA expenditure. Mr. McAlister stated that he would look into why the amount was low and report back at a future meeting.

Mr. Konczal added that by the next meeting, FRWDB staff would create a separate agenda item for automotive training. He stated that Veronica McAlister, Associate Deputy Director, FRWDB, recently completed negotiations with Fresno Pacific University to create an automotive pre-apprenticeship program.

Director Hensley inquired about exploring longitudinal studies to be able to follow participants' career stories. Mr. Konczal agreed that conducting longitudinal studies would be beneficial.

Director Miller arrived (4:26 p.m.)

Director Zabrycki inquired what FRWDB staff would do differently for the new PY. Mr. McAlister stated that he had launched five (5) new technical workshops that provide participants with improved career searches connected to the Department of Labor and O*NET, and provide participants with individual USBs to build digital profiles.

Director Barnes appreciated that participants were being instructed to create new resumes for each job they applied for.

This was an information item.

7. **Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Overview**

Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, provided an overview of the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps (GSFC), which included an informational video about the program.

Director Zabrycki asked if the videos were being used at high schools. Ms. Lopez said FRWDB has been participating in career fairs, but have not yet gone into high schools; however, would be allowed to do so in the Fall of 2026.

Ms. Lopez shared that Cohort 14 participants were able to get additional information beyond the curriculum from a FRWDB hosted employer meet and greet. Six (6) employers came out and presented general information about the industry and discussed what job openings were available.

Mr. Konczal indicated that FRWDB staff would create a video of a participant who graduated from the GSFC and was employed and fought fire in a different state within a month of completing the program.

Ms. Lopez also discussed the different partnerships, career fairs, and outreach events that took place in the past quarter. The outcome of the events resulted in over 360 individuals registering for additional information on the GSFC Program.

This was an information item.

8. **Adult and Young Adult Discretionary Grants Report**

Ms. McAlister presented an overview of the Adult and Young Adult Discretionary grant funding. She discussed the English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training (ELL-IET) Grant, Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) Grant, Prison 2 Employment (P2E) Grant, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grant, One Fresno Youth Job Corps (YJCP) Grant, Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) Grant, and the Growth Opportunities Grant.

In her overview, Ms. McAlister stated each grant's purpose, target population, and period of performance. Mr. Konczal stated for the ELL-IET Grant, the training provider, VROP, was able to translate coursework into Spanish, which led to increased completion rates.

Director Hensley asked if the model used for ELL-IET could be licensed out to others so it could create a revenue stream to support other services. Ms. McAlister said it would be a topic to explore.

Ms. McAlister continued with the RERP Grant and the braided funding with the EMS Corps. She also showed that the P2E Grant overperformed with the number of participants served and the EMS Corps Grant was on track for the participant goal to be met.

Director Barnes asked if services provided under the P2E Grant would stop due to the funding being completed. Ms. McAlister explained that FRWDB staff would continue to serve justice-involved individuals with formula funding, not grant funding.

Ms. McAlister shared that the FRWDB extended a contract with Equus Workforce Solutions to continue to provide services to young adults in the YJCP Program. In addition, the Growth Opportunities Grant started in the Spring of 2026 and had a goal to serve 154 individuals.

Director Olivares asked if FRWDB staff could add a column that listed the specific goal and/or numbers served for the grants. Ms. McAlister stated that the goals would be added at the next meeting.

This was an information item.

9. Overview of Staff Trainings

Mr. McAlister presented an overview of staff trainings that occurred in the Fourth Quarter, which included new IMAGO Soft Skills Workshops, training on connecting with youth and managing challenging situations, All-Staff Rollout Workshops, and onboarding of new hires. He also provided an overview of upcoming staff trainings for the First Quarter of Program Year 2026-2027.

This was an information item

10. Information Sharing

Director Hensley asked if there was a way to get organizational development perspectives from other businesspeople to maintain FRWDB's position as a leader. Mr. Konczal stated that FRWDB staff would explore options and present them at the November 4th meeting.

11. November 4, 2026, Agenda Items

There were no agenda items added from the Council.

12. Meeting Feedback

Director Zabrycki shared that the meeting had good information and that she appreciated the time that was put into the reports.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	2
MEETING DATE:	November 4, 2026
ACTION:	RECOMMEND TO APPROVE

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Veronica McAlister, Associate Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Automotive Technician Pre-Apprenticeship Training Services Contract Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) approve a one (1)-year contract award to Fresno Pacific University (FPU) in an amount not to exceed $99,500.00, to provide Automotive Technician Pre-Apprenticeship training for the period of January 1, 2027, to June 30, 2027.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The FRWDB, in partnership with FPU, is implementing an Automotive Technician Pre-Apprenticeship program to prepare participants for entry-level roles as automotive service technicians, supporting the growing demand for skilled professionals in repair shops, dealerships, and fleet service operations across Fresno County. This training program will support those who are interested in continuing with a Registered Automotive-Technician Apprenticeship program.

The program will follow a cohort-based model and be delivered fully in person, emphasizing hands-on training and practical skill development. Instruction will take place at the Fresno Mission, expanding access to career pathways in skilled trades for underserved populations. The program will include:

- In-person, cohort-based instruction
- Hands-on training with tools, equipment, and diagnostic procedures
- Industry certifications: Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Auto Maintenance & Light Repair, EPA Section 609 Air Conditioning, First Aid/CPR, and OSHA-10 for Auto

FRWDB staff recommends approval of a contract award to FPU to provide the required classroom-based training for a total of 70 hours of instruction to meet technical competencies, as outlined in the attachment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this item will allocate $99,500.00 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act training funds for the one (1)-year program.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT I: Auto/Diesel Mechanic Supply Tool Summary
ATTACHMENT II: Automotive Service Technician - Classroom Solutions

Auto/Diesel Mechanic Supply Tool Summary

Equipment and Supplies
Safety glasses
Hearing protection
301 Piece Pro Mechanics Tools - Drive socket sets, extensions, Universal joints, combination wrenches, Allen wrenches, Screwdrivers, Pliers
Torque Wrench
Flare nut Wrenches
Adjustable Wrenches
14" Pipe Wrench
Filter Wrench
Adjustable Joint
Needle Nose
Slip-Joint
Snap ring with reversible
Ball Peen Hammer 16 oz.
Ball Peen Hammer 24 oz.
Industrial Punch and Chisel set 12 piece
Feeler Gauges – 32 piece set
18" Heavy Duty Pry Bar
Gasket Scraper
Ames Multimeter
3 piece Micrometer set (standard)
Digital Micrometer
Crimp/stripper tool
Tire Gauge (Truck)
Tire Air Chuck
O-ring Pick Set
Extractor set (Broken Bolt)
Drill Bits 1/16" – ½"
Wire Brush
Measuring Tape
Utility Knife
Magnetic Pickup tool
Inspection Mirror
Dial Caliper
1/3 hp Air Compressor
4pc Locking tool box
60/40 rosin core solder (1 per 2 students)
6-inch pieces of 14-16 gauge wire (4 per 2 students)
Can of Flux (1 per 2 students)
Shrink tubing (2 per 2 students)
Bic Lighter (1 per 2 students)
14-16 gauge heat shrink butt connectors (2 per 2 students)

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN

CLASSROOM SOLUTIONS

Entry-Level ⊞ Automotive Technology ⧖ 2-4 Months

Automotive technicians work in a variety of settings overseeing and improving the performance of modern diesel engines and commercial vehicles, as well as sophisticated heavy equipment systems with electronic functions and advanced computer controls. Employed by major trucking companies, delivery enterprises, municipal transit systems and other transportation organizations, auto service technicians are hired under job titles such automotive technician, diesel technician, and diesel mechanic.

This program provides students the entry level skills required to start a career in automotive repair and maintenance. The program is delivered through an intensive hands-on lab approach allowing students to concentrate on practical skills education and execution alongside supplemental online curriculum. The students will become proficient in preventative maintenance and inspections by performing procedures in electrical, brakes, lubrication, hub seals, HVAC, Aftertreatment systems, and diagnostics equipment.

Program Objectives

Skills-Based Labs and Activities

After completing this program, learners will be able to:

- Explain the role of the automotive technician in the automotive industry
- Identify the parts of the vehicle
- Identify and correctly/safely use hand and shop tools, precision tools, and measuring tools used in vehicle diagnosis and repair
- Work safely in the auto shop environment complying with all rules, regulations, and standards
- Perform basic maintenance program tasks on vehicles per preventive maintenance schedules
- Perform basic electrical circuit calculations on vehicle electrical systems
- Verify battery performance and jump start vehicles with dead battery
- Perform basic troubleshooting and maintenance tasks on vehicle hydraulic systems

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AGENDA ITEM:	3
MEETING DATE:	November 4, 2026
ACTION:	RECOMMEND TO APPROVE

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Veronica McAlister, Associate Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Licensed Vocational Nurse Training Services Contract Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) approve a three (3)-year contract award to the Office of Continuing Education at Fresno Pacific University (FPU) in the amount of $253,250.00, to develop and provide Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) training for up to 15 participants from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2029.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The FRWDB, in partnership with FPU, is developing and implementing an LVN program to prepare participants for immediate entry into Fresno's high-demand nursing workforce. The Central Valley, including Fresno County, faces ongoing nursing workforce shortages, particularly at the LVN level, where demand continues to outpace supply. LVNs play a critical role in patient care, care coordination, and supporting clinical operations in diverse settings. A locally based LVN program enhances access to healthcare careers for community residents while strengthening the regional healthcare capacity.

The LVN program will follow the standards typical of accredited LVN programs in California, which are generally comprised of approximately 1,530 hours of combined theory and clinical instruction over 12 to18 months of structured coursework and practicum. Instruction for this program will be held at FPU's Nursing Simulation Lab at the North Fresno Campus during the weekend and evening hours.

Upon successful completion, graduates will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) to become LVNs.

The first six (6) to nine (9) months of the contract period will be used to plan, support, launch, and begin implementation of the LVN Program. The remaining months will be used to deliver the training for up to 15 participants using Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) training funds.

FRWDB staff recommends approval of a contract award to FPU to support the implementation, preparation, and delivery of LVN training to meet the NCLEX-PN requirements for up to 15 Fresno County participants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this item will allocate $253,250.00 in WIOA training funds over three (3) years.

ATTACHMENT:

Executive Summary: Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Program

Executive Summary: Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Program

Program Overview

The Office of Continuing Education (CE) proposes the establishment of an LVN Program designed to train and prepare students for immediate entry into California's high-demand nursing workforce. Upon successful completion, graduates will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) to become LVNs. LVNs are essential healthcare providers who deliver direct patient care under the supervision of registered nurses or physicians, particularly in hospitals, clinics, long-term care, and community health settings.

Workforce Development Partnership

The CE Department is working closely with the Workforce Development Board to provide significant funding to support, launch, and implement the LVN Program. This funding commitment positions the program for rapid development and sustainability, contingent upon formalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines roles, responsibilities, and funding terms.

Rationale and Need

The Central Valley faces ongoing nursing workforce shortages, particularly at the LVN level, where demand continues to outpace supply. LVNs play a critical role in patient care, care coordination, and supporting clinical operations in diverse settings. A locally based LVN program enhances access to healthcare careers for community residents while strengthening the regional healthcare capacity.

Program Structure and Requirements

The LVN Program will follow the standards typical of accredited LVN programs in California, which are generally comprised of approximately 1,530 hours of combined theory and clinical instruction over 12 to 18 months of structured coursework and practicum. Instructions for this program will be held at Fresno Pacific University's Nursing Simulation Lab at the North Fresno Campus during weekend and evening hours.

Prospective students must complete prerequisite coursework — including anatomy & physiology, medical terminology, medical math, nutrition, and LVN preparation — before enrollment, mirroring established entry requirements at adult education programs in the region. CE can offer anatomy & physiology, medical terminology, medical math, and nutrition through an online third party contracted provider.

Eligibility criteria for LVN programs commonly include:

- Minimum age of 18
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Active Certified Nursing Assistant credential and documented clinical experience (varies by program)
- Completion of prerequisite coursework with satisfactory grades

These prerequisites help ensure students are prepared for the academic rigor of vocational nursing studies.

Target Audience

The program is designed for:

- Career changers seeking entry into healthcare
- Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) pursuing advancement
- Recent graduates and adult learners seeking workforce credentials
- Community members seeking stable, well-paying employment in healthcare

Funding and Cost Overview (Estimate based on Clovis Adult Education & program averages across the Central Valley)

Program Budget Summary	Category Description	Estimated Cost
Tuition & Institutional Fees	Many Central Valley programs run 14 to 18 months; private schools, higher; adult schools/community programs, lower. ($7,000.00 per student - maximum 15)	$105,000.00
LVN Program Director (Licensed nurse)	Faculty level nursing leadership jobs at Fresno Pacific have ranges of $83,000.00–$120,000.00/year, suggesting that nursing leadership for this program could start at $83,000.00.	$83,000.00
Program Registration/Enrollment Fees	One (1)-time fee due at enrollment at many schools. ($500.00 per student – maximum 15)	$7,500.00
Books & Course Materials	Nursing textbooks, ATI/NCLEX prep, and online resources. ($1,500.00 per student – maximum 15)	$22,500.00
Uniforms & Clinical Supplies	Scrubs, shoes, stethoscope, and supplies. ($350.00 per student – maximum 15)	$5,250.00
Health & Clinical Requirements	Immunizations, TB tests, physical exams, CPR/BLS, background checks, and drug screens. ($1,000.00 per student – maximum 15)	$15,000.00
Licensing & Exam Fees	NCLEX-PN exam and BVNPT license application costs. ($650.00 per student – maximum 15)	$9,750.00
Miscellaneous / Technology Fees	Parking, student tech fees, and lab fees. ($350.00 per student – maximum 15)	$5,250.00
	Total Cost	**$253,250.00/15 = $16,883.33 Per student cost**

Funding Commitment and Accessibility

With Workforce Development funding support, the majority of these costs may be subsidized or fully covered, significantly increasing access for students who might otherwise be unable to pursue vocational nursing education. This funding model positions the LVN Program as a high-impact workforce initiative with minimal financial burden on participants.

Institutional Impact

Launching an LVN Program strengthens CE's role in workforce-aligned education, expands healthcare training offerings, and deepens partnerships with the regional workforce and healthcare stakeholders. The program enhances institutional visibility, supports community health outcomes, and creates a scalable model for future workforce initiatives.

Next Steps

- Draft and execute an MOU with the Workforce Development Board
- Confirm funding scope and disbursement structure
- Hire a Program Director
- Initiate regulatory approval and program planning
- Develop curriculum, staffing, and clinical partnerships
- Establish recruitment and enrollment timelines

FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	4
MEETING DATE:	November 4, 2026
ACTION:	RECOMMEND TO ACCEPT

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager

SUBJECT: Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) accept the following Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the First Quarter of Program Year 2026 – 2027.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

FRWDB staff conducts monitoring of all ETPL providers to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations and/or policies.

The attached table is an overview of the ETPL monitoring during the period of July 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.

ATTACHMENT:

Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report – First Quarter, Program Year 2026-2027

Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report
First Quarter, Program Year 2026-2027

Monitoring of the following school was ***completed*** during the First Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2026-2027: None

Monitoring of the following schools was in ***process*** during the First Quarter of PY 2026-2027:

School	State ID	Results
Fresno City College	8660	In Process
J&R Trucking School	8151	In Process

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AGENDA ITEM:	5
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ACTION:	INFORMATION

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Ryan McAlister, Senior Client Training Coordinator

SUBJECT: Individual Training Account Overview

INFORMATION:

The following report is for the period of July 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.

For Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth
Total Enrolled from 7/1/2026 to 09/30/2026

Industry	Enrolled	Completed	Active	Total ITA Expenditures
Accommodation and Food Services	3	0	3	$10,000.00
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll	45	12	33	$92,500.00
Administrative and Support Services	8	2	6	$14,074.66
Automotive Services	2	0	2	$242.00
Construction	31	6	25	$90,000.00
Contract Management	1	0	1	$0.00
Health Care and Social Assistance	199	70	129	$120,714.87
Information Service	4	0	4	$1,768.25
Manufacturing	19	3	16	$46,286.50
Transportation and Warehousing	27	16	11	$58,906.50
Total	**339**	**109**	**230**	**$434,492.78**

Enrolled: Training activities that were open at some point during the period, regardless of the begin date of the activity.

Completed: Training activities that ended during the period.

Active: Training activities that were open as of September 30, 2026. This number includes unsuccessful completions as well.

Expenditures: The amount that has been paid for the activities shown, through September 30, 2026.

The following chart is based on unique clients by gender as of September 30, 2026.

Unique Clients by Gender			
	Male	Female	Undisclosed
Urban	102	140	1
Rural	34	44	0
Total	**136**	**184**	**1**

The following chart shows urban and rural enrollments as of September 30, 2026.

	Total in Training	All Completed Training Activity	Active Training Activity	Total Unique Clients
Urban	261	87	174	243
Rural	78	22	56	78
Urban & Rural Total	**339**	**109**	**230**	**321**

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager

SUBJECT: ValleyBuild Overview

INFORMATION:

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring special workforce development projects to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in construction and support the development of a resilient workforce.

ValleyBuild

To provide skilled training to unemployed, underemployed, and barriered individuals in the in-demand construction sector in partnership with 14 counties.

The ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program consists of an intensive six (6)-week, full-time, Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) certified training in partnership with local Building Trade Councils providing hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates such as OSHA 10, CPR/First Aid, Forklift, and Hazardous Waste Awareness. Wrap-around job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Enhanced services include a three (3) to four (4)-week preparatory "Bootcamp" and eight (8)-week paid work experience, post MC3.

ValleyBuild currently operates under three (3) active grants:

Good Jobs Challenge (Local): $1,807,382.48

Purpose: The Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was awarded funding in partnership with the Fresno K-16 Collaborative, San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, Generation USA, Madera Workforce Development Board, and FRWDB under the Economic Development Administration's American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge. The Fresno County EDC was awarded $23,015,216.00 to fund the project in the Central Valley. Serving as the construction backbone of the project, the FRWDB was awarded $1,807,382.48 in grant funds to expand career opportunities for Americans to reach their full potential and secure good-paying jobs. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the ValleyBuild program and will prepare jobseekers for careers in the building and construction trades.

Target Population: All

Period of Performance: June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2027

Workforce Accelerator Fund 13: $500,000.00

The Valley Build Tribal and Veterans' Initiative aims to enhance union-based apprenticeship training for Tribal communities and veterans, building on over a decade of successful MC3 training programs. By providing tailored outreach, holistic support services, and mentorship, this initiative seeks to address employment and equity gaps in the union construction sector, ultimately securing stable, well-paying careers for our participants.

Target Population: Veteran and Native Americans

Period of Performance: May 1, 2025, to March 31, 2027

High Road Construction Careers 2026 Round 1: $1,322,756.00

ValleyBuild will build upon its established High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) model to continue delivering regional construction workforce development services across the Central Valley through HRCC 2026 Round One bridge funding. As an existing HRCC partnership, ValleyBuild is a proven regional model that connects Workforce Development Boards, Building Trades Councils, Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees, community-based organizations, tribal partners, and employers to prepare participants for high-quality careers in the building and construction trades.

During this funding period, ValleyBuild will implement five (5) cohorts drawn from ValleyBuild's 15-county service area: Stanislaus County will host one (1) cohort of 15 participants; Kern County and San Joaquin County will each host one (1) cohort of 20 participants; and Fresno County will host two (2) cohorts of 20 participants each, including one (1) standard MC3 cohort and one (1) disaster recovery-enhanced MC3 cohort with a tribal focus.

Target Population: Veterans, women, justice involved, Native Americans, under-served and under-employed populations.

Period of Performance: June 1, 2026, to December 31, 2027

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Nancy Gamboa, Interim Special Projects Manager

SUBJECT: Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Overview

INFORMATION:

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring special workforce development projects to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in forestry and support the development of a resilient workforce.

Greater Sierra Forestry Corps

Greater Sierra Forestry Corps (GSFC) is a partnership of private industry, workforce agencies, community colleges, organized labor, and environmental organizations committed to bringing additional resources to train new workers to deal with the ever-growing problem of dead and dying trees in the Greater Sierra. Partners include Mother Lode Job Training, Columbia College, Sierra Resource Management, Yosemite Adult School, Cal FIRE Local 2881, National Federation of Federal Employees: Forest Service Council 2995, Associated California Loggers, Sierra Pacific Industries, TuCare, Tuolumne River Trust, Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions, and Sierra Resource Conservation District.

The program consists of an intensive three (3)-phase 20-week, full-time training in partnership with the Local Conservation Corps and Adult Education providers delivering hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates listed below. Wraparound job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing, and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Training time can include an eight (8)-week paid work experience.

Certifications:

CSTI Hazmat FRO/DECON
OSHA-10
Public Safety First Aid/CPR
SFT Confined Space Awareness

NWCG Certifications:
S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws
L-180
S-190
S-130
FEMA-ICS-100, 200, 700,800

The GSFC currently operates under Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds and English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training Fund.

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Veronica McAlister, Associate Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Adult and Young Adult Discretionary Grants Report

INFORMATION:

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board to bring additional workforce development resources to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in a variety of sectors and support the development of a resilient workforce.

DISCRETIONATY GRANTS OVERVIEW:

English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training

Combines English as a Second Language instruction with career training to help English learners earn industry credentials and secure employment. Valley Regional Occupational Program provides training for Certified Nursing Assistants in Parlier, Wildland Firefighters/Forestry Technicians in Selma, and Heavy Equipment Operators in Sanger.

Grant Amount: $3,330,000.00
Amount Expended: $1,901,212.00 (57%)
Participant Goal: 210
Participants Served to Date: 183 (87% of goal)
Grant Period: October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026

Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)

Expands access to quality jobs for individuals from underserved and underrepresented populations. Participants receive training through Individual Training Accounts using the Eligible Training Provider List in the healthcare, manufacturing, and logistics sectors. RERP also supports the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corps program through braided funding.

Grant Amount: $1,050,729.00
Amount Expended: $764,025.00 (73%)
Participant Goal: 220
Participants Served to Date: 222 (101% of goal)
Grant Period: December 1, 2022 – December 31, 2026

EMS Corps

Prepares young adults for careers in emergency medical services through vocational training with State Center Community College, certification, and wraparound support. Participants receive life coaching, physical fitness training, and group counseling through healing circles. Supportive services help cover transportation and employment-related costs, including background checks, immunizations, certifications, licenses, uniforms, and equipment.

Grant Amount: $1,270,000.00
Amount Expended: $645,184.00 (51%)
Participant Goal: 60
Participants Served to Date: 64 (107% of goal)
Grant Period: May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2027

Growth Opportunities

Prepares justice-involved youth and young adults for employment through education, training, paid work experience, mentorship, and leadership development. Participants complete violence prevention, leadership, and career readiness workshops before transitioning to a 200-hour paid work experience with Career Nexus or the Center for Employment Opportunities. They then receive job search assistance and referrals to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act-funded vocational training or education partners to support their career goals.

Grant Amount: $2,000,000.00
Amount Expended: $254,253.00 (12.7%)
Participant Goal: 154
Participants Served to Date: 30 (19% of goal)
Grant Period: March 1, 2025 – August 31, 2028

One Fresno Youth Job Corps Program

Supports Youth Job Corps participants through individualized case management and assistance with employment-related costs. Participants receive one-on-one guidance and supportive services throughout their participation in the program.

Grant Amount: $600,000.00
Amount Expended: $354,843.00 (59.14%)
Participant Goal: No set target
Participants Served to Date: 128
Grant Period: July 1, 2024 – until funds are fully expended

Student Training and Employment Program

Helps youth ages 16–21 with disabilities documented through an Individualized Education Program or 504 plan build workplace skills and transition to unsubsidized employment. Participants complete career exploration, resume development, financial literacy, and job readiness workshops, followed by paid work experience aligned with their career interests.

Grant Amount: $979,447.00
Amount Expended: $799,199.00 (82%)
Participant Goal: 208
Participants Served to Date: 195 (94% of goal)
Grant Period: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Ryan McAlister, Senior Client Training Coordinator

SUBJECT: Overview of Staff Trainings

INFORMATION:

The list below shows training that occurred during the First Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2026-2027. These trainings were made available for Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board staff, Provider staff, and partner staff.

1. July 1-2: Soft Skills IMAGO Workshop Facilitator Training (Facilitators)
2. July 20: Technical Skills Workshop Facilitator Training (Facilitators)
3. August 4: Special Projects & Discretionary Grants Case Management (All Providers)
4. September 17-18: AI in Case Management (All Staff)

The following trainings have occurred or will be offered during the Second Quarter of PY 2026-2027:

5. October 9: CalJOBS Training: From Referral to Outcomes (All Staff)
6. November 13: CalJOBS Training: Case Notes/Document Upload (All Staff)
7. November 18: All Staff Conference (All Staff)
8. December 18: CalJOBS Training: Objective Assessment & Individual Employment Plan (All Staff)
9. TBD: Technical Skills Workshop Training (Youth Facilitators)