



FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council Meeting
August 5, 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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2.	Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Training Funds – Fresno City College	Lopez	Yes	Recommend to Approve	8
3.	Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Training Funds – Valley Regional Occupational Program	Lopez	Yes	Recommend to Approve	9
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11.	November 4, 2026, 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		
Barnes State Center Federation of Teachers	P	XX		
Dart Dart Realty	P	XX		
Hensley Hensley Associates	P	XX		
Miller Gazebo Gardens	P	XX		
Olivares TransAmerica	P	XX		
Vicente BMO Bank	P	XX		
Zabrycki* CAPTRUST	A	XX		
Zeitz Fresno County Economic Development Corporation	P	XX		

* = Chairperson

P = Present

A = Absent

-- = Not a Ratified Member at Time of Meeting

XX = Meeting Canceled

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AGENDA ITEM:	1
MEETING DATE:	August 5, 2026
ACTION:	APPROVE

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TO: Skills Development Council
FROM: Blake Konczal, Executive Director
SUBJECT: February 4, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

February 4, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes



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Skills Development Council
February 4, 2026

SUMMARY MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Lacy Barnes, Douglas Dart, Jeff Hensley, Scott Miller, Joe Olivares, Sandra Vicente, and Chris Zeitz

ABSENT – Steven Avila and Lydia Zabrycki

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.	<u>November 5, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes</u> Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), presented the November 5, 2025, Skills Development Council (Council) meeting minutes for the Council's approval, or correction and approval. OLIVARES/DART – APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 5, 2025, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (UNANIMOUS)
2.	<u>Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report</u> Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager, FRWDB, presented for the Council's recommendation, the acceptance of the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the Second Quarter Program Year (PY) 2025-2026. Ms. Moncivais stated that the monitoring of three (3) schools was completed for the Second Quarter of PY 2025-2026 and one (1) was in process. She indicated that the results from the in-process monitoring would be reflected in the Third Quarter report. OLIVARES/MILLER – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB ACCEPT THE ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST MONITORING REPORT. (UNANIMOUS)

3. Individual Training Account Overview

Jose Espinoza, Training Manager, FRWDB, provided the Council with an overview of the FRWDB's Individual Training Accounts for the period of July 2025, through December 2025. Mr. Espinoza 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 Expenditure of \$2,126,449.27.

Mr. Espinoza also presented a report on the number of unique individuals enrolled in 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 Olivares asked where participants can go with accounting and tax preparation training, as it had the second highest number of enrolled on the report. Mr. Espinoza explained that a lot of those participants look for bookkeeping positions in healthcare facilities.

Director Zeitz asked if FRWDB was considering more Commercial Driver's License referrals due to there being a possible loss of drivers in California. Mr. Espinoza stated that FRWDB had conversations internally regarding the possibility of losing drivers and that he would work with Kyle Hamilton, ETPL Coordinator, FRWDB, to gain clarity on the situation.

This was an information item.

4. ValleyBuild Overview

Ashley Matthews, Senior Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, spoke about the ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program and the multiple grants that fund that project. Ms. Matthews provided a PowerPoint presentation that showed the regional performance progress for ValleyBuild's North, South, and Central regions.

In reference to the PowerPoint, Director Barnes asked what happened when enrollments were low, referring to MotherLode's enrollments. Ms. Matthews explained that modifications were made with funding, which resulted in the addition of the Oakhurst and Sonora cohorts to help increase enrollments.

Ms. Matthews shared that the newest project under ValleyBuild was the Disaster Recovery Program. The program brings some of the certifications from the Forestry Program and incorporates them into the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) Program.

Director Hensley asked if there was any concern for the Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) not surviving budget cuts. Ms. Matthews stated she did not foresee any WDBs being in jeopardy. Mr. Konczal noted that it was essential to maintain relationships with the Building Trades Councils.

This was an information item.

5. Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Overview

Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, provided an overview of the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps, which included a PowerPoint presentation that showed the program's regional performance progress, and shared about events that happened in December 2025. Currently in progress were four (4) cohorts: Sonora, Oakhurst, Fresno, and Bakersfield.

Mr. Konczal noted that the YMCA at Camp Sequoia Lake had an existing Forest Management Plan, which allowed the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps trainees to get hands-on training.

Ms. Lopez shared participant highlights that all demonstrated the positive impact the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps had on their lives.

This was an information item.

6. Adult and Young Adult Discretionary Grants Report

Veronica McAlister, Associate Deputy Director, FRWDB, presented an overview of the Adult and Young Adult Discretionary grant funding. She reviewed the English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training (ELL-IET) Grant, Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) Grant, Prison to Employment (P2E) Grant, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corps Grant, One Fresno Youth Grant, Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) 2.0 Grant, and Growth Opportunities Grant.

In her overview, Ms. McAlister stated that the Growth Opportunities Grant would launch in spring 2026. She also pointed out that the STEP Year Two (2) Grant ended on December 31, 2025, but had rolled over to STEP Year Three (3). She explained that RERP, P2E, and STEP met their goals. ELL, and EMS Corps were on track to have their goals met. The One Fresno Youth Grant contract was extended by the City of Fresno, which allowed more people to be served.

Ms. McAlister highlighted two (2) grants: ELL-IET and EMS Corps. She stated that the ELL-IET Grant partnered with Valley Regional Occupational Program as a training provider, which had led to three (3) trainings: Certified Nursing Assistant, Wildland Firefighting, and Heavy Equipment Operator. Ms. McAlister also pointed out that the EMS Corps was in its first cohort and participants were scheduled to graduate in March.

This was an information item.

7. Overview of Staff Trainings

Mr. Espinoza presented an overview of trainings that had occurred in the Second Quarter, which included Compliance Guidance Part 2 for youth providers, FRWDB All Staff Conference, and Eligibility and Intake Procedures for Adult and Dislocated Worker providers. He also provided a list of upcoming staff trainings for the Third Quarter of PY 2025-2026.

This was an information item.

8. Information Sharing

There was no information shared by Council members.

9. May 6, 2026, Agenda Items

No items were added for the May 6, 2026, agenda.

10. Meeting Feedback

There was no meeting feedback provided.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM:	2
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ACTION:	RECOMMEND TO APPROVE

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager

SUBJECT: Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Training Funds – Fresno City College

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board approve one (1) cohort contract award to the State Center Community College District in the amount of \$90,658.40 to provide the introduction to the Forestry Technician Program at Fresno City College - Fire Academy.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of this recommendation will allow eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) participants to receive industry-recognized training through the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps in partnership with Fresno City College - Fire Academy.

The Training costs will include:

- One (1) cohort of 15 participants
- CSTI HAZMAT FRO/DECON, SFT Confined Space Awareness, Public Safety First Aid and CPR, tree identification, team-building exercises, and physical training
- FEMA ICS 100 & 200 Training and Certification, NIMS 700 & 800 Certification
- Introduction to tool usage and maintenance, high heat safety training, Leave No Trace Training
- Supplies

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this item will allocate \$90,658.40 in WIOA training funds for one (1) Greater Sierra Forestry Corps cohort.

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AGENDA ITEM:	3
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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager

SUBJECT: Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Training Funds – Valley Regional Occupational Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board approve one (1) cohort contract award to the Valley Regional Occupational Program (VROP) in the amount of \$104,398.00 to provide the Wildland & Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) training. This cohort is scheduled from October 12, 2026, through December 4, 2026.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of this recommendation will allow eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) participants to receive industry-recognized training through the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps in partnership with VROP.

The Training costs will include:

- One (1) cohort of 15 participants
- Wildland Fire Training – 200 Hours
- HEO Training – 40 Hours
- Consumables and Equipment
- Cost of Instruction

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this item will allocate \$104,398.00 in WIOA training funds for one (1) Greater Sierra Forestry Corps cohort.

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AGENDA ITEM:	4
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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 Fourth Quarter of Program Year 2025 – 2026.

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 April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

ATTACHMENT:

Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report – Fourth Quarter, Program Year 2025-2026

Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report**Fourth Quarter, Program Year 2025-2026**

Monitoring of the following schools was **completed** during the Fourth Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2025-2026:

School	State ID	Results
160 Driving Academy	8229	No Findings
Fresno Adult School	529	No Findings
Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training Inc.	5245	No Findings

Monitoring of the following schools was in **process** during the Fourth Quarter of PY 2025-2026:

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

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Martha Espinosa, Deputy Director Marketing, Grants and Business Initiatives

SUBJECT: Adult Business of Excellence Award Winner

INFORMATION:

Martha Espinosa, Deputy Director Marketing, Grants and Business Initiatives, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), will share the success story of the FRWDB's Program Year 2025-2026, Fourth Quarter Adult Business of Excellence Award winner, Span Construction.

The video is available on YouTube.

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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, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

For Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Only Total Enrolled from 7/1/2025 to 06/30/2026

Industry	Enrolled	Completed	Active	Total ITA Expenditures
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll	78	36	42	\$474,120.44
Administrative and Support Services	37	37	0	\$224,752.50
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	1	0	\$7,965.00
Automotive Services	3	1	2	\$1,107.07
Construction	54	31	23	\$380,000.00
Contract Management	1	0	1	\$2,590.50
Energy	4	4	0	\$15,461.25
Health Care and Social Assistance	284	156	128	\$1,360,713.30
Information Service	34	30	4	\$204,341.75
Logging and Forestry	25	25	0	\$0.00
Manufacturing	49	34	15	\$442,028.00
Marketing Analysis Services	1	1	0	\$0.00
Transportation and Warehousing	73	60	13	\$145,758.75
	644	416	228	\$3,258,838.56

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 June 30, 2026. This number includes unsuccessful completions as well.

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

The following chart is based on unique clients by gender as of June 2026.

	Unique Clients by Gender		
	Male	Female	Undisclosed
Urban	216	229	1
Rural	85	85	0
Total	301	314	1

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

	Total in Training	All Completed Training Activity	Active Training Activity	Total Unique Clients
Urban	468	302	166	446
Rural	176	114	62	170
Urban & Rural Total	644	416	228	616

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TO: Skills Development Council
FROM: Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager
SUBJECT: Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Overview

INFORMATION:

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board 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 includes an eight (8)-week paid work experience.

Certifications:

NWCG-S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws
HAZWOPER-40
OSHA-10
First Aid/CPR
Confined Space Awareness

NWCG Certifications:

S-212
L-180
S-190
S-130
FEMA-ICS-100, 200, 700,800

The GSFC currently operates under Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds.

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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. The Fourth Quarter Discretionary Grants Report will be shared with Council at the meeting.

Discretionary Grants Overview

Grant	Purpose	Grant End Date	Amount Awarded	Expended to Date	Served to Date
English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training (ELL-IET)	Provides English language learners with integrated English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction and workforce training that leads to credentials and employment.	12/31/26	\$3,330,000	\$1,719,535 51.64%	150
Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)	Improves job quality and job access for people from under-served and under-represented populations.	12/31/26	\$1,050,729	\$600,265 57.13%	220
Prison 2 Employment (P2E)	Connects formerly incarcerated individuals to workforce services that support successful transition into employment.	6/30/26	\$568,636	\$537,067 94.45%	62
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corps	Prepares young adults for careers in emergency medical services through training, certification, and wrap-around services.	1/31/27	\$1,270,000	\$472,741 37.22%	43
One Fresno Youth Job Corps (YJCP)	Provides supportive services and individual support needed for employment.	12/31/26	\$600,000	\$354,843 59.14%	84
Student Training and Employment Program (STEP)	Offers paid work experience and subsidized employment to help participants build skills and transition to unsubsidized jobs.	12/31/26	YTD \$979,447	YTD \$724,540 73.97%	Y3: 24 YTD 179
Growth Opportunities	Prepares justice-involved young adults for the world of work through education and training, paid work experience, mentorship, and leadership development.	8/31/28	\$2,000,000	\$254,252.64 12.71%	16

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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 Fourth Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2025-2026. These trainings were made available for Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) staff, Provider staff, and partner staff.

1. April 2nd – Standardized the new IMAGO Soft Skills Workshops (All Providers)
2. May 14th & 21st (Fresno East & Fresno West location) – Training on “Connecting with Youth & Managing Challenging Situations” (Youth)
3. May Multiple Days (All Locations) – All Staff Rollout Workshops: Lunch and Learn (All Providers)
4. June 23rd – Onboarded new hires: New Hire Orientation, Company Culture, Processes, and Procedures (FRWDB)

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

5. July 1st and 2nd – Soft Skills Imago Workshop Facilitator Training (Facilitators)
6. July 20th – Technical Skills Workshop Facilitator Training (Facilitators)
7. To Be Determined – CalJOBS Navigation and Training (All Providers)
8. September 18th – AI in Case Management (All Providers)