

**STANISLAUS COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION COMMITTEE (EDAC)**

Monday, March 27, 2017, 3 p.m.
Alliance Kirk Lindsey Center – Tenth Street Plaza
1020 10th Street, Suite 102
Modesto, CA 95354

**Special Meeting
Minutes**

Members Present: Steve Hallam (Ceres); Harold “Bud” Hill (Hughson); Doug Ridenour (Modesto); Laroy McDonald (Newman); Debbie Olson (Riverbank Alternate); Cherilyn Bairos (Oakdale); Joshua Noranjo (Patterson); Katrina Kidd (District 1); Jeff Rowe (District 2); Jon Rodriguez (District 3); Harpreet Singh (Community) (late arrival); Ron Jackson (Community); Lance Boullion (Community); Bob Hondeville (Community); David White (Community)

Members Absent: Supervisor Jim DeMartini (District 5); Representatives of Turlock and Waterford; Cecil Russell (District 4); Rosalinda Vierra (Community); Jennifer Carter (Community)

Others Present: Tera Chumley (Secretary/Chief Executive Office); Laurie Smith (City of Modesto)

Call to Order at 3:07 p.m. by Committee Chair, Ron Jackson.

A quorum of members was established.

Public Comment Period – No one from the public was in attendance.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Committee Chair, Ron Jackson, welcomed everyone to the meeting; those in attendance introduced themselves

II. Approval of Minutes of **October 27, 2016** Meeting

A quorum of members attending the October meeting was established.

Motion to approve the Minutes of October 27, 2016.

Motion: White / Second: Rodriguez / Unanimous (11/15) / Abstain/non-attendees (3)

III. Approval of Minutes of **March 9, 2017** Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2017.

Motion: Hill / Second: Ridenour / Unanimous (7/10) / Abstain/non-attendees (8)

IV. Secretary Report:

- a. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update – Review and Motion to Approve

Secretary Chumley shared the updated CEDS document that had been discussed at the last meeting (March 9th) and opened the floor for further discussion. Since there were no other questions or comments, Ms. Chumley requested a motion to approve the document.

Motion to approve the Stanislaus County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update (2017-2022).

Motion: Hallam / Second: Ridenour / Unanimous (14)

Next steps – Tera will send the document to our Regional EDA Representative, Wil Marshall, for review and approval. The approved document will then go to the BOS April 18th; the document will be good for 12 months after EDA approval. At the next update, Tera will be looking in depth at information and formatting. If any members are interested in working on a sub group on the next update, please contact Tera.

V. Other Information

- a. Upcoming Meetings:

- TBD – next meeting possibly in October; Wil Marshall usually attends the fall meeting.

- b. Project/Grant Updates

- VOLT Update/Dave White – Opportunity Stanislaus is in the process of submitting a grant application to EDA for the purchase of \$1 million in equipment for the VOLT program (Valley Occupational Learning and Technical Institute). VOLT will be located in the Modesto Bee building and operated by the Stanislaus County Office of Education. VOLT provides training skills for very difficult to recruit jobs in the industrial sector. Opportunity Stanislaus is currently fund raising for the \$500,000 local match; funds must be local money; federal dollars cannot be used.
- Riverbank/Debbie – Riverbank has submitted a grant request for \$1.5 for an upgraded water system for a company who has a tentative lease for a cellulosic ethanol plant. The proposal has been accepted and the project is expected to be funded in the next few months.
- City of Modesto/Laurie Smith – update on the Link Modesto Fiber Infrastructure Project. This will be the first EDA project grant for the City.

- c. Reminder – Form 700 is due by March 31 – On line filing is not available yet; consequently, the Clerk of the Board requires an original/wet signature.

VI. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.