

J O I N T M E E T I N G

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MADERA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCEDC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS THE CEDS COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

July 12, 2023

This meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Social distancing per the Executive Order were used at the meeting. Members of the public were advised at posting of the agenda that comments were accepted via email at info@maderacountyedc.com.

PRESENT: Ollia Ridge, Waseem Ahmed, Santos Garcia, Laura Young, Jordan Womhoff,
Brad Ditton

ABSENT: Danielle Melella, Paige Hill, Jody Machado, Maiknue Vang, Rob Poythress

STAFF: Darren Rose, Lois Leonard

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

3.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

None.

4.0 **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

No Changes.

5.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 **Madera County Economic Development Commission Minutes**
-April 12, 2023

5.2 **Madera County Economic Development Commission Financial Report**
- June 2023

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit

On motion by Commissioner Wamhoff and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit cost of \$5250 for Ralph McKinnis, CPA is approved. Motion carried.

6.2 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)

On motion by Commissioner Wamhoff and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, MCEDC Board of Commissioners will adjourn to the CEDs committee meeting at 3:12 pm. Motion carried. Returned to the MCEDC Board of Commissioners meeting at 3:19 pm.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None.

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORT/INFORMATION

9.1 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Garcia- (City of Madera)- *reported the city had previously taken a loan out for the municipal golf course and that loan will be paid off in November of 2023.*

Commissioner Ridge -(Golden Valley Chamber)- *reported the chamber recently had two mixers. One of them was held at the Fossil Discovery Center in Fairmead. They had a 4th of July fireworks booth.*

Commissioner Womhoff -(Board of Supervisors)- *reported on the activity in the South East part of the county. Tim Jones will be adding an additional 5,000 acres, SW of Riverstone and NW of Children’s Hospital. The project will include homes and commercial development. Tesojo Viejo has 3 million sq feet of planned commercial development.*

Commissioner Young -(Coarsegold Chamber)- *reported they will have their annual Labor Day Peddlers fair. Hoping the weather will not be as hot as last year. The Memorial Day event was well attended.*

Commissioner Ahmed -(City of Chowchilla)- *reported the city continues with their Centennial Celebration. July 14th they will have music in the park and will open a time capsule.*

Commissioner Ditton -(Bass Lake Chamber)- *reported Bass Lake is full and they’re letting water out. The annual fireworks were great. Business is good in the foothills. He gave an update on his 4,000 acre project on the corner of Hwy 41 and Road 200.*

9.2 **Executive Director-** *Reported he attended the ICSC show in May. He had lots and meetings and leads. Attended the CALED conference that was educational with lots of networking. Attended two NAIOP events with CCVEDC. Currently working on a mix of projects light industrial, commercial, and retail in all jurisdictions. Plus an expansion project that would create 20-100 jobs. He gave an update on the RFP Website process. The committee narrowed the applicants down to two. They will have presentations from each applicant on the 17th before making a recommendation. He's hoping to find sponsors to help cover some of the cost.*

9.3 **Manager of Business Development & Marketing-** *Report as presented.*

9.4 **Business Assistance/Office Manager-** *Lois reported the County Micro Grant closed in June and the County ARPA grant closed on July 7, 2023. The City of Madera Micro grant is still open with funds available for two more grants.*

10.0 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Commission will be held October 11, 2023.

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Leonard
Recording Secretary