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GOLDEN SIERRA JOB TRAINING AGENCY

**GOVERNING BODY
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 @ 11:00am

**Golden Sierra Job Training Agency
Board Room
115 Ascot Drive, Suite 100
Roseville, CA 95661**

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GOLDEN SIERRA JOB TRAINING AGENCY

**GOVERNING BODY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, July 30, 2026 @ 10:00am

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**Alpine County
100 Hawkins Ranch Rd.
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I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Quorum was established and meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Supervisor Mecak

Governing Body:

☒ Bonnie Gore ☒ Lori Parlin ☒ Evan Mecak

GSJTA Staff:

☒ Jason Buckingham ☐ Darlene Galipo
☒ Melissa Keefe ☒ Lisa Nelson

Guests: None

II. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

- Approval of Minutes of June 01, 2026, GB Meeting

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented, by Gore, second by Parlin

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

IV. **APPROVE WORKFORCE BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet. New application for Thomas

Motion to approve Workforce Development Board membership, as presented, by Gore, second by Parlin

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote

V. **APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet.

Motion to approve Amendment 2 to Executive Director Employment Agreement, as presented, by Gore, second by Parlin

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote

VI. **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet. Information only – no action required.

VII. **WIOA SERVICE PROVIDER REPORTS (INFO)**

Website link, information and reports shared in the agenda packet. Information only - no action required.

- Advance - Alpine / South Lake Tahoe
- GSJTA - Placer & El Dorado County

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS**

- FY2026-2027 Agency Budget – Final
- GASB 75 OPEB – Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 @ 11:00am (***please note date/time change***)
(agenda stated September 30th as Thursday, correction made to Wednesday)

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 10:35 am by Mecak, second by Gore

Motion approved unanimously

GOLDEN SIERRA GOVERNING BODY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30, 2026
TO: Governing Body (GB)
FROM: Jason Buckingham, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Approve Resolution 26-01 - Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Before the Board for review is the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. The Final Budget has been developed based on allocated awards for the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) Fiscal Year 2026-2027 funding stream as well as related workforce development grants.

Several regional and local grants awarded during Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and prior years will carry forward into Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

- *Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership (RERP)*: Awarded by the California Workforce Development Board
- The *Industry Driven Regional Collaboratives Grant* (IDRC) funding from Sierra College
- *Regional Collaboration Project* (RCP): Awarded by the Employment Development Department (EDD)
- *Student Training and Employment Program* (STEP)
- Department of Rehabilitation *America's Job Center of California* (DOR-AJCC) Collaboration Project

The budget utilizes a priority-based model, approved by the Governing Body, intended to meet the requirements of the awarded grants while funding Agency debt obligations.

The Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Workforce Development Board and the Executive Committee at their September 17, 2026 meetings.

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY
GOLDEN SIERRA JOB TRAINING AGENCY

In the matter of: Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Resolution No.: 26-01

Ordinance No.: _____

First Reading: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Governing
Body of the Golden Sierra Job Training Agency at a regular meeting held
September 30, 2026 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Evan Mecak, Chair of the Governing Body

Attest:

Melissa Keefe, Clerk of Governing Body

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Golden Sierra
Job Training Agency, the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 has been
adopted.

Budget Introduction and Overview

Golden Sierra Job Training Agency is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) organized between the counties of Placer, El Dorado and Alpine. The Agency's annual source of funds is allocated by Title I of the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)*. Additionally, the Agency administers miscellaneous grants and awards that complement the WIOA Title I objectives and the stated purpose of the JPA.

Approach in Developing the Final Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/2027

The model used to develop the Consortium's annual budget is the Priority Based Budget model. The goal is to develop a budget based on the relationship between program funding levels and expected results from that program. The objectives are to retain cost-efficient and effective ways to meet the requirements of WIOA while providing quality services to participants and meeting the debt obligations of the Agency.

The FY 2026/2027 Final Budget:

The Final Budget presentation is based on actual carry-in funding, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I formula allocations, and funding from competitive grant awards administered by the Agency. Programs funded through competitive awards are categorized as Non-Allocation Grants.

Several regional and local grants awarded during FY 2025/2026 and prior years will carry-in to FY 2026/2027. Regional funding includes the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership (RERP) Grant awarded by the California Workforce Development Board, and the Regional Coordination Project (RCP) awarded by the Employment Development Department (EDD). These grants are administered by Golden Sierra on behalf of the Capital Region Workforce Boards, including the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), the North Central Counties Consortium (NCCC), and Yolo County.

Local funding sources include the Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) and the Department of Rehabilitation - America's Job Center of California (DOR-AJCC) Collaboration Project. The Agency was recently notified that the DOR-AJCC grant funding would be rescinded, resulting in the grant ending on September 30, 2026, approximately seven months earlier than anticipated.

The Agency was also selected to be part of California's AI Workforce Blueprint design team and will receive \$50,000 for its participation in the effort.

The budget meets mandated funding requirements as follows:

- 20% of the Adult and Dislocated Worker funding will support *Direct Training* with a planned assumption of 10% leverage to meet the full requirement of 30% with a 20/10 ratio of WIOA cash/leverage as allowable.
- 20% of the Youth funding is earmarked to meet the *Youth Work Based Learning* (WBL) requirement as outlined in the WIOA Title I award. To clarify, *Work Based Learning* only includes a participant's enrollment in employment-related training such as On-The-Job Training (OJT) or Work Experience (WEX). It does not include classroom training.
- The remaining cost objectives required of the Title I funding are to maintain a minimum of one *Comprehensive - America's Job Center (AJCC)* in the *Local Area*, strategically utilize financial resources to meet the debt service required payments for the liabilities of the JPA, and participate in the continued development of both local and regional workforce systems.

Notes – Final Budget FY 2026/2027

Note:

- There is a planned transfer of 75% of the awarded Dislocated Worker funding to the Adult funding category. Up to 100% is allowable by law.
- The Total Funding Sources for Final Budget FY 2026/2027 reflect a 4.29% increase from the Draft Budget for FY 2026/2027. These increases are the result of greater than anticipated allocation, new non-allocation grants, and disbursement from the Agency's California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) which will help offset the required pension payments for the year. The total funding difference between Draft Budget FY 2026/2027 and Final Budget FY 2026/2027 is an increase of \$318,832.
- Operational expenditures in the Final Budget FY 2026/2027 have increased over the Draft Budget FY 2026/2027 by 13.69%. This includes an increase in Retiree Benefits of 30.5%; this increase is due to two factors. First, the CEPPT disbursement was calculated as an offset in the Draft Budget FY 2026/2027 without accounting for the revenue. This strategy reduced the retiree benefits line item in the Draft Budget FY 2026/2027 presentation. For Final Budget FY 2026/2027 we are accounting for both the revenue and the expense. Second, there is the addition of a \$150,000 payment to the Agency's California Employer's Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT). This payment reduces the Agency's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability. There is an increase in Professional Services primarily due to internal changes in the coding structure used to account for Service & Supplies and Professional Services; the real change is a combined increase of 25.43%. The increased expenses will assist with updating the technology infrastructure, promoting collaborative AJCC staff/partner development activities and supporting workforce development events in the Golden Sierra region.
- The final Budget reflects an increase in Career & Training Services of 19.98%. This is due to an increase in the training line item to align with additional funding, as well as Comprehensive Career Services to provide workshops for businesses and job seekers.
- Board Initiatives have increased by 66.67%, bringing that line item to \$50,000 for Board discretionary items.

Description of Schedules		
<u>Schedule 1</u>	<u>Consortium Draft Budget FY 2026/2027 to Final Budget FY 2026/2027</u>	Schedule is based on carry-in funding, non-allocation carry-in, and new awards. Expenditures have been adjusted based on anticipated costs, WIOA spending requirements, and pension debt service requirements and shows a comparison of Draft Budget FY 2026/2027 to Final Budget FY 2026/2027
<u>Schedule 2</u>	<u>Consortium Cost Center Detail</u>	
	Consortium Administration:	Includes fiscal management, procurement, and human resource functions.
	Consortium Program Operations:	Includes program oversight and technical assistance to member counties. Staff and consultants have expertise in ADA/EO compliance, program monitoring, WIOA continual refinement, and database management.
	Consortium Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion:	Includes activities related to business outreach, workshop facilitation, and labor exchange. Staff have expertise in helping affected employees return to work as quickly as possible following a layoff and developing early-warning systems to prevent layoffs altogether.
	Consortium Comprehensive One-Stop:	Includes the physical location and related operating expenses of the required job center that offers universal access and comprehensive employment-related programs and services.
	El Dorado County Career and Training Services:	Includes FY 2025/2026 carry-in funds and FY 2026/2027 WIOA funding to be administered by the Agency.
	Placer County Career and Training Services:	Includes FY 2025/2026 carry-in funds and FY 2026/2027 WIOA funding to be administered by the Agency.
	South Lake Tahoe / Alpine County Career and Training Services:	Services awarded to <i>Advance</i> . Includes balance of contract for FY 2025/2026 and planned FY 2026/2027 WIOA funding awarded to Advance.
	Non-Allocation:	<u>Cost Centers listed here are non-routine in nature managed by the Agency:</u> <u>TTW</u> – Ticket to Work. Funds received through the Ticket to Work program for successfully assisting Persons with Disabilities (PWD) find gainful, and long-term employment. <u>STEP</u> – Student Training and Employment Program. Work experience program for students with disabilities (SWD). <u>DOR</u> – Department of Rehabilitation – America’s Job Center of California (DOR-AJCC) Collaboration Project. A collaborative project to serve people with disabilities in the AJCCs. Projects will work towards lasting systems change that results in increased collaboration between WIOA Title I and IV programs and increased employment and career advancement for individuals with disabilities across California. <u>IDRC</u> – Industry Driven Regional Collaboratives Grant (Sierra College). Empowers colleges to collaboratively address critical workforce skills gaps by building sustainable partnerships with industry. Golden Sierra will provide full-service employer engagement, job readiness, job development, job placement, and work-based learning (where appropriate) for students in applied technology fields. <u>AI</u> – California’s AI Workforce Blueprint. Partnership with the Employment Development Department (EDD) and the California Workforce Association (CWA) to lead the state’s response in developing a statewide AI workforce strategy.
	Regional Grants	<u>RERP</u> – Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership Grant <u>RCP</u> – Regional Coordination Project
	Board Initiatives	Workforce Board Discretionary Funding
	Surplus Funds	<u>Surplus funds, if available, represent discretionary funding for allocation by the Governing Body and are generally used to reduce pension liabilities.</u>

Approved By:
Executive Committee: 9/17/2026
Workforce Board: 9/17/2026
Governing Body

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		Consortium Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Draft Budget	% of Total Funding	Consortium Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Final Budget	% of Total Funding	Column A less Column B Change Between Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Draft Budget to Final Budget	Percent Change from Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Draft Budget to Final Budget	
Funding Sources:								
1	Carry-In WIOA Allocation	\$ 1,342,870	18.07%	\$ 1,370,100	17.68%	\$ 27,230	2.03%	SOURCES
2	Awarded WIOA Allocations	\$ 3,568,597	48.01%	\$ 4,006,465	51.69%	\$ 437,868	12.27%	
3	Carry-In RR	\$ 75,888	1.02%	\$ 83,885	1.08%	\$ 7,997	10.54%	
4	Awarded Rapid Response Funds	\$ 379,439	5.11%	\$ 352,338	4.55%	\$ (27,101)	-7.14%	
5	Carry-In Layoff Aversion Funds	\$ 28,685	0.39%	\$ 34,837	0.45%	\$ 6,152	21.45%	
6	Awarded Layoff Aversion Funds	\$ 143,423	1.93%	\$ 116,633	1.50%	\$ (26,790)	-18.68%	
7	Non Allocation Awards Carried In	\$ 1,893,442	25.48%	\$ 1,736,917	22.41%	\$ (156,525)	-8.27%	
8	Non-Allocation Awards (New)	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 50,000	0.65%	\$ 50,000		
9	Total Funding Sources PY 27	\$ 7,432,343		\$ 7,751,175		\$ 318,832	4.29%	
Expenditures:								
10	Retiree Benefits	\$ 804,693	10.83%	\$ 1,050,087	13.55%	\$ 245,394	30.50%	EXPENDITURES
11	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 1,958,532	26.35%	\$ 2,030,012	26.19%	\$ 71,480	3.65%	
12	Services and Supplies	\$ 436,239	5.87%	\$ 471,839	6.09%	\$ 35,600	8.16%	
13	Professional Services	\$ 86,570	1.16%	\$ 183,942	2.37%	\$ 97,372	112.48%	
14	Salaries, Services, and Supplies Total	\$ 3,286,034	44.21%	\$ 3,735,881	48.20%	\$ 449,847	13.69%	
Career & Training Services								
15	Comprehensive Career Services	\$ 35,989		\$ 98,939	1.28%	\$ 62,950	174.91%	DIRECT CLIENT EXPENDITURES
16	Placer County	\$ 453,172	6.10%	\$ 611,383	5.01%	\$ 158,211	34.91%	
17	El Dorado County	\$ 278,741	3.75%	\$ 388,591	2.71%	\$ 109,850	39.41%	
18	SLT & Alpine County	\$ 200,000	2.69%	\$ 210,000	2.71%	\$ 10,000	5.00%	
19	Non Allocation	\$ 228,084	3.07%	\$ 266,678	3.44%	\$ 38,594	16.92%	
20	Regional Contracts	\$ 853,174	11.48%	\$ 882,911	11.39%	\$ 29,737	3.49%	
21	Career & Training Services Total	\$ 2,049,160	27.57%	\$ 2,458,501	31.72%	\$ 409,341	19.98%	
22	Board Initiatives	\$ 30,000	0.40%	\$ 50,000	0.65%	\$ 20,000	66.67%	WORKFORCE BOARD EXPENDITURES
23	Non allocation Carry-out to New FY	374,793	5.04%	321,109	4.14%	\$ (53,684)	-14.32%	CARRYOUT
24	Allocation carry-out to New FY	\$ 1,692,360	22.77%	\$ 1,185,685	15.30%	\$ (506,675)	-29.94%	
25	Carry-out to PY 28 Total	\$ 2,067,153	27.81%	\$ 1,506,794	19.44%	\$ (560,359)	-27.11%	
26	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,432,343		\$ 7,751,175		\$ 318,832	4.29%	

Approved by:
Executive Committee: 9/17/2026
Workforce Board: 9/17/2026
Governing Body:

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	Consortium Admin (WIOA)	Consortium Program Operations (WIOA)	Consortium Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion	Local Area One-Stop Delivery System	El Dorado County Career and Training Services	Placer County Career and Training Services	Alpine County & South Lake Tahoe Career and Training Services	RERP	STEP	DOR	IDRC	RCP	AI	Ticket to Work	Total of all Funding Sources and Expenditures
#															
1	Funding Sources:														
2	Carry-In Allocation Funds from PY 26	\$ 356,858	\$ 372,127		\$ 122,082	\$ 164,296	\$ 254,738	\$ 100,000							\$ 1,370,100
3	Allocation Awards PY 27	\$ 390,747	\$ 1,583,837	\$ -	\$ 468,896	\$ 542,916	\$ 910,069	\$ 110,000							\$ 4,006,465
4	Carry-In Rapid Response Funds PY 26		\$ 83,885												\$ 83,885
5	Awarded Rapid Response Funds PY 27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 352,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							\$ 352,338
6	Carry-In Layoff Aversion Funds PY 26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,837	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							\$ 34,837
7	Awarded Layoff Aversion Funds PY 27		\$ 116,633	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							\$ 116,633
8	Carry-In Non-Allocation from PY 26				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,911	\$ 285,922	\$ 79,563	\$ 99,866	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 183,655	\$ 1,736,917
9	Actual Non-Allocation Awards PY 27				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000
9	Total Funding Sources	\$ 747,605	\$ 1,955,964	\$ 587,693	\$ 590,978	\$ 707,211	\$ 1,164,807	\$ 210,000	\$ 87,911	\$ 285,922	\$ 79,563	\$ 99,866	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 7,751,175
10	Expenditures:														
10	Consortium Operations:														
11	Retiree Benefits	\$ -	\$ 675,078	\$ 75,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ 750,087
12	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 287,455	\$ 374,108	\$ 354,577	\$ 176,278	\$ 200,320	\$ 338,482		\$ 51,894	\$ 68,415	\$ 63,983	\$ 64,500	\$ 50,000		\$ 2,030,012
13	Services and Supplies	\$ 13,883	\$ 257,237	\$ 29,977	\$ 135,069	\$ 1,468	\$ 19,179	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,098	\$ 930	\$ 6,000	\$ -		\$ 471,839
14	Professional Services	\$ 55,520	\$ 82,573	\$ 6,536	\$ 36,913	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 183,942
14	Consortium Operations Total	\$ 356,858	\$ 1,388,996	\$ 466,099	\$ 348,260	\$ 201,788	\$ 357,661	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,894	\$ 78,913	\$ 64,913	\$ 70,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,435,881
15	Career & Training Services														
15	Program Year 2025/2026 WIOA/Other														
16	Non-Allocation Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 234,028	\$ 650		\$ 32,000			\$ 266,678
17	Placer County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,075	\$ -							\$ 73,075
18	El Dorado County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,274									\$ 62,274
18	SLT and Alpine County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100,000								\$ 100,000
19	Program Year 2026/2027 WIOA/Other														
20	Comprehensive Career Services			\$ 98,939			\$ -								\$ 98,939
21	Non-Allocation Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
22	Placer County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 538,308									\$ 538,308
23	El Dorado County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,317	\$ -	\$ -								\$ 326,317
24	SLT and Alpine County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,000								\$ 110,000
24	Regional Contracts						\$ 87,911					\$ 795,000			\$ 882,911
25	Career & Training Services Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,939	\$ 388,591	\$ 611,383	\$ 210,000	\$ 87,911	\$ 234,028	\$ 650	\$ -	\$ 827,000	\$ -	\$ 2,458,501
26	Board Initiatives														
27	PY 28 Award Expend in Second Year	\$ 390,747	\$ 296,967	\$ 91,594	\$ 93,779	\$ 116,833	\$ 195,764	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,185,685
28	Future Year Expend Non-Allocation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,953	\$ 102,500	\$ 183,655	\$ 321,109
29	PY 27 WIOA Additional Pension Support (ADP)	\$ -	\$ 135,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 150,000
30	PY 27 OPEB (CERBT) payment	\$ -	\$ 135,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						\$ 150,000
31	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 747,605	\$ 1,955,963	\$ 587,693	\$ 590,978	\$ 707,211	\$ 1,164,807	\$ 210,000	\$ 87,911	\$ 285,922	\$ 79,563	\$ 99,866	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 7,751,175
32	Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0

GOLDEN SIERRA GOVERNING BODY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30, 2026

TO: Governing Body (GB)

FROM: Jason Buckingham, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Approve Workforce Development Board (WDB) Membership

Before the Governing Body for review and approval is the following Workforce Development Board Joint Labor member application.

The Executive Committee reviewed and made a recommendation for approval at its September 17th meeting.

Application(s):

- Charlotte Stevens, Union Organizer, International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW)

Resignation(s):

- Rick Larkey, President and CEO, Associated Resources, LLC

Vacancies:

- 2 – Business

Recruitment Efforts:

- Continued outreach to the local business community

GOLDEN SIERRA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

P: 916-773-8540 F: 916-771-2144 E: mkeefe@goldensierra.com
115 Ascot Drive, Suite 140, Roseville, CA 95661

Person Nominated: Charlotte Stevens Title: Union Labor Organizer

Business Name: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245

Business Address: 30 Orange Tree Circle Vacaville, CA 95687

Telephone: 707-372-4025 FAX: _____ E-mail: c4sy@ibew1245.com

Organization submitting nomination: Sacramento Central Labor Council
(ie: Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturing Association, etc.)

Contact Person: Fabrizio Sasso Title: Executive Director

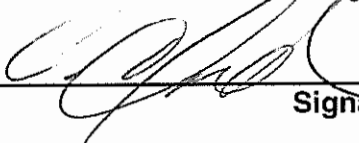
Business Address: 2617 K St. #175 Sacramento, CA 95816

Telephone: 916-712-1238 FAX: _____ E-mail: fabrizio@sacramentolabor.org

(A letter of nomination is required and must be attached to this application or forwarded under separate cover.)

Area of Representation (check all that apply):

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ Business | ☐ Governmental and Economic and Community Development |
| ☒ Workforce | ☐ Economic & Community Development |
| ☒ Labor organizations | ☐ Wagner-Peyser Representative |
| ☒ Joint labor-management apprenticeship program or apprenticeship program | ☐ Vocational Rehabilitation Representative |
| ☐ CBO w/Barrier | ☐ Transportation/Housing/Public Assistance |
| ☐ Youth | ☐ Philanthropic Organization |
| ☐ Education & Training | ☐ Other |
| ☐ Adult Education/Literacy Representative | |
| ☐ Higher Education Representative | |
| ☐ Local Ed/CBO w/Training Barrier | |



Signature

8/19/2026

Date

I hereby submit my application for membership on the Local Workforce Development Board to Golden Sierra Job Training Agency. I have completed and included the following: narrative questions, conflict of interest and nomination letter.

Return all information to:

Melissa Keefe, Administrative Analyst
mkeefe@goldensierra.com
Golden Sierra Job Training Agency
(916) 773-8544

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

What specific experience/expertise do you possess which would be of value to the Workforce Development Board?

I have been an active union member for over 15 years. During that time I have fought and organized for workers throughout California and Nevada to have better economic opportunity, safety standards, fair wages, and a dignified retirement. My background in organizing and community engagement has equipped me with strong skills in outreach, partnership development, problem-solving, and program coordination. I have experience working with diverse populations, building collaborative relationships, and helping connect people to opportunities and resources. I would bring a labor-centered perspective, a commitment to workforce equity, to strengthen workforce development efforts in our region.

Why would you be a good candidate to serve on the Workforce Development Board?

I serve as a member of the executive board for Sacramento Central Labor Council where our on-going mission is worker rights, and expanding economic opportunity throughout the region. I also serve on the scholarship committee at IBEW 1245, providing training, resources, and employment opportunity to diverse populations within our territory. As an Air Force veteran, I understand the importance of connecting workforce training and employment services with the real needs of the community. Through my work in the military and at IBEW 1245, I have developed leadership skills that allow me to bring people together, facilitate productive discussions, and support initiatives that create meaningful outcomes. I have developed relationships with community, business, and legislative leaders who recognize the importance of developing our workforce and creating opportunity. In addition, I am committed to equity and ensuring that workforce development programs are accessible to all members of the community, including individuals facing barriers to employment. I would bring a dedication to helping the Board strengthen workforce opportunities, and contributions to the region's economic growth.

You may attach additional information, including your resume or biography. Further questions should be directed to Melissa Keefe at Golden Sierra Job Training Agency at (916) 773-8544.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST INFORMATION

1. Does your employer/company provide goods and/or services to Golden Sierra Job Training Agency, or have any plans to provide goods and/or services to Golden Sierra Job Training Agency in the future? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please describe below:

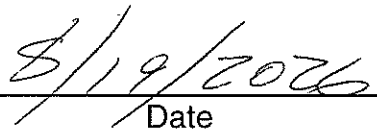
2. You will be setting policy for and possibly allocating funds to community-based organizations, profit and non-profit corporations, school districts and other governmental entities or program operators. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any affiliation with such entities (i.e., ownership; employment; contractual relationships, including Golden Sierra-funded On-the-Job Training (OJT) program participation; commission, board or committee membership)? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, identify below the name of the entity and the nature of the affiliation. (*Immediate family members are: wife, husband, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, step-parent or step-child.*)

3. Do you, or any member of your immediate family (as defined above), have any ownership interest in any commercial real property that is currently leased/rented by Golden Sierra Job Training Agency? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please describe such property by size and location.

If your nomination or application is approved, you will be required to file a limited conflict of interest form with Golden Sierra Job Training Agency prior to assumption of Workforce Development Board membership.



Signature of Applicant



Date



SACRAMENTO CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL AFL - CIO

Embracing Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Yolo and Sacramento Counties

August 20, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to certify that the Sacramento Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO covers the area represented by the Golden Sierra Job Training Agency and recommends Charlotte Stevens to the Golden Sierra Workforce Board in the recently vacated Joint-Labor seat.

Ms. Stevens is an Executive Board member of the Sacramento CLC and someone that I have worked closely with for several years. She is a respected member and representative of IBEW 1245 and their joint-labor program and will a valuable member of your board.

I appreciate your consideration of her appointment.

Sincerely,

Fabrizio Sasso
Executive Director

Director's Update

September 30, 2026

Regional Activities funded by the Workforce Boards

Regional Coordination Project (RCP) Update

Valley Vision (VV) has been designated as the Capital Region's Regional Organizer. The work will be funded through the Regional Coordination Project (RCP) administered by Golden Sierra on behalf of the Capital Region. VV will be leading collaboration among regional workforce boards, education partners, employers, economic development organizations, and other stakeholders. The initiative focuses on strengthening workforce system alignment and expanding career pathways targeting Healthcare, Biosciences, and Precision Manufacturing.

Key activities include facilitating monthly coordination meetings among Golden Sierra, SETA, NCCC, and Yolo Workforce Boards; convening biannual regional stakeholder meetings; coordinating employer engagement efforts across priority industries; and developing workforce resources to support career navigation and participant recruitment.

In addition, VV will document project outcomes through monthly implementation summaries, success stories, and a final report highlighting systems improvements and sustainability recommendations. They will also play a lead role in supporting the Capital Region Planning Unit's two-year Regional Plan modification by coordinating stakeholder engagement, gathering community input, facilitating regional planning discussions, and helping develop required regional indicators and performance metrics.

Overall, the project is intended to strengthen regional collaboration, improve workforce system alignment, increase employer engagement, and support the development of responsive career pathways that meet current and emerging labor market needs.

Sector Strategies:

Agriculture, Water and Environmental Technology (AgWET): Valley Vision held a Veterinary and Animal Sciences Careers Advisory on September 21st. Panelists included the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, and additional outreach is underway to veterinary care providers, specialty hospitals, and higher education institutions.

Planning for the next round of advisories is underway with targeted focus on:

- Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation
- Energy, Construction and Utilities
- Health and Life Sciences
- Business Services
- Public Sector Pathways

CAPBIO Biomanufacturing Initiative Receives \$7.3 Million Award

Valley Vision and regional partners, including UC Agriculture & Natural Resources (UC ANR), Sierra College, UC Davis, Los Rios Community College District, and other economic development and workforce organizations, have been awarded \$7.3 million through the California Jobs First Regional Investment Initiative to launch the Capital Biomanufacturing Alliance (CAPBIO).

The investment builds upon the region's We Prosper Together and California Jobs First efforts and is designed to strengthen the Capital Region's biomanufacturing sector through a coordinated approach focused on three key areas: commercialization and capital investment, production infrastructure, and workforce development.

CAPBIO will support company growth and recruitment, expand biomanufacturing production capacity, and develop training and career pathways aligned with employer demand. The award represents a significant milestone for the region and reflects several years of collaboration among industry, education, workforce, economic development, and community partners to position the Capital Region as a leader in the growing biomanufacturing industry.

More detailed information can be found in the [press release](#).

Accelerator 14 Grant Application Submitted

Valley Vision, applied in partnership with a regional consortium of industry, education, workforce, and economic development partners, for the California Workforce Development Board's (CWDB) Accelerator 14 grant program. The proposed "Quantum Capital" project seeks approximately \$746,000 to develop workforce strategies and talent pipelines that support the emerging quantum technology and semiconductor industries in the Capital Region. The application includes more than \$975,000 in leveraged match contributions and strong support from regional universities, Sierra and Los Rios community college districts, K-12 partners, employers, and regional workforce development boards, including Golden Sierra. If funded, the project would run from January 2027 through March 2029 and support the development of education, training, and workforce pathways aligned with these high-growth sectors. Funding decisions are expected in Fall 2026.

AI in Workforce Development:

Governor Newsom recently signed an Executive Order directing state agencies to address the workforce impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) and help Californians benefit from emerging technologies. The order calls for monitoring AI's impact on the labor market, increasing AI-related workforce training opportunities, and supporting workers and employers as industries adapt to technological change.

As part of the initiative, the California Employment Development Department (EDD) awarded CWA \$749,938 to develop a statewide AI Workforce Blueprint for California's 45 Local Workforce Development Boards. The project will help local workforce systems build AI expertise, track emerging workforce trends, and better prepare job seekers, workers, and businesses for the changing labor market.

Golden Sierra applied for and was selected to serve as a member of the statewide design team that will work directly with CWA and EDD to develop the Blueprint. This selection recognizes Golden Sierra's leadership and provides an opportunity to help shape California's strategy for AI workforce development.

Golden Sierra is one of six agencies selected to participate which include Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board, Long Beach Workforce Innovation Network, NOVAworks Workforce Board, San Diego Workforce Partnership, and Ventura County Workforce Development Board. Participating agencies will receive \$50,000 to support their involvement in the project.

High Performing Board Status:

The Golden Sierra Workforce Development Board was officially designated as a High Performing Board by the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB). High Performing Board status is awarded following a comprehensive review of state performance and fiscal criteria. It recognizes Golden Sierra's continued excellence in workforce development, program performance, and fiscal management. The designation extends Golden Sierra's certification through June 30, 2029.

SERVICE PROVIDER REPORT

ADVANCE at Lake Tahoe Community College

Report Period: July - August 2026

Prepared By: Frank Gerdeman

PARTICIPANT STATUS

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
Number who received basic career services	41	100	41%
Number who received individualized career services	17 (2)	50	34%
Number who received training services	5 (1)	15	33%

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Please note that the numbers above are cumulative for the entire contract period. Numbers in parenthesis are those served in Alpine County. We continued to offer services on-campus, at our off-site office, and virtually with a slight increased focus on housing support, which remains a significant issue in the Basin. Highlights include clients stabilizing housing and entering training programs.

PRACTICES WITH PROMISE

Internally, shared/holistic case management remains a valuable asset to our team, including the provision of services under our contract with GSJTA. This continues to include access to behavioral/mental health support services through our partnership with LTCC and TimelyCare. Our shared use of Traitify with the entire Golden Sierra Job Training Agency region continues to be of value as do other local and state-wide partnerships, most notably with the California Conservation Corps.

CHALLENGES/BARRIERS

Housing issues continue to be the primary issue and barrier in stabilizing life for many clients and potential clients in Tahoe. The opening of an additional 60 units at Sugar Pine Village in July has already allowed some additional clients (including one WIOA Title I clients) to move in..

EVENT PARTICIPATION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
7/13/26	In-person Alpine County
7/16/26	In-person Alpine County
7/27/26	In-person Alpine County
7/29/26	Tahoe CEO Roundtable
7/30/26	Case Meeting with DoR
8/5/26	GSJTA TA Meeting