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GOLDEN SIERRA JOB TRAINING AGENCY

**GOVERNING BODY
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

Thursday, July 30, 2026 @ 10:00am

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

Zoom Link/Public Location:

Meeting ID: 842 8798 1064

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Teleconferencing Location(s):

Alpine County
100 Hawkins Ranch Rd.
Markleeville, CA 96120

Golden Sierra Job Training Agency Governing Body is conducting this meeting on Zoom.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the meeting by submitting written comments by email to keefe@goldensierra.com.

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

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- FY 2026-2027 Agency Budget – Final
- GASB 75 OPEB – Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)

IX. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, September 30, 2026 @ 11:00am (*please note: date/time change*)

X. ADJOURNMENT

GOLDEN SIERRA JOB TRAINING AGENCY

**GOVERNING BODY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 01, 2026 @ 11:00am

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

Teleconferencing Locations:

Alpine County
100 Hawkins Ranch Rd.
Markleeville, CA 961207

Placer County
1211 Pleasant Grove Blvd.
Ste. #100
Roseville, CA 95678

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Quorum was established and meeting was called to order at 11:00am 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.

a. Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2026 GB Meeting

Motion to approve Consent Agenda item a as presented, by Gore, second by Mecak

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – FOR THOSE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

IV. APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-02 – FY 2026-2027 AGENCY BUDGET – DRAFT

Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-02 – FY 2026-2027 Agency Budget – draft as presented, by Gore, second by Mecak

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote

- V. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-03 – FY 2026-2027 MEETING SCHEDULE**
Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet. Gore requested to move July 23rd meeting to July 30th @ 10:00am. November date TBD to avoid conflict with the holiday.
Motion to approve Resolution 25-03 – FY 2026-2027 Meeting Schedule, as presented, by Gore, second by Mecak
Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote
- VI. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-04 – FY 2026-2027 SCHEDULE OF JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, HOURLY SALARY GRADES & ALLOCATED POSITION ROSTER**
Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet.
Motion to approve Resolution 25-04 – FY 2026-2027 Schedule of Job Classifications, Hourly Salary Grades & Allocated Position Roster, as presented, by Gore, second by Mecak
Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote
- VII. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-05 – AMEND GOLDEN SIERRA BENEFITS SUMMARY FOR MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES**
Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet.
Motion to approved Resolution 25-05 – Amend Golden Sierra Benefits Summary for Management and Confidential Employees, as presented, by Gore, second by Mecak
Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote
- VIII. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-06 – FY 2026-2027 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY** Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet.
Motion to approve Resolution 25-06 – FY 2026-2027 Signature Authority, as presented, by Gore, second by Mecak
Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote
- IX. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-07 – FY 2026-2027 DRY PERIOD FINANCING APPLICATION**
Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet.
Motion to approve Resolution 25-07 – FY 2026-2027 Dry Period Financing Application, as presented, by Gore, second by Mecak
Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote
- X. **APPROVE WORKFORCE BOARD MEMBERSHIP & RENEWALS**
Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet. New application for Chapnick, and renewals for Alvord, Miller, Reed, Volcy.
Motion to approve Workforce Development Board membership and renewals, as presented, by Gore, second by Mecak
Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote

- XI. **PROGRAM YEAR 2024-2025 – WIOA TITLE I LOCAL AREA PERFORMANCE**
Galipo reported out as outlined in the agenda packet. Explanation of terms and charts provided. Roundtable discussion occurred. Information only - no action required.
- XII. **DIRECTOR’S UPDATE**
Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet. Information only – no action required.
- XIII. **CLOSED SESSION – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S EVALUATION & CONTRACT NEGOTIATION**
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(GOVERNMENT CODE §54957)
TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S EVALUATION
- Mecak called the meeting into closed session at 11:43am
 - Mecak called the meeting back into open session at 11:51am
 - Mecak reported out of closed session that information was shared, direction given no reportable action
- XIV. **WIOA SERVICE PROVIDER REPORTS (INFO)**
Information & Reports shared in the agenda packet. Information only - no action required.
- a. ADVANCE - Alpine / South Lake Tahoe
 - b. Golden Sierra Job Training Agency – Placer & El Dorado County
- XV. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- OPEB – Actuarial Determined Contribution (ADC)
 - FY 2026-2027 Agency Budget – Final (Sept)
 - Executive Director’s Evaluation – Report Out (open session)
- XVI. **NEXT MEETING**
Thursday, July 30, 2026 @ 10:00am
- XVII. **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion to adjourn at 11:54am by Mecak, second by Gore
Motion approved unanimously

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GOLDEN SIERRA GOVERNING BODY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 30, 2026

TO: Governing Body (GB)

FROM: Jason Buckingham, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Approve Workforce Development Board (WDB) Membership

20 CFR 679.310 requires staff to notify the Governing Body of any vacancies on the Golden Sierra Workforce Development Board (GSWDB). Additionally, the Governing Body is responsible for appointing new members and approving member renewals, based on recommendations from the GSWDB Executive Committee.

At this time, we are seeking the Governing Body's approval of the following membership application. After reviewing the application at its July 23 meeting, the Executive Committee recommended approval.

Application(s):

- Tamra Thomas, Employment Development Department
 - Representing Govt/Economic-Community Development - Wagner-Peyser

Resignations(s):

- Todd Beingessner, Quick Quack Car Wash
 - Representing Business
- Jeff Richard, Employment Development Department
 - Representing Govt/Economic-Community Development - Wagner-Peyser

Vacancies:

- 1 Joint Labor representative
- 1 Business representative (El Dorado County)

Recruitment Efforts:

- Outreach to the Sacramento Central Labor Council AFL-CIO
- Outreach to El Dorado County partners

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Person Nominated: Tamra Thomas **Title:** Employment Program Manager III

Business Name: Employment Development Department

Business Address: 2901 50th Street Sacramento CA. 95817

Telephone: 916-227-2015 **FAX:** 916-227-2011 **E-mail:** tamra.thomas@edd.ca.gov

Organization submitting nomination: Employment Development Department
(ie: Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturing Association, etc.)

Contact Person: Jeff Richard **Title:** Deputy Division Chief

Business Address: 2901 50th Street Sacramento CA. 95817

Telephone: 916-516-0162 **FAX:** N/A **E-mail:** jeff.richard@edd.ca.gov

(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):

- | | |
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| ☐ 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 | |

Tamra Thomas

Signature

05/22/25

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

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

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

Throughout my years with the Employment Development Department, I've had the privilege of serving communities across Placer, El Dorado, and Alpine Counties, gaining a deep understanding of the workforce needs unique to our region. In my role as Office Manager for the Sacramento Field Office, I work closely with employers, job seekers, education partners, and local organizations to strengthen the connection between workforce services and real world economic demands. These partnerships have given me a broad, practical perspective on how thoughtful service delivery can open pathways to meaningful employment.

My experience leading teams through evolving workforce priorities has reinforced my commitment to collaboration, problem solving, and responsiveness. Whether coordinating local operations, supporting the implementation of statewide initiatives, or working directly with community partners, I am continually focused on advancing strategies that produce sustainable, positive outcomes. I've seen firsthand how intentional partnerships and clear communication can help address barriers, enhance access to training, and support long term workforce success.

I bring not only a working knowledge of the region's labor landscape, but also a genuine dedication to the communities we serve. My approach is grounded in integrity, professionalism, and a strong belief in the value of public service. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute that perspective to the Workforce Development Board and to support its mission of fostering economic opportunity and prosperity across our region.

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

I would be a strong candidate to serve on the Workforce Development Board because my career has been dedicated to advancing workforce programs, strengthening community partnerships, and improving employment outcomes for Californians. In my role as an Employment Program Manager III, I have gained firsthand experience with the challenges and opportunities facing both job seekers and employers across our region. I understand how policy, funding, and on the ground service delivery intersect, and I know how to translate strategic goals into practical, measurable results.

My work has consistently centered on building collaborative, solutions focused relationships—with local agencies, education partners, community based organizations, and employers. I believe these partnerships are essential to creating responsive and equitable workforce systems. I bring a commitment to data driven decision making, continuous improvement, and ensuring programs are accessible to diverse populations, including individuals facing systemic barriers to employment.

I am motivated by a genuine commitment to public service and to strengthening the workforce pipeline in ways that support both economic mobility for workers and competitiveness for employers. Serving on the Workforce Development Board would give me the opportunity to contribute my experience, strategic perspective, and collaborative leadership style to support regional planning, innovation, and inclusive economic growth.

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.

Tamra Thomas

Signature of Applicant

05/22/25

Date

May 12, 2026

Golden Sierra Workforce Development Board

Dear Members of the Golden Sierra Workforce Development Board,

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Tamra Thomas for membership on the Golden Sierra Workforce Development Board. Having worked closely with Tamra at the Employment Development Department (EDD), I have witnessed firsthand her strong commitment to workforce development and her deep understanding of the needs of both employers and job seekers throughout our region.

Tamra is an exceptional leader whose ability to collaborate, solve complex challenges, and build meaningful partnerships has consistently produced positive outcomes for the communities we serve. Her experience navigating the local workforce landscape, combined with her thoughtful and strategic approach to service delivery, uniquely positions her to make valuable contributions to the Board's mission.

Throughout our time working together, Tamra has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to strengthening connections between employers and job seekers, always emphasizing practical and sustainable solutions that support long-term workforce success. She brings a balanced perspective grounded in experience, professionalism, and a genuine passion for public service.

As I prepare to step down from the Board, I am confident that Tamra will serve as an outstanding successor. Her leadership, insight, and commitment to our region will bring tremendous value to the Board and its continued efforts to foster economic opportunity and prosperity across our communities.

Thank you for considering Tamra Thomas for board membership. I wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy and am certain she will serve the Golden Sierra Workforce Development Board with integrity, dedication, and distinction.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Richard', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jeff Richard
Deputy Division Chief, Region 3
Northern Workforce Services Division
Employment Development Department (EDD)

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**GOLDEN SIERRA
GOVERNING BODY**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 30, 2026

TO: Governing Body (GB)

FROM: Jason Buckingham, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to Executive Director Employment Agreement

Before the Board for review and approval is Amendment No. 2 to the Golden Sierra Workforce Development Agency Employment Agreement for Services as Executive Director dated July 1, 2023.

Summary of the amendment:

- Extends term 3 additional years: 7/01/2026 – 6/30/2029
- Salary commencing 7/01/2026 - \$172,307
- COLA floats with negotiated COLAs after July 1, 2027
- 2.5% merit increases may be awarded upon satisfactory review after July 1, 2027
- Additional language required by law:

"On or after January 1, 2012, any contract of employment between an employee and a local agency employer shall include a provision which provides that, regardless of the term of the contract, if the contract is terminated, any cash settlement related to the termination that an employee may receive from the local agency shall be fully reimbursed to the local agency if the employee is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his or her office or position."

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AMENDMENT NO. 2
TO THE GOLDEN SIERRA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATED JULY 1, 2023

This Amendment No. 2 to the Employment Agreement for Services as Executive Director between Golden Sierra Workforce Development Agency, also known as Golden Sierra Job Training Agency ("Golden Sierra") and Jason Buckingham ("Buckingham" or "Executive Director"), which was entered into on July 1, 2023) (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of this 1st day of June, 2026. (the "Effective Date").

RECITALS

- A. Golden Sierra and Executive Director entered into the Agreement to engage the services of Buckingham for the position of Executive Director; and
- B. The Agreement was amended effective July 26, 2024, by Amendment No. 1, amending Section 3.2 of the Agreement; and
- C. The Board of Directors of Golden Sierra ("Board") on behalf of Golden Sierra, and Buckingham, now desire to approve a second amendment to the Agreement to modify Section 3.2 of the Agreement, effective July 1, 2026, and to make other appropriate amendments as required by law. The Board desires to make this adjustment to the Executive Director compensation to promote employee retention and as an incentive for future performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED by parties hereto to amend said Agreement as follows:

I. Amendments.

1. The Governing Body hereby employs Jason Buckingham as Executive Director of Golden Sierra for an additional term of three (3) years, continuing from the current expiration date of the Agreement on June 30, 2026 and re-commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029 ("Term"), subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

3.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 3.1 or Amendment No. 1, beginning July 1, 2026, the salary shall be increased to \$172,307.00. Effective after July 1, 2027, this salary shall be automatically amended to reflect any salary adjustments that are provided by resolution to department heads, or as otherwise required by Golden Sierra's compensation policies.

3.3 Effective July 1, 2027 and thereafter, based upon a positive job performance evaluation as determined by the Governing Body, the Governing Body may approve additional salary merit increases of two and one-half (2.5) percent each year during the Term of this Agreement. Any increase in salary will not be considered either as entering into a new agreement or an extension of the Term of this Agreement. Except as provided herein, any changes in salary during the Term must be made by a written amendment to this Agreement.

- A. 9.5.1 The Governing Body may terminate this Agreement without cause upon 30 days' written notice to the Executive Director. In the event of such termination, the Governing Body shall pay to Executive Director no more than the full salary and retirement benefits provided for the remaining Term of the Agreement at the then-current salary rate if the remaining Term is less than

3 months. If the remaining Term is greater than 3 months, the maximum cash settlement shall be no more than the monthly salary of the Executive Director multiplied by 3. Should the Governing Body exercise this option, it will advise the public and prospective employers that he was terminated under a provision of this Agreement which does not require cause. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, pursuant to Government Code Section 53243.2, Executive Director shall not be entitled to the severance payment set forth in this section in the event he is terminated following a conviction of a felony, or of a misdemeanor involving abuse of office or position, as that term is defined in Government Code Section 53243.4.

II. Remaining Terms Unaffected:

Except as expressly provided herein, nothing in this Amendment No. 2 will be deemed to waive or modify any of the other provisions of the Agreement as amended by Amendment No. 1. In the event of any conflict between this Amendment No. 2 and the Agreement as amended by Amendment No. 1, or any other amendments duly executed by the parties, the terms of this Amendment shall control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed, as of the effective date hereinabove set forth:

Golden Sierra Workforce Development Agency

By:

Evan Mecak
Chair of the Board

Jason Buckingham
Executive Director

Director's Update

July 30, 2026

Regional Activities funded by the Workforce Boards

Sector Strategies:

Agriculture, Water and Environmental Technology (AgWET): Valley Vision is currently planning for an upcoming Veterinary and Animal Sciences Careers Advisory on September 21st. Confirmed panelists include the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, and additional outreach is underway to veterinary care providers, specialty hospitals, and higher education institutions. Registration for the advisory is available [here](#).

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

AI in Workforce Development:

Federal and State AI Initiatives

Artificial intelligence continues to be a major focus at both the federal and state levels. Recent efforts, including the President's AI Action Plan and the launch of AI.gov, reflect a growing emphasis on preparing the workforce, employers, and public agencies for the rapid adoption of AI technologies.

California Executive Order on AI and the Workforce

Governor Newsom recently signed an executive order aimed at addressing the economic impacts of artificial intelligence on California's workers and businesses. The order is designed to help workers adapt to AI-driven changes, support industries experiencing disruption, and ensure Californians benefit from the economic opportunities created by emerging technologies.

As part of the order, the California Employment Development Department (EDD) is directed to:

- Launch an AI Employment Impact Dashboard within 90 days to monitor AI's effects on the labor market.
- Partner with Local Workforce Development Boards to develop an AI Workforce Playbook.

- Provide technical assistance on Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) resources that support AI literacy and workforce training programs.

To support this work, EDD has partnered with the California Workforce Association (CWA) to collaborate with local workforce boards on several statewide initiatives, including:

- Development of the AI Workforce Playbook.
- Technical assistance for local workforce boards.
- Tracking AI-related labor market trends.
- Layoff aversion and workforce transition strategies.
- Employer engagement around AI adoption.
- AI-related upskilling and reskilling efforts.

Statewide AI Workforce Strategy

On June 23, EDD announced a \$749,938 award to CWA to develop a statewide AI workforce strategy for California's 45 Local Workforce Development Boards. The initiative will create a comprehensive AI Workforce Blueprint designed to help boards strengthen AI expertise, monitor emerging workforce trends, and improve coordination across California's workforce system as AI continues to reshape labor market demand.

As part of this initiative, CWA is seeking three Local Workforce Development Boards to serve on a statewide steering group that will work directly with CWA and EDD throughout the project. The goal is to develop the AI Workforce Blueprint collaboratively with the field, ensuring it reflects the needs and experiences of local boards and America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs).

Each selected workforce agency will receive \$50,000 to support its participation.

Additional information about the initiative is available at:

<https://blueprint.calworkforce.org/#origin>

Sierra College Workforce Summit 2026:

Sierra College hosted its third annual Workforce Summit on June 3, bringing together Placer County employers, educators, workforce professionals, and community partners to discuss how to better prepare youth and working-age adults for quality careers.

The inaugural summit, held in 2024, brought together approximately 200 participants who developed a shared "Call to Action" centered on five long-term goals:

1. Placer learners of all ages are connected to promising careers and can work or intern in their field of interest while in school.
2. More than 50 area employers are actively engaged with local schools and business-serving organizations to anticipate and fill future workforce needs.
3. All public and private education providers and community-based organizations in Placer

County support career exploration and have created clear educational pathways for all students to access high-demand jobs.

4. Educators, employers and civic organizations have helped more than 2,000 working-age adults increase their skills to advance in their current job or transition to a new career.
5. Business, education, government, tribes, and community groups function as one team, leveraging information, learnings, and approaches for preparing students for good-paying jobs, making Placer County the leading place in California for lifelong learning and career-long success.

The 2026 Workforce Summit focused on the growing impact of artificial intelligence and how it is reshaping hiring, workforce skills, and talent pipelines. Participants identified three key trends emerging across industries:

1. AI reshaping roles more than eliminating them.
2. Soft skills are a competitive differentiator
3. The workforce and systems are falling behind in real time

And three top stressors that include:

1. Equity and access are not keeping pace.
2. Critical thinking is eroding across age groups.
3. No one oversees governance.

Expect the workforce, economic development and education partners to come together to address these issues over the next several months. Additionally, the Workforce Board will be building employer engagement and system accessibility strategies with these issues in mind.

For more information, please see the [2026 Sierra Workforce Summit Summary Report](#)

Federal Allocation:

The U.S. Department of Labor filed the Federal Register Notice on 4/27/2026 announcing PY 2026 WIOA Title I formula allotments. California's combined PY 2026 Title I allotment is \$565.2 million. This is an increase of \$27.3 million over PY 2025. There is a significant decrease in Youth and Adult funding, and a significant increase in Dislocated Worker funding as noted below.

Snapshot: California Title I Allotments, PY 2025 → PY 2026

Funding Stream	PY 2025	PY 2026	\$ Change	% Change
Youth Activities	\$168,549,346	\$156,286,824	-\$12,262,522	-7.28%
Adult Activities	\$163,337,664	\$149,671,359	-\$13,666,305	-8.37%
Dislocated Worker	\$206,023,191	\$259,233,111	+\$53,209,920	+25.83%
Total Title I	\$537,910,201	\$565,191,294	+\$27,281,093	+5.07%

California's total allotment has increased by roughly 25.5% since PY 2022, rising from approximately \$450 million to \$565 million. The primary driver has been higher Dislocated Worker funding, reflecting California's unemployment rate, which has trailed other states during that period.

In-State Allocations for Local Areas

On May 15, 2026, the Employment Development Department (EDD) released [Workforce Services Information Notice \(WSIN\) 25-32](#), announcing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding allocations for California's Local Workforce Development Areas.

These allocations are determined using a statewide funding formula that considers several demographic and economic factors, including each Local Area's unemployment rate and the number of Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) notices issued within the region.

Golden Sierra received a total WIOA allocation of \$3,907,465, representing an increase of approximately \$395,000 over the previous program year. While the Youth and Adult funding allocations decreased by approximately 2% and 3%, respectively, the Dislocated Worker allocation increased by approximately 28%, more than offsetting the reductions in the other funding categories.

On July 1, 2026, EDD released [WSIN 26-02](#), announcing the allocations for Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion funding. Golden Sierra was awarded \$592,507, approximately \$65,000 less than the FY 2025-26 allocation.

These revised funding levels will be incorporated into the final budget presented to the Governing Body at its September meeting.

SERVICE PROVIDER REPORT

ADVANCE at Lake Tahoe Community College

Report Period: May-June 2026

Prepared By: Frank Gerdeman

PARTICIPANT STATUS

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
Number who received basic career services	117	100	117%
Number who received individualized career services	52(5)	50	104%
Number who received training services	19 (4)	15	127%

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 completing training programs, with two individuals completing their spring quarter classes for ECE related to their work in Alpine County. Two individuals with high barriers gained employment in May (both at LTCC).

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 (267 administrations with an in-kind value of \$10,680.00). In addition, we are continuing to focus on connecting more of our non-native English speakers to support (online and in-person) that allows them to improve language skills in specific career sectors, especially those in Allied Health. We also continued weekly workforce service hours specifically for residents of Sugar Pine Village in anticipation of additional agreements to expand those services at their location.

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 (bringing the total units there to 188) will continue to alleviate this issue for some community members and clients.

EVENT PARTICIPATION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
5/5/26	GSJTA TA meeting
5/7/26	GSJTA Monitoring visit for FY 24-25
5/7/26	Tahoe Economic Summit
5/7/26	Tahoe Chamber Business Expo
5/12/26	South Tahoe Restaurant Associations meeting
5/28/26	LTCC Hospitality-Culinary Advisory Meeting
6/2/26	South Tahoe Restaurant Association meeting
6/25/26	Tahoe Chamber CEO Roundtable

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