



Regular Meeting

1: 00pm-2:30pm Wednesday, April 20, 2022 | Online

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MINUTES

Attendees: Josh Metz, Matt Mogensen, Brian Coleman, Danna Stroud, Andy Myrick, Michael Gomez, Richard Vaughn, Tahra Goraya and Lawrence Acosta.

1. Call to Order – 1:08 pm

2. Acknowledgements, Announcements, and Correspondence – Round Table

Andy Myrick updates the Taylor Farms fire resulted in loss of the building but the business operations are back up and running. Employment impacts are still uncertain but are being heavily watched. Tahra Goraya states the Economic and Workforce Development Manager position is still open. Danna Stroud CALOSBA recently announced new round of IHUB designations. Announcements on eligibility and application processes will be made available soon.

- a. Go-Biz: Brian Coleman Introduction – Focus will be on stakeholder engagement growth. Coleman announces offices of Planning and Research will be hosting a public feedback virtual workshop on May 3rd from 10:00 am -12:00 pm to receive feedback on planning phase guidelines which was posted yesterday to the Planning and Research webpage. Danna Stroud updates she will be focusing more on business development.
- b. Monterey County – Richard Vaughn updates additional grant funding in the amount of \$3,000. has been made available for the restaurant business, and asks this group to share with interested parties. Micro-grants also available through the workforce development departments within the County. First ARPA event/workshop is scheduled for April 26th and will be held at three separate locations, Soledad, Salinas and Seaside.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes (March 16, 2022) – (Attachment A)

Motion made by Andy Myrick and seconded by Richard Vaughn to approve minutes on March 16, 2022; All ayes.

4. Treasurers Report

- a. \$47,019.90 (as of 04/18/22) – All membership dues have been paid for 2021-2022 fiscal year.

5. Business Items –

- a. PG&E Presentation – Lawrence Acosta provides PowerPoint Presentation on PG&E's new Economic Development Rate Program. The program is designed to create and retain jobs, assist companies with establishing themselves or staying in business by reducing operation costs, lower rates, and

sustainability. There are three rate reductions levels for a five-year period to eligible businesses. Qualifying criteria includes; companies looking to locate, expand or stay in PG&E service territory and is studying out of state locations, company is eligible to receive PG&E electric service on qualifying commercial electric rate, company must be in a qualifying industry, and projects must be approved by the Governor's Office for Business Development.

- b. Target Industries Content Review (Attachment B) – Target Industries information made available for Board review. Jen Simon requests the board send suggestions or additional content to her directly for inclusion.
- c. Content Calendar (Attachment C) –
Content for the calendar still being gathered.
- d. RGS Continuing Service Proposal (Attachment D) –
Metz presents RGS Proposal for Board review and consideration.

Motion made by Matt Mogensen and seconded by Andy Myrick to approve RGS Service Proposal;
All ayes.

6. Other Items – May Meeting Agenda.

None.

7. Adjournment – 2:15 pm