



## California Workforce Development Board Regional Updates February 2019

### New CWDB Staff and Administration:

- **CWDB Staffing Updates**
  - Mayra Fernandez, SSMI in Program Implementation
  - Myisha Lampkin, SSMI in Program Implementation
  - Angela Mendibles, SSMI in Program Implementation
- New Administration Appointment Updates are available on the CWDB website:  
<https://cwdb.ca.gov/membership/>

### Future of Work Department Name Change to Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages Updates:

- Labor Workforce Development Agency is lead on the Governor Reorganization Plan
- The budget trailer bill language that would establish the proposed new department was released by the Department of Finance on February 5.
- If new department is approved, the new department becomes effective July 1, 2020.
- Stay up to date on the Better Jobs and Higher Wages by visiting their website by clicking <https://www.labor.ca.gov/labor-and-workforce-development-agency/fowc/> (added to portal under General Resources)

### Regional Plan Implementation

- RPI 3.0 Subgrants being processed.
- RPI 3.0 TA/Eval RFA out, applications were due 2/21.
- Estimated award announcement date is before the end of February 2020.
- Grant is scheduled to begin April 1, 2020.
- RPI Evaluation interviews by Ken Barnes with Corporation for a Skilled Workforce (CSW) have been completed.

### Prison to Employment (P2E)

- Almost all the P2E contracts have been executed and most Direct and Supportive Services program work has begun.

### High Road / SB1 / Green Gas Reduction Fund

The Governor and Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary have a High Road vision for California's workforce system. They have identified five pillars of the High Road: Job Quality, Equity, Climate, Regionalism and Worker Voice. The State Board is currently implementing two initiatives that support this vision.

- **High Road Construction Careers (HRCC)**

- Final report was sent and presented to the Citizens Oversight Committee on February 13, 2020.
- For information on HRCC and SB 1 please contact [hrcc@cwdb.ca.gov](mailto:hrcc@cwdb.ca.gov)

**HISTORY:** Building off of the pre-apprenticeship training partnerships developed under Prop 39, the HRCC: SB 1 program will expand HRCC into a comprehensive statewide industry sector strategy through the expansion, development and support of a single HRCC pre-apprenticeship partnership in each region of California. These regions are based on groupings of Building and Construction Trade Council jurisdictions and conduct themselves similar to State Plan Regional Planning Units. The goal of HRCC: SB 1 is to establish sustainable, regionally based pre-apprenticeship partnerships that systematically connect disadvantaged workers and communities to long-term middle-class careers through state-approved apprenticeship. The CWDB has up to \$14 million available for HRCC: SB 1 at this time.

- **High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)**

- The 8 H RTPs are coming together in March to provide a thinking and best practices event to help frame and move the next initiatives forward. Event is only for the current H RTP grantees.
- January 2020 released and posted on the CWDB website the “Essential Elements of High Road Training Partnerships”. Available at the following link: [https://cwdb.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/43/2020/01/H RTP-Essential-Elements\\_ACCESSIBLE.pdf](https://cwdb.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/43/2020/01/H RTP-Essential-Elements_ACCESSIBLE.pdf)

**HISTORY:** There are 8 pilot projects (funded w/ WIOA discretionary funds) that model a sector approach that addresses critical issues of equity, job quality, and environmental sustainability. H RTPs are industry-based, worker-focused training partnerships that build skills for California’s high road employers.

- **SB1**

- Applications are currently being reviewed
- SB1 TA/Evaluation RFA is under development; Estimated release day late Spring 2020.

- **Green Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)**

- Estimated release of the RFA is Summer 2020 (Special Funds).
- Final Expenditure Plan should be signed in early March at which time program guidelines will be developed and vetted prior to RFA.

**HISTORY:** The CWDB received \$165 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), (\$35 million annually starting in 19/20) to invest in H RTP and HRCC. Program outcomes include:

- Strengthening existing and developing new high road training partnerships;
- Piloting two worker transition projects in sectors and regions facing mass worker dislocation in California;

- Creating at least 10 new state-approved apprenticeship programs, preparing at least 3,000 disadvantaged Californians for apprenticeship in the trades, and;
- Prioritizing Community Workforce Agreements and local hiring ordinances throughout the state of California.
- GGRF Final Expenditure Plan should be signed in early February at which time program guidelines will be developed and vetted prior to RFA.
- The CWDB is currently working on expanding its team and will be hiring staff to manage project and support projects on the ground.

## Share New Regional Resources/Tools Developed/Portal Updates

- Update Regional Initiatives, RO and RTC Contact list
- Added WorkforceGPS Grants Application and Management Website link
- Updated Event calendar
- Updated the Publications tab with great P2E resource/tool courtesy of Toni White with Ascend.
  - Employer Empowerment PowerPoint and information on how to access The Street Guide to Constructive Possession.
- RTC's Tab under Disability Access Training, we uploaded ADA Live! Which is a podcast that can be accessed to address different issues involving ADA. Podcast is only 35 minutes long.
- Updated Regional Publications tab with awesome regional initiative videos, resources and tools that have being developed and implemented throughout the state. The videos and resources are from North Bay, North Coast, North State, Inland Empire, LA Basin, Middle Sierra, and Ventura
  - Continue to send Gloria videos/materials/reports that have been created through the Regional Plan Implementation efforts.

## Non-Regional Initiative Updates

- AB1111
  - CalJobs training via webinar today and Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Invites to all of the project leads.
  - Contracts are still being processed
  - Grant term dates April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020
- Workforce Accelerator Fund (WAF) 7.0 & 8.0
  - Accelerator 8.0 Apps are being scored for recommendations.
    - It was highly competitive once again.
    - Can only fund the top 18.
  - Keep an eye out for Accelerator 7 & 8 Community of Practice scheduled for mid-June in Southern California.
- AB 2060 – Forward Focus
  - AB 2060 final Community of Practice March 25, 2020 in Southern California (Location TBA)

- Close out and final report to the legislature will begin at the end of March.

## Policy and Legislative Updates Information Notices, Directives, Guidance

- CWDB and EDD collaborated to develop the Federal and State Guidance Outline as requested at the September in-person convening. Outline is being developed to provide a high-level overview with dates that may impact LWDB planning.
- California Department of Education (CDE) - Local Board Review of the WIOA Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) applications is forthcoming.
  - The date for the review period has changed to March 16-27 (it was originally March 2-13)
  - The Executive Directors (Local Area Administrators) will receive a password by email from CDE providing them access to applications via an online portal (AEFLA applications are not due until Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> )
  - CDE will host a webinar in March to provide additional information about the process and criteria for review (date of webinar TBD).
- Sent an email to the regional staff on Friday, February 21, 2020 to share the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) invites you to a stakeholder conference call to discuss the Governor's Access to Housing Fund on February 28, 2020 from 10 am to 12 pm—Save the date was attached to the email.
  - For those intending to join the call, please [REGISTER HERE](#) to ensure you receive additional information and updates, including the calendar invite and agenda in the coming days.
  - During the conference call, CDSS will walk-through the proposal and seek stakeholder input.
  - For any additional information, or questions, please email the housing inbox at [housing@dss.ca.gov](mailto:housing@dss.ca.gov) or contact Julie McQuitty at (916) 651-5234.
- Draft Directives open for public comment.
  - [WSDD-210](#) – Standards for Oversight and Instruction for Substate Monitoring – **comments due March 21, 2020**
  - [WSDD-209](#) – WIOA Regional Planning Unit Update – **comments due March 14, 2020**
  - [WSDD-208](#) – Incident Reporting – **comments due March 9, 2020**
  - [WSDD-207](#) – Selection of AJCC Operators and Career Services Providers – **comments due February 24, 2020**
  - The draft directives can be found at the following link:  
[https://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs\\_and\\_Training/View\\_and\\_Comment\\_Open\\_Directives.htm](https://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/View_and_Comment_Open_Directives.htm)

## 2020 – 2023 WIOA State Plan Update

- The State Plan public comment period closed on February 3, 2020.
  - Feedback will be shared with partners and the plan will be updated where appropriate before bringing it to the CWDB Executive Committee on March 4, 2020 and CWDB Full Board on March 17, 2020 for their approval.
    - The deadline for submitting the final plan to Department of Labor is March 31, 2020.

### Regional/Local Planning

- Guidance is estimated to be made available Summer 2020
  - Content has to be based off the final State Plan content so we will not be able to put anything out until the State Plan has been finalized/approved.

### AB 398 Report

- CWDB's AB 398 report ("Putting California on the High Road: A Jobs & Climate Action Plan for 2030") has been approved by the Governor with an estimated release date of April 2020.

### **Next Steps - Future Technical Assistance/Regional Exchange Meeting**

As listed in the Regional Plan Implementation Portal:

- **Monday and Tuesday, March 16-17, 2020**
  - Regional Technical Assistance In-Person Convening; Location – Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport, 18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92612
- **Wednesday, April 1, 2020 –**
  - Regional Plan Implementation 3.0 – Program Start Date
  - High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) – SB1 Program – Award Announcement