



California Workforce Development Board April 2020 Regional Updates

New CWDB Staff and Administration:

CWDB Staffing Updates

- Myranda Love, Executive Analyst
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Future of Work Commission

HISTORY: On International Workers' Day, Governor Newsom signed an [executive order \(PDF\)](#) establishing the Future of Work Commission. The overarching goal of the Future of Work Commission is to develop a new social compact for California workers, based on an expansive vision for economic equity that takes work and jobs as the starting point.

- Current CA Future of Work Commission convening's are currently on hold.
- For more information on the Future of Work Commission, include past meeting materials and next steps for recommendations, please visit: 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)

Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages Updates:

HISTORY: On Friday, January 10, Governor Gavin Newsom released the Proposed State Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 which includes \$2.4 million in General Fund investment to establish the new department, the California Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages.

- The Governor's Proposed Budget also includes trailer bill language that would consolidate the workforce functions dispersed across the Labor and Workforce Development Agency into this new single department under a unified executive leadership and common policy vision.
- The new department would be comprised of the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB), the Employment Training Panel (ETP), Workforce Services Branch (WSB) and Labor Market Information Division (LMID), both currently in the Employment Development Department (EDD), and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) currently in the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).
- The goal of unifying these programs is to create more effectiveness and efficiency in serving Californians and their career goals, along with employers and their business needs. A single vision for workforce development will also allow us to speak with one

voice to engage educational institutions such as K-12 and community colleges to better align education and training with jobs of the future. The proposed new department would take a holistic approach to align services and programs with leading industry sector needs in each region of the state, and connect workers, students, and jobseekers with opportunities for reskilling, upskilling, and training for better jobs.

- 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 may be effective July 1, 2020 but the actual date can change by the legislature.
 - No updates at this time. The proposal for the new department was submitted along with the proposed state budget and legislature is currently not meeting.
 - It is anticipated that when legislature reconvenes the primary focus will be disaster relief and not the new proposal.

Regional Plan Implementation

- RPI 3.0 Subgrants have been executed for projects, Technical Assistance and Evaluation teams.
- CWDB anticipates that many subgrants will require modifications. The subgrant modification process remains the same. Please contact your CWDB Program Analyst to share what types of changes you need to make.
- Guidance for subgrant extensions needed due to the impact of COVID-19 for RPI 2.0, RO/RTC/Training and RPI 3.0 will be provided in June. **Please do not submit subgrant extension requests at this time.**

Prison to Employment (P2E)

- CDCR's Division of Adult Parole Operations E-Referral Process:
 - The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has updated the workforce providers and their email addresses in PVDTs. You should begin receiving referrals from Parole Agents to the general provider email addresses. If you have any questions, please contact reentry@cwdb.ca.gov.
- All P2E contracts have been fully executed and activities and billing can continue as usual.
- CWDB anticipates that many contracts will require amendments. CWDB has created a Contract Pre-Amendment Approval process so that agencies can begin working under the changes immediately. Formal amendments cannot occur until July 1st or after so the CWDB Program Analyst will be requesting any revised exhibits in June to initiate the formal Contract Amendment. If you have immediate changes contact your CWDB Program Analyst.
- Guidance for contract extensions needed due to the impact of COVID-19 for P2E will be provided in June. Please do not submit contract extension requests at this time.

High Road: HRCC/SB1, H RTP, and Green Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)

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 and High Road Training Partnerships

- **High Road Construction Careers (HRCC)/SB 1**

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.

- **SB1**

- Project Award announcement will be in May 2020
- SB1 TA/Evaluation RFA is under development with anticipated release in June 2020.

- Final report was sent and presented to the Citizens Oversight Committee on February 13, 2020. Final training report can be found here: https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/proposition39/citizens_oversight_board/meetings/2020-02-13/backup_materials/. A summary of CWDB report will be included in the full program report that the Prop 39 Citizens Oversight Board will submit to the Legislature.
- UC Berkeley Labor Center was commissioned to produce a *jobs* report on the Prop 39 K-12 Program. The final jobs report was submitted last year that is available along with the presentation that was given to the Citizens Oversight Board in February 2020, which covers both the jobs and training. If you are interested in obtaining copies of the report and/or presentation, please use the HRCC inbox to submit your request.
- For information on HRCC and SB 1 please contact hrcc@cwdb.ca.gov

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

HISTORY: There are currently 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.

- Project adjustments, modifications, and extensions related to COVID-19 will be addressed in early May. For immediate attention please contact the H RTP Program Manager Mayra Fernandez, mayra.fernandez@cwdb.ca.gov.

- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF): CA Climate Investment Program**

HISTORY: The CWDB received \$165 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), (\$35 million annually starting in 19/20) to further 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.

- Estimated release of the RFA is Summer 2020
- Attestation Memorandum & Expenditure Record submitted and posted on CARB's website: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/ci-attestation-memorandums-and-expenditure-records>

Share New Regional Resources/Tools Developed/Portal Updates

- Following Portal Updates:
 - Contact list for the Regional Technical Assistance Providers, Regional Organizers, Regional Training Coordinators, and Regional Plan Implementation Technical Assistance Providers
 - Labor Market Consultant Contact List
 - Meeting Materials with March 17, 2020 Regional TA Conference Call updates.
 - If you identify any errors on the lists, please let me know as soon as possible.

Non-Regional Initiative Updates

- **AB1111**
 - Data Reporting Guide, Data Guide Webinar and the webinar Q&As have been posted to the [AB1111 website](https://cwdb.ca.gov/initiatives/ab1111/) - <https://cwdb.ca.gov/initiatives/ab1111/> - If you were unable to download the data directives during the webinar, the resources are hyperlinked in the Data Guide on page 47, Appendix IV.
 - Hosting a second Data Orientation Webinar. If interested, contact Anastasia (Stacy) Mondy at: Anastasia.Mondy@cwdb.ca.gov
 - Contracts are still being processed with many of the contracts are at various stages of the contract execution process. Electronic signatures and e-signatures are being accepted at this time if wet signatures cannot be obtained due to the shelter-in-place order. Original signatures will be requested at a later date.
 - Contact the AB1111 project management team if the projects foresee amendments or modifications will be needed due to the impact of COVID-19.
 - CWDB anticipates that many contracts will require amendments. CWDB has created a Contract Pre-Amendment Approval process so that agencies can begin working under the changes immediately. Formal amendments cannot occur until July 1st or after so the CWDB Program Analyst will be requesting any revised

exhibits in June to initiate the formal Contract Amendment. If you have immediate changes contact Anastasia Mondy at: Anastasia.Mondy@cwdb.ca.gov

- Guidance for contract extensions needed due to the impact of COVID-19 for AB1111 will be provided in June. Please do not submit contract extension requests at this time.
- Workforce Accelerator Fund (WAF) 7.0 & 8.0
 - Accelerator 7.0 & 8.0 Community of Practice has been rescheduled for Fall 2020. CWDB will share logistics when available.
 - Accelerator 8.0 projects started April 1, 2020; Subgrant setup in progress.
 - Project adjustments, modifications, and extensions related to COVID-19 will be addressed in early May. For immediate attention please contact the WAF Program Manager Myisha Lampkin, myisha.lampkin@cwdb.ca.gov.
- AB 2060 – Forward Focus
 - Projects ended March 31, 2020. Close-out in progress.
 - Final report to the legislature in progress. Final report will be posted on CWDB website when complete.
- English Language Learner (ELL)
 - Applications were received Friday, April 10, 2020.
 - EDD is now in the reading and scoring phase.
 - Anticipate on announcing awards by June 1, 2020

Policy and Legislative Updates Information Notices, Directives, Guidance

- Finalized and sent out the first version of the State and Federal Guidance Timeline that was developed to provide a high-level overview with dates that may impact LWDB planning efforts.
- Draft Directives open for public comment.
 - [WSDD-211](#) – Audit Requirements – **comments were due April 10, 2020**
 - [WSDD-210](#) – Standards for Oversight and Instruction for Substate Monitoring – **comments were due April 5, 2020**
 - [WSDD-209](#) – WIOA Regional Planning Unit Update – **In process of being finalized**
 - [WSDD-208](#) – Incident Reporting – **comments were due March 9, 2020**
 - [WSDD-207](#) – **Selection of AJCC Operators and Career Services Providers – Status is pending**
 - [WSDD-206](#) – High Performing Boards – **Awaiting signature and moving through clearance to be posted.**
 - [WSD19-11](#) – State Level Performance Goals and Local Area Negotiations – **Posted April 16, 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)

- Will update State and Federal Requirements Timeline once Directives have been posted.

2020 – 2023 WIOA State Plan Update

- The State Plan public comment period closed on February 3, 2020.
 - Plan was presented and approved by the CWDB Executive Committee on March 4, 2020.
 - The California State Plan was submitted to the Department of Labor on 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 Initiative Meetings/Information

(As planning efforts continue, the portal will be updated as events are developed.)

- All initiative in-person convening save been cancelled or postponed.
- ~~Tuesday-Thursday, April 14-16, 2020~~ – **CANCELLED UNTIL NEXT YEAR**
 - [Building Workforce Partnership Conference 2020 – Click for Flyer](#)
- **Tuesday, April 28, 2020**
 - Regional Technical Assistance Bi-monthly Conference Call
9:00 am
Conference Call Line: 712-775-7031 Participant Code: 866177
- **Tuesday, June 23, 2020**
 - Regional Technical Assistance Bi-monthly Conference Call
9:00 am
Conference Call Line: 712-775-7031 Participant Code: 866177
- **Wednesday-Friday, June 24-26, 2020**
 - CWA – Reaching Higher Ground WORKCON Virtual Summit
WORKCON Information can be found by visiting <https://workcon-2020-virtual-conference.heysummit.com/>
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