

'Mother Lode' Consortium

- Joint Power Authority (JPA)
- 4 Counties / AJCCs (1 comprehensive; 3 affiliate)
- 5,313 square miles (3.2% of California)
- Perform all services in-house (A-DW-Y)
- 21 staff total
- 160K population: ~ 30 residents per square mile
 - Flat growth; Aging population; 62K in labor force
 - **MLJT serves 3,000 workers per year; Enrolls 300**
- 7,441 businesses (98% have <50 employees)
- Key Industries
 - **Tourism / Hospitality**
 - **Natural Resources (trees, water, minerals)**
 - Healthcare
 - Construction
 - Manufacturing



'Middle Sierra' Regional Planning Unit (RPU)



‘Mighty’ Mother Lode

Economic Recovery

- Mother Lode AJCCs are **co-located with County Chambers of Commerce**. Optimizes demand-side partner collaboration.
- **Central Sierra Economic Development District (CSEDD)** – Mother Lode Consortium is administrator
 - Just completed a **Biomass Feasibility Study & Business Plan** to guide local businesses (USDA Rural Business Development Grant – generates 25 new jobs)
 - Developing a 4-year **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)** for the region (EDA grant - includes workforce development component)

Quality Jobs

- Construction: **MC3 Pre-Apprentice cohorts**
Collaborative: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), labor unions, conservation corps, adult education, WDB
- Healthcare: **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification program**
Local high school seniors (partnership with hospitals, K-12, community colleges, WDB)

Equity

- **RPI4**: Implementation of a groundbreaking systems change initiative; the technology-based **Regional, Equity, Access, Collaboration High-Road (REACH)** System Project, which will significantly improve access to labor market information, workforce services, and employment and training opportunities for underserved and disenfranchised populations (**Partnership with Unite Us**).
- **P2E State Prison Pilots (2)** – Equity for Justice Involved Individuals (see attachments)
 - **Series of videos** to inform and inspire the pre-release population about the AJCC system
 - **Continuity of Service** warm-handoff model includes 1) pre-release AJCC case management, 2) integration with parole/probation, 3) seamless transition to post-release AJCC

P2E 'Continuum of Service'

(Middle Sierra's Statewide Proof of Concept)

Goal: Reduce recidivism via employment



