

Cities-County Economic Development Committee (CCEDC)

Minutes for Meeting on May 23, 2019 in Willows, CA

Meeting Facilitated By: Glenn County Community Development Director Jody Samons

Attendees: Wayne Peabody, City of Willows, Nicholas Bandeira, City of Willows, Yassi Lam, Glenn County, Danielle Huguenard, Glenn County Housing Program Manager, Kandi Manhart, Glenn County RCD, Don Rust, Glenn County Planning Department, Pete Carr, Orland City Manager, Sarah Bolnik and Terrance Rodgers, Rural County Representatives of California, Kim Vann, USDA State Director, John Viegas, Chair, Glenn County Board of Supervisors, Courtney Farrell, Will Uradzionaek and David Espinoza, California State University, Chico, GIC/CED.

Summary:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Self-Introductions were made

2. Public Comment - None

3. Meeting Notice and Posting Date (as required by the 1994 Brown Act)

Posted at Glenn County Memorial Hall

4. Review Notes from the Prior Meeting (on February 28, 2019)

Hard copies available at the meeting.

5. Ongoing Efforts/Round Table Reports/Projects

City Manager Pete Carr reported that they are marketing the hotel site. Attended the shopping center meeting and Asian hotel owner association conference. Farwood is doubling in size, there are 33 new CHIP homes being built, a new truck wash coming and the Chevron is doubling in size.

USDA State Director Kim Vann reported that they would be assisting with the sewer line in Orland as well as funding several other efforts in Glenn County.

City Manager Wayne Peabody reported that Basin Street has 453 single/60 multi-family sites and will be marketed nationally. Rumiano should have their permits by August. USDA funded a cold storage feasibility study. There are 10-20 home lots available and activity at the corner of Butte and Sycamore. Farmers Brewing website is up and he would love to get a tap room in town.

Yassi Lam is collecting applications for the CalPlant facility and has hosted 8 hiring events since January. Lifetouch in Butte County will be having a major layoff. GCOE is launching an LVN program in 2020 and doing an intro to construction course. She is also recruiting for census takers.

Planning Director Don Rust announced that the county is doing a general plan update and working on code enforcement. The City of Willows is also updating their general plan.

Community Development Director Jody Samons announced the a Farmers Market Local Food Producer Program grant had been submitted to USDA by Courtney Farrell of CSU, Chico, that would benefit Glenn County producers if awarded. New companies enrolled in the incubator include a furniture manufacturing firm from San Diego. North State Hulling is in process for building permits and should have the huller operational by the 2020 harvest season. They are working on a Quickbooks course series with the assistance of 3CORE. CSU Chico has completed the economic impact analysis for the CalPlant project and it indicates a contribution of 142 million annually to the local economy once they are in production.

Housing Program Manager Danielle Huguenard gave a report on funding sources and applications submitted.

Courtney Farrell and David Espinoza of CSU, Chico, discussed the need for upgraded broadband and how that relates to the new housing that is needed. Courtney is also working on a project with rural health facilities and there is available funding for them to upgrade their broadband.

Glenn County Resource District Manager Kandi Manhart reported on the fuels/fire reduction projects they are involved in and announced the fire education ice cream social event.

USDA State Director Kim Vann announced funding of \$80,000 for a fire truck for Elk Creek and funding for a water filtering system for the town of Elk Creek. She had received the RBDG grant application from Glenn County and is working with Leigh and Jody on the Hamilton City Parks project being proposed by the Hamilton City Lions Club. Jeff Lucas can assist with preparation of USDA grant applications.

6. New Business – Featured Speaker – Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)

Sarah Bolnik and Terrance Rodgers were present to pinch hit for Barbara who had been called away to another meeting. They reviewed the efforts of RCRC in support of economic development in rural counties.

7. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting was set for August 22.

8. Meeting was adjourned.