

# **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE– Meeting Record**

**June 2, 2025 10:30 A.M. In Person/Via Zoom**

**Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II**

**Supervisor Diane Burgis, District III**

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Supervisor Andersen called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Supervisors Andersen and Burgis introduced themselves.

## **2. Public comment on any item not listed under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes.**

No public comments.

## **3. REVIEW and APPROVE meeting record from February 20, 2025, Contra Costa County Economic Development Committee**

Sup. Burgis approved of the meeting minutes, as did Sup. Andersen. Will pass on to the BOS.

## **4. RECEIVE presentation from City of Brentwood (Ricardo Noguera, Economic Development Program Manager)**

The City of Brentwood gave a presentation on current economic development initiatives and their local workforce profile. They spoke about the geographic advantages and high education of the residents of the city in relation to desirable industries. The Sand Creek extension and The Yard in Downtown Brentwood are recent examples of completed projects in the city. The economic development team is pursuing the Innovation Center and new industrial parks.

Current challenges the city faces are Tech & life sciences is struggling in the Bay Area, elevated land prices compared to nearby counties, PG&E and the lack of availability to supply power poles, and the relationship between affordable housing and economic development.

**5. RECEIVE updates from staff and/or PROVIDE directions to staff regarding Economic Development Work Program**

- County staff continues to participate in Bay Areas Jobs 1<sup>st</sup> Collaborative. A next generation battery manufacturing hub is being prioritized by the collaborative. The county will support the project as it pursues a pilot project
- Economic Development staff were notified by the U.S. EPA of our successful application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program. We can expect an award of \$1.2 million to cover site investigation and planning.
- Economic development staff and partner cities are coordinating with Team California in preparation for the November Meet the Consultants (MTC) event. Planning meetings begin in June. The next steps will be to work on marketing and pursuing partnership opportunities.
- East Bay EDA will sponsor the MTC Bus Tour which will visit county and partner city's sites.
- Economic development staff released a business survey in May to initiate steps to understand the desires and needs of unincorporated businesses. Staff will begin to provide outreach to businesses that have requested to speak with county staff.
- Since the last County Economic Development meeting in February, staff have assisted over 80 unique businesses.
- County Economic Development staff have submitted two responses to Requests for Information that we received from the Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development or Go-Biz, and both were in the field of manufacturing—sustainable construction materials and recycling.
- Two countywide economic development meetings have been conducted and will continue to occur quarterly.
- Economic development staff from the county participated with the District III supervisor's staff to visit Birdstop, an autonomous drone company with the County Airports Director and East Bay EDA to Buchanan Airfield.
- Economic development staff from the county continue to participate in regular meetings for the implementation of the two-year, Northern

Waterfront Technical Assistance Priority Production Areas planning project for the MTC-ABAG. This is with the cities of Antioch, Concord, Oakley and Pittsburg.

- County staff continue to support the Green Empowerment Zone. The UC Labor Center has a contract through June 2026 with State approval, and they have recently adopted and delivered a set of priority technology sectors for the Green Empowerment Zone of Contra Costa County.

## **6. Committee Member Comments**

The committee stated that it would be beneficial if during the installation of underground infrastructure if PG&E could install required electrical conduit to supply future sites power on a shorter timetable. Specific plans and zones that are more business friendly would be favorable to attract businesses.

## **7. Adjourn to the next meeting (August 4, 2025)**

Sup. Andersen adjourned the meeting.