

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

**February 20, 2025      2:30 P.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 2:30 PM. Supervisors Andersen and Burgis introduced themselves.

## **2. Public comment on any item not listed on this agenda.**

No public comments.

## **3. REVIEW and APPROVE meeting record from December 4, 2024, 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 Antioch (Bret Sweet, Economic Development Program Manager)**

The City of Antioch 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 economic development team is pursuing establishing cornerstone businesses in the community. The city's strategy focuses on:

- Collaborating with resource providers
- Business association
- Local procurement
- Medical district

- Industrial zones
- Clean tech cultivation
- Retention, Expansion, and Attraction

## **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
- Met with US EDA to discuss the County's Just Transition Along the Northern Waterfront application. An investment review is scheduled for March with the EDA representative.
- County staff are attending the Cal Recycle: Recycling Market Development Zone event in Sacramento on March 4-5
- County staff are working with the staff to transition the RMDZ efforts to the Economic Development team
- Staff participated in community college district and Workforce Development Board's strategic planning sessions
- The County will be hosting a quarterly meeting of economic development staff from all the cities within the county. This meeting will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>
- TeamCA member cities and county will discuss upcoming event on February 26<sup>th</sup>
- County staff are in the process of utilizing BluDot CRM. This tool will allow staff to better meet the needs of local businesses and provide resources
- The Economic Development team has assisted over 30 businesses since the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting
- PPA project management meetings with Placeworks are continuing

## **6. Committee Member Comments**

- The Committee would like the Economic Development staff to provide PPA information as a consent item for the next BOS meeting.

## **7. Adjourn to the next meeting (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

Sup. Andersen adjourned the meeting.