

**FRESNO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION
LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS (LCC) ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
1805 E. California Avenue – Fresno, CA 93706**

**Friday, November 19, 2021
8:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Page</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER	James Hackett		
II. ROLL CALL	Shawn Riggins		
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES A. August 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes	James Hackett	Approve	2
IV. ADVISORY CHAIR RECOGNITION James Hackett	Shawn Riggins	Information	
V. 2022 LCC ADVISORY BOARD SCHEDULE	Shawn Riggins	Accept	5
VI. OTHER BUSINESS Private Event: LCC Thanksgiving Celebration Breakfast (LCC Advisory Board members invited, breakfast served immediately following the meeting).			
The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.			
VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Advisory Board on items within jurisdiction but no on the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes).			
VIII. ADJOURNMENT			

**FRESNO EOC
LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS (LCC) ADVISORY BOARD
Virtual-Board Effects-Zoom
Tuesday, August 18, 2021
12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

James Hackett, Chairperson	P	Lisa Nichols	A
Ed Avila	P	Itzi Robles	P
David Clark	A	Carmen Romero	A
Francisco Del Rincon	P	Sharon Weaver	P
Brian King	A	LCC/YouthBuild Senate Council President Or Representative	P
Daniel Martinez	A		

Staff:

Shawn Riggins, LCC Director
Michelle L. Tutunjian, Chief Operating Officer
Jeff Davis, Training & Employment Division Director
Elisa Sgambellone, Senior Services Manager
Caroline Garcia, YouthBuild Program Manager
Lee Xiong, CalCRG Specialist

Corpsmembers/Students: Adrian Trujillo, Matthew Price

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

James Hackett called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was called. The meeting was via ZOOM.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February and May minutes approved. M/S/C Avila/Del Rincon.

IV. CORPSMEMBER AGE ELIBILITY

Shawn Riggins stated that the California Conservation Corps (CCC), the certifying agency for local corps throughout the state, notified local corps that the Corpsmember age eligibility was increased from 18-25 to 18-26. This went into effect immediately.

V. YOUTHBUILD CHARTER SCHOOL OF CALIFORNIA (YCSC)

Ken McCoy announced that YCSC students returned to in-person instruction for their first day of class on August 16, 2021. Students and teachers had been conducting and attending classes virtually via Zoom since March 2020. Adrian Trujillo, an LCC Corpsmember and YCSC student, expressed his feelings about a return to in-person instruction. He stated that the return to campus has been a more positive experience because it provides more structured setting and an opportunity to be more hands on as he is a visual and hands on learner.

Matthew Price, a classroom based YCSC student, echoed the sentiments shared by Adrian Trujillo and stated that the transition back to class full time has been better because being on Zoom was difficult at times due to the technical issues and challenges that it may present. The in-person instruction allows for the one-to-one connection that may only be made through face-to-face instruction, and the ability to interact with fellow students.

YCSC's Fresno site is one of two YCSC sites that have returned to school at this time. All students have their temperature checked daily and sign the COVID-19 questionnaire. Per the California Department of Public Health, all students are required to wear a mask when on campus. Technology will continue to play a significant role with students and teachers, as students are assigned a Chromebook and submit their schoolwork online through Schoology to reduce the amount of paperwork exchanged between teachers and students.

Due to the continued presence of COVID-19, YCSC will continue to offer a distance learning option to students who are not feeling well so they may keep up with their class assignments. There are also a limited number of Independent Studies slots for those students who may choose to remain on distance learning.

VI. LCC UPDATES

a. Work Training Projects

A detailed list of work training projects was distributed at the meeting along with the Advisory Board agenda packet. Several projects were highlighted. Shawn Riggins provided a brief update on LCC's activities/events since the last Advisory Committee meeting, as follows:

- Shawn Riggins stated that LCC received the Fresno County Fatherhood Initiative grant. The grant will be presented at the County Board of Supervisor's meeting on September 25th. Grant amount is \$852,000 for three years. The goal of the project is to serve fathers and partners of African American mothers.
- A grant application for a second fatherhood project was submitted to the California Board of State and Community Corrections in July, serving 50 fathers per year, grant amount is \$100,000/year.
- Recently, two EOC programs have moved to the LCC site, Foster Grandparents and LIHEAP.
- LCC received the Evaluation from Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB). Three cohorts have completed the forestry training; the fourth cohort will begin in September. FRWDB submitted two applications for forestry conferences that will be held in September. Reedley will be participating in one of them and LCC will be presenting at the Calforests conference in Sacramento.
- LCC submitted an application to the Families and Workers Fund to provide stipends to individuals participating in the Central Valley Forestry Corps program.
- Caroline Garcia, YouthBuild Program Manager, provided an update on the YouthBuild (YB) program. Two YouthBuild AmeriCorps grants are active, recently closed the 2019-2020 grant year, the 2020-2021 slots are full. Grant funding for year 2021-2022 was received. It provides

31 half time slots at 675 hours each, two 900-hour slots and two full time AmeriCorps positions. Caroline continues to fill corpsmember positions for the YouthBuild DOL/ETA. Corpsmembers are building homes with Self Help Enterprises and participating in community activities with Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life and Southwest Police Department, such as the “Good Times are Back”, a series of block parties for the community held at one of the local parks. Staff continues to ensure students receive are certifications in HBI Pact, First Aid/CPR and Forklift.

- Shawn Riggins provided an update on LCC’s recycling program. With the state’s re-opening last June there has been an increase of material collection at bars and restaurants. Staff re-started school routes, and continue with mattress collection. LCC has been receiving requests from local municipalities and other groups to participate in tire amnesty and e-waste events. Fresno State’s first football game is Saturday, August 28th.
- Daniel Palomera, Solar Program Manager, provided an update on the TCC Solar Project. Twenty-one solar projects are complete; one is in progress. Recently re-started the weatherization measures, following COVID19 protocols with the homeowners. Benito Cortez, LCC Corpsmember, has recently obtained employment in the solar industry.
- Elisa provided an update on the YouthBuild Charter School (YCSC), end of year activities. In person graduation ceremony was on June 25th, with one student traveling from Georgia. Seventeen students completed with sixteen participating in the graduation ceremony.
- Summer education took place the month of July for all corpsmembers. Topics included life skills, communication, e-mail, first aid/CPR, forklift training, job search, resume writing, and healthy lifestyle.
- Lee Xiong, Cal CRG Specialist, provided an update on the Cal CRG program. Lee stated that LCC received a six-month extension. LCC staff participated in the Trauma Informed Approach to Mental Health and LBGTQ+ training; the next training will be on mental health first aid. Continues to work with corpsmembers and contractors in person following COVID19 restrictions.

b. Corpsmember/Student Update
Item was not covered.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting November 17, 2021

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shawn Riggins, LCC Director
Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps

V. 2022 LCC ADVISORY BOARD SCHEDULE

February 16, 2022, May 18, 2022, August 17, 2022 and November 16, 2022