



News Release

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Training Local Workers through Community Projects

Developing skilled workers for current and planned projects

FRESNO, CA – Twenty (20) participants enrolled in a construction/trades pre-apprenticeship training program are geared up to give back to their community. They will put in the work at Storyland Fresno and utilize the skills they are learning in the program to work on refinishing buildings and getting the grounds ready for the grand re-opening in late March 2016.

When: Thursday, February 11, 2016
Time: 8am to 4pm
Where: Storyland Fresno at Roeding Park
890 W. Belmont Ave.
Fresno, CA 93728

The eight (8) veterans and 12 civilians in the job-training program, sponsored by the Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board (FRWIB) and the Fresno, Madera, Kings, & Tulare Building Trades Council (BTC), are receiving training designed to prepare them for a sustainable career.

“Giving back to our community is something that we in the building & construction unions value enormously. It is important to instill that in our members as early as possible,” said BTC Secretary-Treasurer Chuck Riojas.

Job-training programs are particularly important in the San Joaquin Valley, where highly skilled workers are in great demand due to a wave of projects. “This training will equip these 20 job seekers with the skills required to compete for jobs created by planned and current projects ranging from highway construction to high speed rail,” said FRWIB Executive Director Blake Konczal.

Certifications for OSHA-10, CPR & First Aide and Forklift Training will be awarded upon successful completion of the program.

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