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Construction/Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Class Wraps Up Training With Community Service Project in Reedley

Developing skilled workers for current and future projects

FRESNO, CA – A total of fourteen (14) participants, that includes two (2) women, all from Fresno County will wrap-up their 6-week multi-craft construction/trades pre-apprenticeship training program by giving back to the community of Reedley. They will put in the work with the City of Reedley and Tree Fresno planting a grove of trees and a park bench to commemorate the late Ken Enns and his work with the City of Reedley. The participants will utilize their team work skills, implementing safety measures when operating tools to plant trees and clear debris.

When: Thursday, August 17, 2017
Time: 9am to 4pm
Where: 1201 G Street, Reedley, CA

The job-training program, sponsored by the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) and the Fresno, Madera, Kings, & Tulare Building Trades Council (BTC), is funded by one grant from the State of California to provide training designed to prepare participants 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 14 job seekers with the skills required to compete for jobs created by current and future projects ranging from highway construction to high speed rail,” said FRWDB Executive Director Blake Konczal.

A graduation ceremony for all 14 participants will be held at **Pipefitters Local 246 – 1303 N. Rabe Avenue in Fresno on Friday, August 25, 2017 at 11:00am**. They will receive certifications for OSHA-10, CPR & First Aide and Forklift Training as well as certificates of completion from the following five (5) unions – plumbers, electricians, iron workers, sheet metal, Teamsters.

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