

3 Things To Know

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



SB 1 Funding

In January of 2019 a small portion of overall SB1 funding, some \$10,000,000 will be put out in an RFP by the State of California WDB. Funds may be used to offer multi-craft, pre-apprentice construction training. Fresno WDB is working with the Building Trades Councils from Stockton to Bakersfield to submit a unified Valley application for a fair portion of this funding. FRWDB would act as fiscal and administrative agent.



Central Valley Forestry Corps

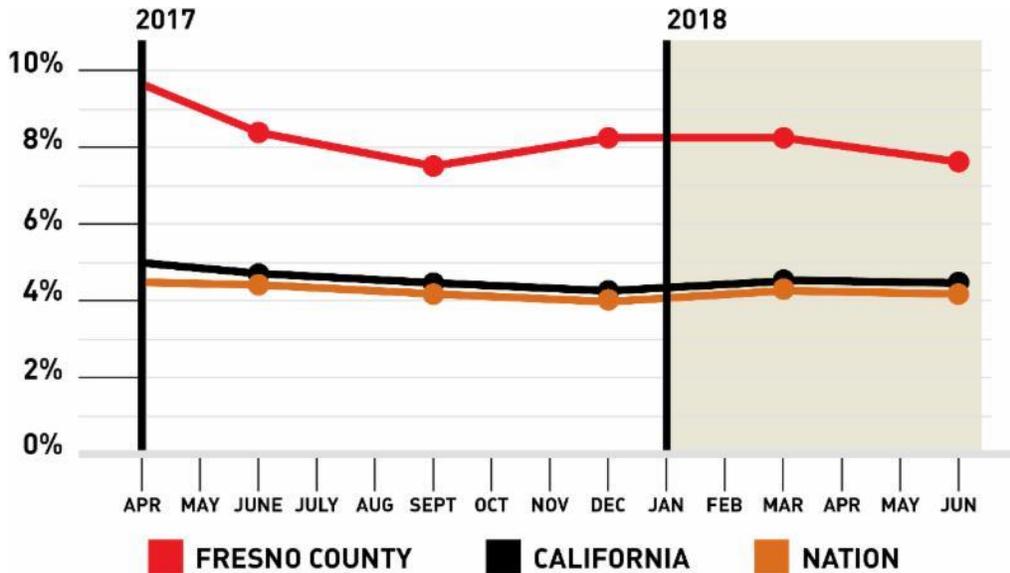
For two years we have been working on a Central Valley Forestry Corps proposal to train young adults to clear dead and dying trees from the Sierras. The recent deadly fire activity in our state has offered concrete proof that a proactive approach is needed to address the problem of dead and dying trees before they become fuel for the next great fire. We are committed, along with our Conservation Corps and Community College partners, to see this needed idea come to fruition.



Rapid Response Activity

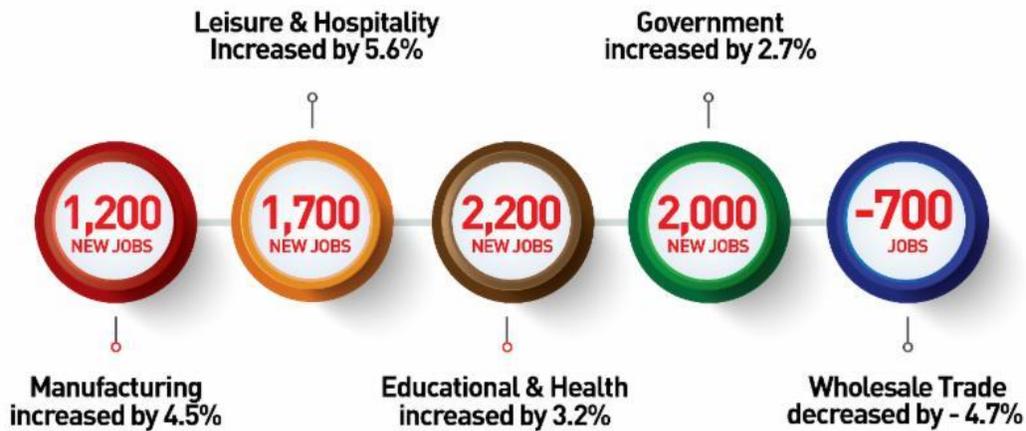
While we are of course extremely happy with the drop in our Fresno County unemployment rate, FRWDB staff have nonetheless been quite busy in providing rapid response services to workers being laid off from local employers; e.g., Orchard Supply Hardware, Zacky Farms, Toys-R-Us, Babies-R-Us, ABM, and K-Mart.

ONE YEAR UNEMPLOYMENT TRAJECTORY



The unemployment rate in Fresno County was 6.3 percent in October 2018, up from a revised 5.8 percent in September 2018 and below the year-ago estimate of 7.2 percent.

This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.0 percent for California and 3.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Between September 2018 and October 2018, in Fresno County:

- Total industry employment decreased by 4,200 jobs (down 1.0 percent) to total 406,000.
- Non-farm employment rose by 4,100 jobs (up 1.1 percent).
- Farm employment dropped by 8,300 jobs (down 15.5 percent).
- Government reported the largest month-over increase with the addition of 2,900 jobs. Gains occurred in all three arms of government, i.e., local, state and federal.
- Manufacturing decreased by 600 jobs. Nondurable goods trimmed 700 jobs, more than offsetting an increase of 100 jobs in durable goods.
- Leisure and hospitality cut back by 300 jobs and trade, transportation and utilities lost

CONNECTING FOR SUCCESS!

Working Together To Assist Those Impacted by Layoffs or Company Closures

In partnership with the Fresno County Public Library, our Rapid Response Team will be able to provide services to employees impacted by a closure or layoff via the *Digibus*. This partnership ensures that affected employees will have access to services and resources during times when business owners are unable to allow the Rapid Response Team to be on-site.

The Digibus seats 12 and is equipped with individual tablets that can be used for job searching and resume development. The bus also has a projector and a large screen that is ideal for the Rapid Response Team to provide information on no-cost resources such as:

- Employment and Training Opportunities
- How to File for Unemployment Insurance
- Healthcare Options
- Housing Assistance
- Debt Management and Credit Counseling
- Library Resources

When not participating in rapid response events, the Digibus, operated by the Fresno County Public Library travels throughout Fresno County, to provide computer basics, job search and resume assistance to the general public, at no cost. [Log on here](#) to view the regular schedule or [Click here](#) to email Shannon Morrison for more information.



**Business Services Center
and Rapid Response Teams**

NEED BUSINESS ASSISTANCE?

Call the Business Services Center at **(559) 230-4062** for assistance with business meeting accommodations, presentations, training workshops, confidential HR assistance and much more!

Also, log on to **www.fresnobsc.com** and view our calendar to locate upcoming workshops and events.



National Apprenticeship Week - November 12th - 16th

To kick-off National Apprenticeship Week a total of 10 participants from Fresno County wrapped up their six-week multi-craft construction/trade pre-apprenticeship training program with a graduation ceremony on November 9, 2018. This graduating class had eight (8) building and construction trade union representatives teaching the curriculum which included, electricians, plumbers, pipefitters, sheet metal workers, cement masons, iron workers, painters and operating engineers.

This training equips these graduates with skills required to compete for jobs created by current and future projects ranging from highway construction to high speed rail. They also received industry-valued certifications for CPR/First Aid, OSHA-10 and Forklift training.

In partnership with the Fresno, Madera, Kings, & Tulare Building Trades Council, we are proud to have sponsored since 2014 our 25th cohort of pre-apprenticeship graduates. Our next cohort is anticipated to start in the Spring of 2019.



Congratulations
To The 25th Cohort of Pre-Apprentices!

Front row from the left:

Chuck Riojas
Secretary/Treasurer of the Building Trades Council

Front row 2nd from right:

Paul Caprioglio
City of Fresno District 4, Councilmember

Front row far right:

Blake Konczal
Executive Director of the FRWDB

TRAINING... TRAINING... AND MORE TRAINING!



Jump start 2019 with a career booster!

Workforce Connection is currently recruiting individuals interested in no-cost training in the following industries. For those interested, call (559) 230-4026 for more details and sign-up today.

Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM)

What: 1-year program
When: January 2019
Where: Fresno City College

Supply Chain Logistics

What: 4-month program
When: March 2019
Where: Fresno City College

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