



Media Advisory

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\$1.6M Grant Awarded to Workforce Development Board For Careers in Forestry Training Program

FRESNO, CA – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has awarded the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) \$1,675,200 to implement a no-cost training program for careers in forestry.

Blake Konzal, Executive Director of the FRWDB stated, “This grant gives our organization the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with our partners to provide a quality no-cost training program that will prepare the workforce of Fresno County for long-term rewarding careers in the forestry industry.”

The FRWDB, through a collaborative partnership with Reedley College and Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission/Local Conservation Corps will conduct a five-month training program that will prepare participants for entry-level positions within the forestry industry. The first training co-hort is expected to begin in late-February 2020 and will be held in Fresno and Reedley.

- WHAT:** Check Presentation to the
Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board
- WHEN:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
- WERE:** State Center Community College District Office
1171 Fulton Street – Fresno, CA
(The Old Guarantee Savings Building – In the Lobby)

AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS:

Blake Konzal, Executive Director, FRWDB
Dr. Jerry L. Buckley, President, Reedley College
Emilia Reyes, Chief Executive Officer, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
Jim McDougald, Division Chief/Protection & Planning-Fresno Kings Unit, Cal Fire
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