

MEETING SUMMARY



Meeting Title	Capital Region CERF Summer of Collective Learning August Meeting						
Date	8/24/23	Start Time	3:00 PM	End Time	4:00 PM	Location	Zoom
Facilitator(s)	Alana Ramsay, Darlene Meza, Richard Dana, Evan Schmidt , Maritessa Bravo Ares, Bel Reyes, Christina Craner						
Speakers and Guests	Kristin York, Anette Smith, Maria Elena Manzo, Gil Mathew , Barbara Meister, Ken Smith, Kiara Reed, Jessica Carr, Derrick Martin						
Attendees:							

Meeting Purpose & Objectives
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greetings and Welcome Remarks- Capital Region 2. Salinas Inclusive Economic Development Initiative 3. Capital Region CERF: Continued Progress Building

Item 1: Greetings and Welcome Remarks - Capital Region	Agreements & Action Items
<p>Discussion Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recapping the last two sessions and what has been the purpose for the summer collaborative learning series ● Overview: CERF Objectives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To create regional road maps to show us where we need to invest for economic investment ○ It's really important the projects we identify together have really strong criteria around equity, job quality and sustainability ● CERF Context Framing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VV has been the backbone support to work together to do community engagement to create our project priorities together ○ VV works to represent the different geographic areas within our region 	
Item 2: Salinas Inclusive Economic Development Initiative	Agreements & Action Items
<p>Discussion Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VV will be in person doing co-building and Salinas has had a lot of experience in this work already ● Introducing three panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ken Smith- Project Manager, SIEDI ○ Maria Elena Manzo - Executive Director, Mujeres en acción ○ Barbara Meister- Mentor to Mujeres en acción ● SIEDI- Salinas Inclusive Economic Development Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The purpose is to strengthen networks and strengthen organizations who represent disinvested communities who have normally have not been apart of the economic development ecosystem ○ Have adopted solidarity economics ○ Their goals is to connect to the CERF process to of building an economy that includes disinvested communities ○ Helping people think about our economy, think about their ability to participate and address capacity questions ○ Mujeres en Acción <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Barbara's role as a mentor is to help others see what to see that they don't normally see in their self <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Barbara helps Maria Elena to look for opportunities where she can apply her instincts and knowledge ● Barbara helps Maria Elena understand and navigate these economic development spaces 	<p>1.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Maria Elena runs Mujerees en acción, which is purpose is to help women be economically self-sufficient and leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● She has been apart of figuring out what needs to happen, how the language for hiring needs to change, how they should be looking at people i lived experiences of the people that live in the community and address the workforce in a way that feels welcoming ● Barbara wasn't originally comfortable with partaking in these economic spaces but has realized in this process that she has something to offer and has learned a lot. She has come to the conclusion that it is truly imperative for all of us to come together to build an exclusive economy ● Transferring lived experiences of individuals into the types of jobs and skills they are needed there. Taking the time to train people with the new technology ○ In order to build an inclusive economic development you have to be collaborating with the organizations who can make sure the voices of the disinvested communist can be a full partner. ● Takeaways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deep cultural work and how much time needs to be invested ○ Mentorship model is beneficial and not seen before 	
Item 3: Capital Region CERF: Continued Progress Building	Agreements & Action Items
<p>Discussion Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Capital Region CERF: Notable Accomplishments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Since the last summer of session of learning we have identified subregional, communications and research partners. As well have built a 130+ members of the collaborative ○ Next is seating for the leadership ● Introducing Subregions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tahoe/Nevada Subregion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gil Mathew & Derrick Martin 	<p>2.</p>

- They have a lot of initiatives in the process in terms of economic development
 - Kristin York & Jessica Carr
 - Have been leveraging their existing strong relationships. They have been meeting disinvested communities where they are.
- Sacramento/Yolo
 - Kiara Reed
 - Wanting to bring creatives into the space to be included when building an inclusive economy
 - Anette Smith
 - They partner with other community based organizations that are at the forefront of business economic development and workforce initiatives in the sac/yolo region.
- Yuba and Sutter
- Colusa
 - Still in progress
- Leadership Council
 - 36 member group
 - Timeline (relatively short time frame)
 - Sept 1: Nominations Open
 - Sept. 22: Nominations Close
 - Sept. 23- Late October: Review and selection Process
 - Late October: Leadership Council is seated
- Catalyst Fund Update- Sneak Preview
 - \$14 Million per region to bridge inclusive planning and implementations
- Capacity Assistance Funding is available Sept. 1st. Stipends available to all collaborative members as long as budget allows
- Livability Summit- October 30, 2023 8am- 4pm
 - Registration Required
- Take the survey! We thank everyone who has participated already, your voice matters!