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# OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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## COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE

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IMPERIAL COUNTY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT • 940 W. Main St., Ste. #203, El Centro, CA 92243

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### ***Overall Economic Development Commission***

Monday, January 26, 2015  
1:30 p.m.  
SDG&E Renewable Energy Resource Center  
1425 W. Main St., El Centro, CA 92243

### **PROCEEDINGS**

A meeting of the Overall Economic Development Commission (OEDC) was held on Monday, January 26, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in the Conference Room of the San Diego Gas and Electric Renewable Energy Resource Center, located at 1425 West Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

### **ATTENDEES**

#### ***Public Sector***

I.C. Transportation Commission  
I.C. Workforce Development Office  
City of Imperial  
City of Brawley  
City of Calexico  
City of Holtville  
City of Imperial

#### ***Primary***

Jorge GALVAN  
Sam COUCHAMN  
  
Nick WELLS  
Marlene BEST

#### ***Alternate***

Virginia MENDOZA  
Miguel FIGUEROA  
  
Richard WARNE

#### ***County Representatives***

County of Imperial

Andy HORNE

#### ***Board of Supervisors Appointees***

District 4

Tim KELLEY

Cynthia MANCHA

#### ***Coordinating Staff***

I.C. Community and Econ. Development

Esperanza C. WARREN

Jade PADILLA



U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration



County of Imperial

**MINUTES**

***I. Call meeting to order***

A. Roll call

Meeting was called to order by S. COUCHMAN at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was performed by J. PADILLA.  
**Present: seven (6) committee members. Quorum was achieved.**

B. Approval of corrected minutes from 05/27/2014

C. Approval of minutes from 12/15/14

***II. Presentations***

a. Advanced Manufacturing Communities Partnership for Sothern California (AMP SoCal) Presentation by Dion Jackson from the University of Southern California Center for Economic Development

E.C. WARREN introduced Dion JACKSON Professor at University of Southern California Center for Economic Development.

Dion JACKSON proceeded to her presentation on Advanced Manufacturing Partnership for Southern California. When the presentation was concluded the committee discussed the possible benefits of the partnership.

Efrain SILVA commented about the state of the art facility at Imperial Valley College.

E.C. WARREN commented we are currently waiting for IVEDC and Imperial County Workforce Development to submit their report on Aerospace and Biofuels cluster; they will identify areas in Imperial County that can be used as manufacturing zones.

E.C. WARREN commented OECD needs to take a vote to meet next week for the cluster.

E.C. WARREN commented the County will be the lead agency; the County needs to submit letters of recommendation. Cities can also submit letters in support of the partnership. T. KELLEY commented we should show that we have industrial sites in the County. Dion JACKSON commented if the County submits a letter, at this point the cities are covered.

b. U.S. Gypsum Project Update Presentation by IVEDC

T. KELLEY commented U.S. Gypsum has finalized their decision to restart line one of their facility. This will retain 20 jobs and create 50 new jobs in manufacturing. The investment made by the company will be from 30-40 million dollars. Sean WILCOCK commented the jobs that will be created will be \$26 per hour jobs, which are high wage jobs.



**III. Future agenda items and other business**

- a) IVEDC Marketing Efforts Presentation
- b) Presentation by Imperial County Workforce Development

**IV. Next meeting date**

February 23, 2015

**V. Meeting adjourned**

M. BEST noted there are not enough voting members present to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting ended at 2:41 p.m.

