Governing Council Meeting Notes: **December 12, 2025 9:30am**

Attendees:

SBC:

1. Kara Bechtel
2. Kaela Frank
3. Heather Hawkins
4. Jillian Pape
5. Bella Brownwood
6. Erika Harvey
7. Kristin York

Governing Council Present:

8. Will Fassett
9. David Thoeny
10. Brandon Price
11. Teresa Hitchcock
12. Haley Graham
13. Jen Burrows
14. Kathy Gallino
15. Mark Schwartz
16. Mary Watts
17. Liz Grams (Sandra Moberly sub)
18. Jimmy John Thompson
19. Meaghan McCamman

Others:

20. James Hanson
21. Alex Bloom
22. Seana Doherty

23. Chelsea Taylor
24. Elaine Kabala
25. Emily Bryant
26. Erin Murphy
27. John Wentworth
28. Dillon Osleger
29. Matthew Galvin
30. Sophia Kaufman
31. Travis Nabahe
32. Robyn Gorecki

Links shared in Zoom chat:
Catalyst projects: https://sierrajobsfirst.org/projects/ Sierra Works- https://sierraworks.org/
SHIP- https://www.mljt.org/ship LEAF- https://www.sierraindustry.org/leaf
(If asked) Transition Planning https://sierrajobsfirst.org/transition-planning/

9:30am Welcome

9:40 am Sierra Jobs First Updates

- Catalyst Project Highlights
- Tribal Coordinator Update
- Industry Coordinator Updates
    - Community Health (Jen Burrows)
        - Updates in slides
    - Natural & Working Lands and Sustainable Agriculture (MLJT ALex Bloom and Sophia Kaufman)
        - Updates in slides
        - Nat Working Lands:
            - Prop 4 for bioeconomy (focus) + entrepreneurship
            - Working on statewide partnerships and pathways to get people engaged with NWL
            - Trying to make CCED present in the bioeconomy landscape; submitted implementation proposal with a few partners
        - Sustainable Agriculture:
            - Composting program; wage subsidy pilot programs
            - Next LEAF conference 2/4, 2026
            - Digital engagement platform for industry coordinators to create access (industry engagement forum) for LEAF and Healthcare Industries
            - Data from LEAF will be shared to ESCOG for strategic docs–

hoping to align activation plans with strategic plans

- Recreation and Tourism (Mathew Galvan & John Wentworth)
  - Updates in slides

10:05am End-of-Year Council Wrap-Up & Appreciation *Erika Harvey & Kristin York*

- SJF is not over– 10 more months of work to be done!
- We look forward to continuing to work with members of the Council as we put our efforts into industry sector engagement and supporting the Catalyst projects– Thank you for your service on the Council. We look forward to your continued Collaboration.