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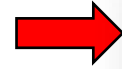
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December 16, 2021



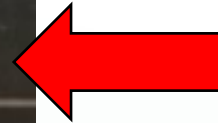
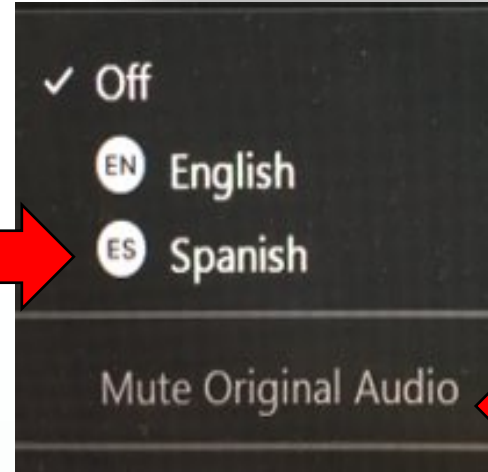
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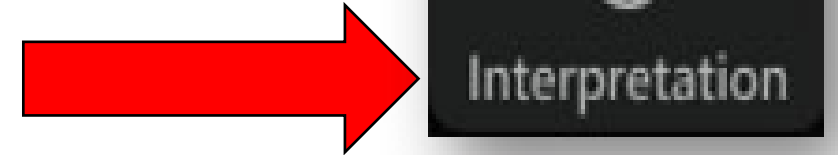
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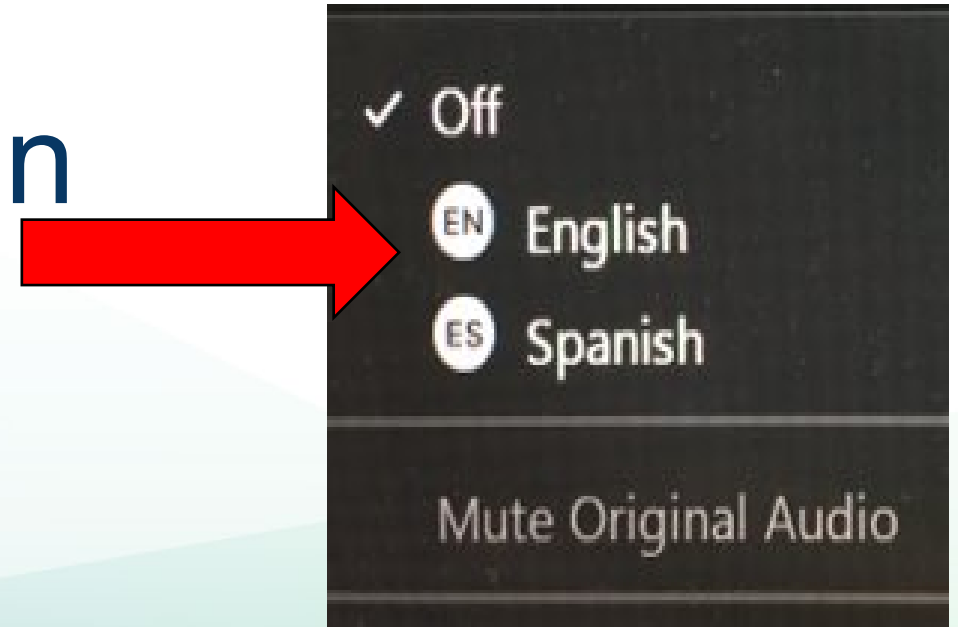


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# Agenda / Agenda

- Welcome and Roll Call
  - Administrative Items
    - Approval of October 28, 2021 Meeting Action Minutes
    - Communicating with Lithium Valley Commission through docket
  - Informational Items
    - Media and Legislation Updates
    - Lithium Valley Commissioner Updates
    - California Workforce Development Board Grant Opportunity
    - CEC Rulemaking Proceeding to Streamline Powerplant Siting Regulations
  - Acknowledgment of Community and Stakeholder Questions and Feedback, and Possible Plan to Address or Incorporate Comments and Requests in Work of Lithium Valley Commission
  - Review and Possible Amendment of Workshop Topics and Planning
  - Consideration of Sub Body Changes
  - Updates to Schedule, Agenda Topics, and Presentations for Upcoming Public Meetings
  - Public Comment
  - Adjourn
- Bienvenida y paso de lista
  - Temas Administrativos
    - Aprobación del acta de la reunión del 28 de octubre de 2021
    - Comunicacion con la Comision de Lithium Valley por medio del sistema de expediente electrónico
  - Temas informativos
    - Actualizaciones sobre medios y legislación
    - Actualizaciones de la Comisión de Lithium Valley
    - Oportunidad de subvenciones proporcionada por la Junta de Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral de California
    - Procedimiento de elaboración de normas de la CEC para agilizar las regulaciones sobre emplazamientos de las plantas de energía
  - Acuse de recibo de las preguntas y comentarios de la comunidad y de otros interesados en el procedimiento
  - Revisión y posible enmienda de temas y planificación de talleres
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  - Actualizaciones del programa, los temas de las agendas y las presentaciones de las próximas reuniones públicas
  - Comentarios del público
  - Levantar la sesión



# Administrative Items / Temas administrativos

- Approval of Past Meeting Action Minutes
- Aprobación del acta de reuniones anteriores





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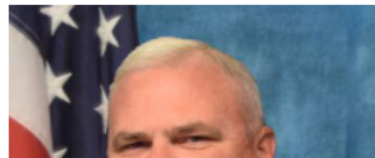


## Lithium Valley Commission

With the opportunity to develop lithium from geothermal brine in the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area, the Lithium Valley Commission is directed to review, investigate, and analyze opportunities and benefits for lithium recovery and use in the state. A final report is due to the State Legislature by October 1, 2022.

Assembly Bill 1657 (Garcia), Chapter 271, 2020 (AB 1657), authorizes the California Energy Commission (CEC) to convene a Blue-Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California (Lithium Valley Commission), with 14 members appointed by a combination of the CEC, other state agencies, Assembly Speaker, and Senate Committee on Rules. The Lithium Valley Commission is charged with reviewing, investigating, and analyzing certain issues and potential incentives, as further detailed in the statute, regarding lithium extraction and use in California; and, to consult, if feasible, with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy in performing these tasks. The statute requires the Lithium Valley Commission to submit, on or before October 1, 2022, a report to the Legislature documenting its findings and recommendations.

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# Media and Legislation Updates / Actualizaciones sobre Medios y Legislación





# **Lithium Valley Commissioner Updates / Actualizaciones de la Comisión de Lithium Valley**



# **California Workforce Development Board Grant Opportunity / Oportunidad de subvenciones proporcionada por la Junta de Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral de California**

# HIGH ROAD

TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

## High Road to Lithium Valley? Upcoming Grant Opportunity (Q1 2022)

Lithium Valley Commission

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Rafael Aguilera, High Road Field Specialist



# Agenda

- **CWDB's High Road Vision**

- Definitions and Examples

- **Components**

- Job Quality
- Equity
- Climate
- Regionalism

- **Essential Elements**

- Industry Led Problem Solving
- Partnership is Priority
- Worker Wisdom
- Industry Driven Training and Education

- **Questions**

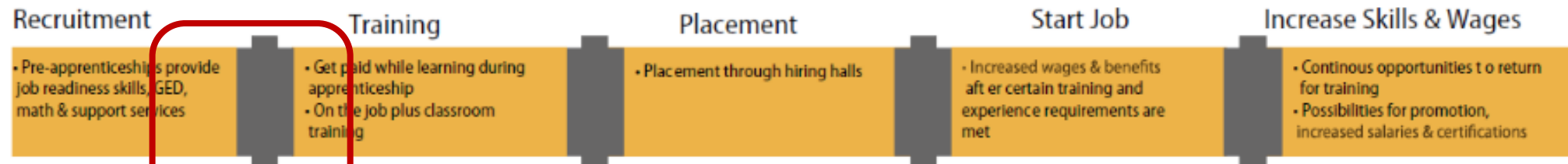


# California's Inequitable Workforce System

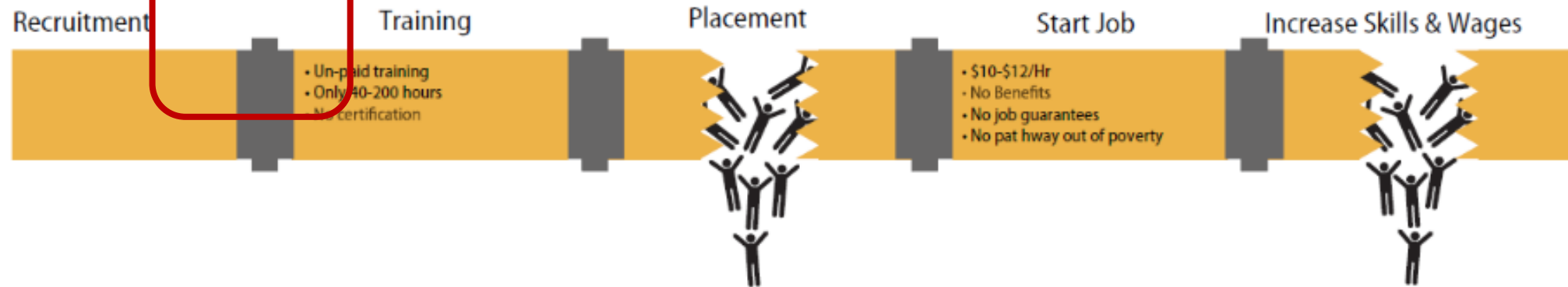


# Low Road vs. High Road

## Registered Apprenticeship Pipeline: A Pathway to Better Opportunities



## Without Apprenticeship Training: A Broken Pipeline

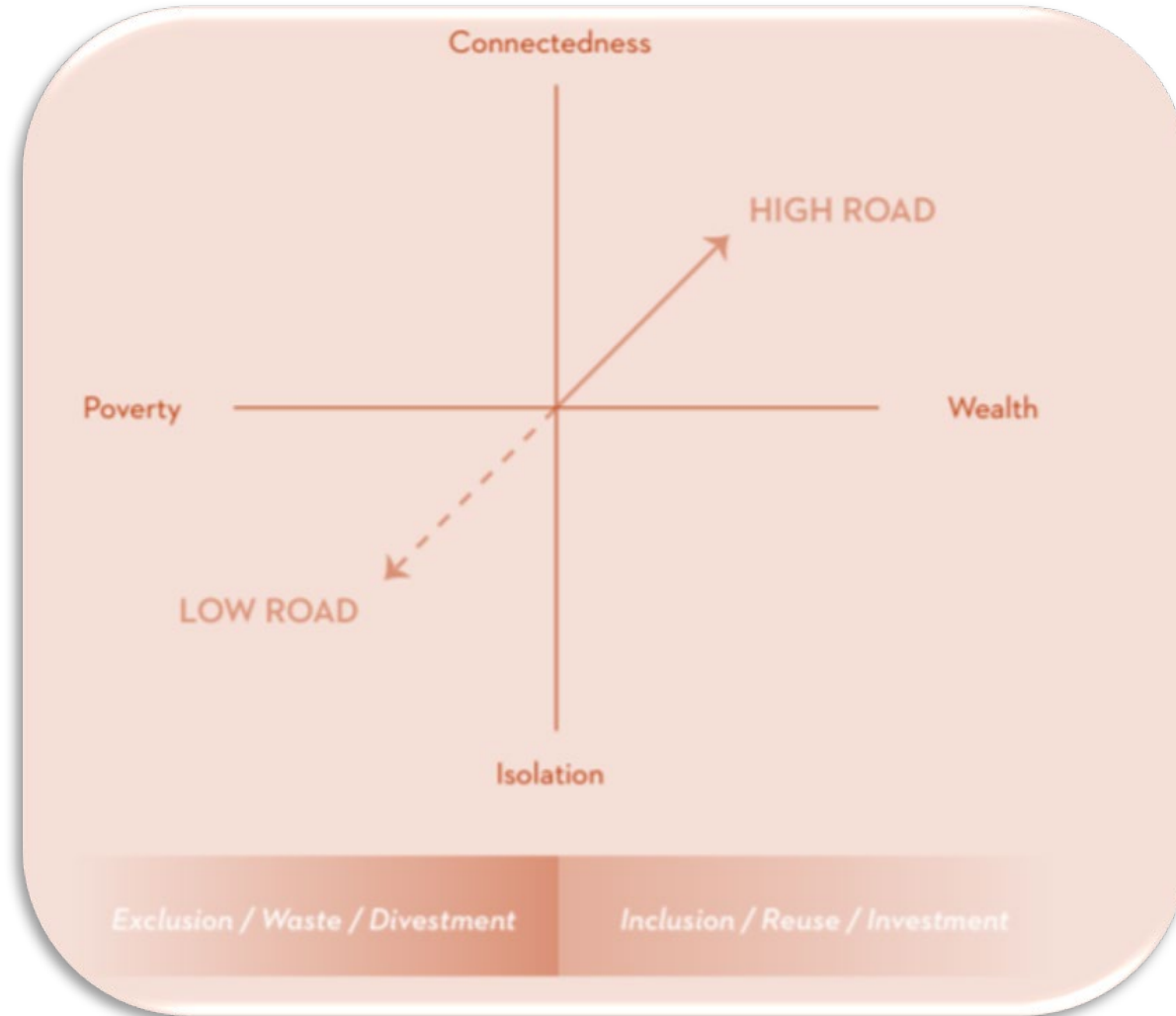


# “High Road”

The California Workforce Development Board is advancing the “High Road” - a set of economic and workforce development strategies to achieve economic growth, economic equity, shared prosperity and a clean environment.



# CWDB's High Road Vision



Low Road = Exclusion, Waste, Divestment

High Road = Inclusion, Reuse, Investment





# CWDB's High Road Vision

- The CWDB's High Road vision is a strategic and comprehensive state approach to jobs and training across **climate and technology impacted industries**.
- It relies on strong regional, industry sector-based partnership among management, workers, government, and community.
- The High Road vision includes, but is not limited to, the following components - **equity, climate, job quality, and regionalism**.

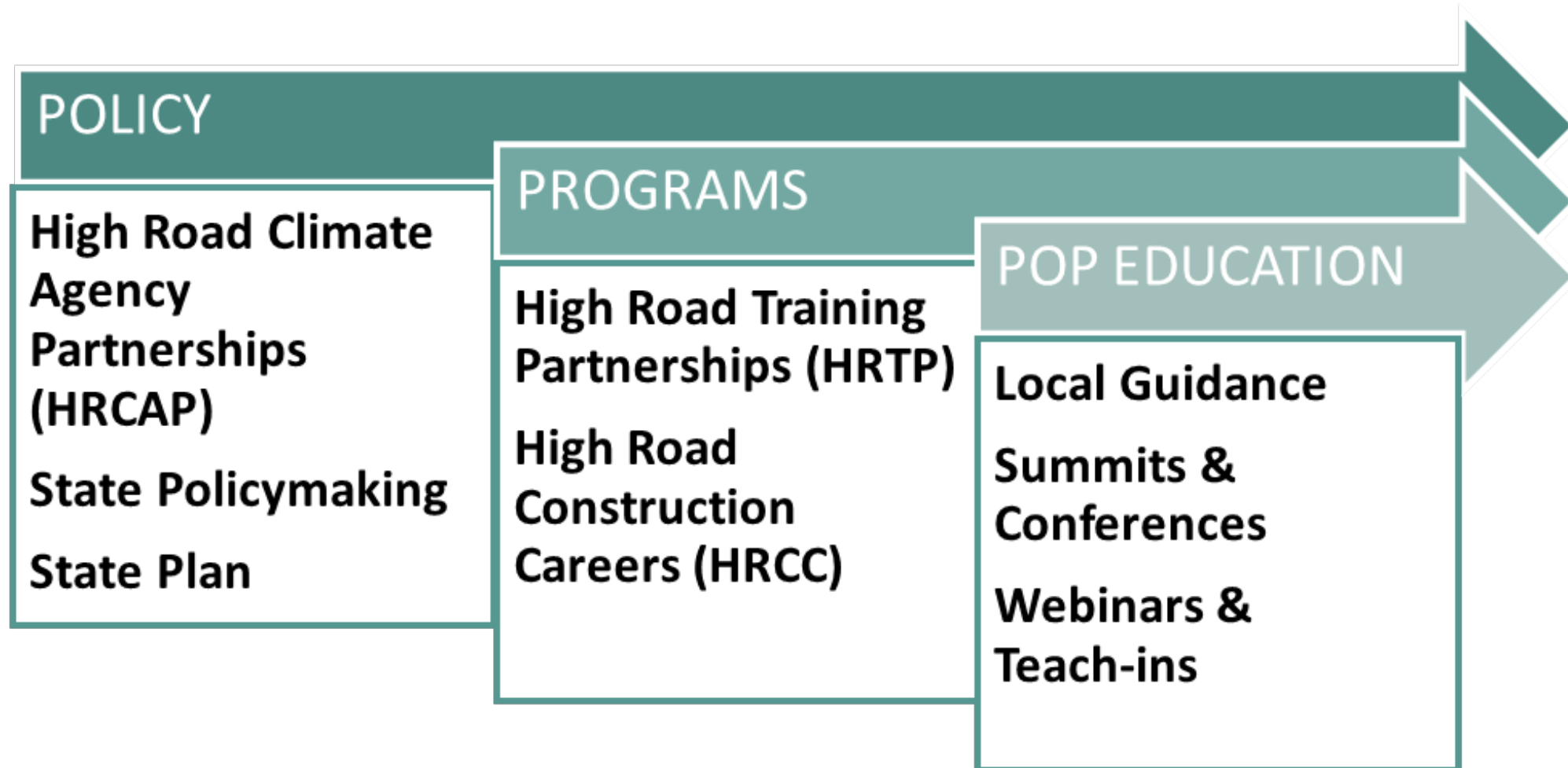


# H RTP Initiative Purpose

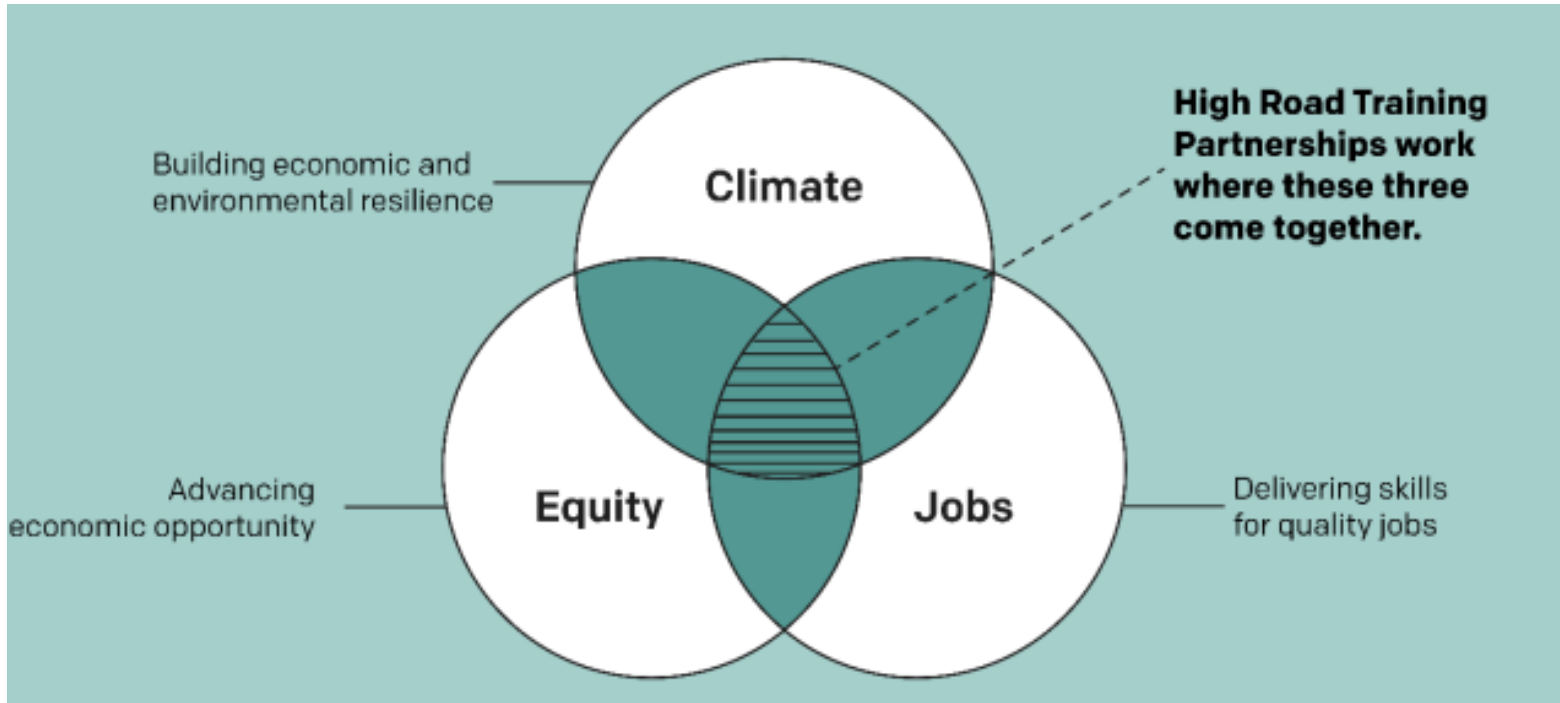
The purpose of the H RTP initiative is to lay the foundation of an **industry-based skills infrastructure** that can negotiate the future of work to build regional economies for California



# CWDB's High Road Approach



# CWDB: Equity, Climate, Jobs Branch



*Regional Economies and a more resilient workforce creates healthier communities*

## Equity

Building economic opportunity and mobility for those who have been marginalized, disadvantaged, and/or denied opportunity.

## Climate

Mitigating and supporting adaptation to climate change; increasing environmental sustainability; building community and economic resilience.

## Jobs

Engaging with the state's high road employers to increase quality jobs and design skills answers to their shared needs.

## Regionalism

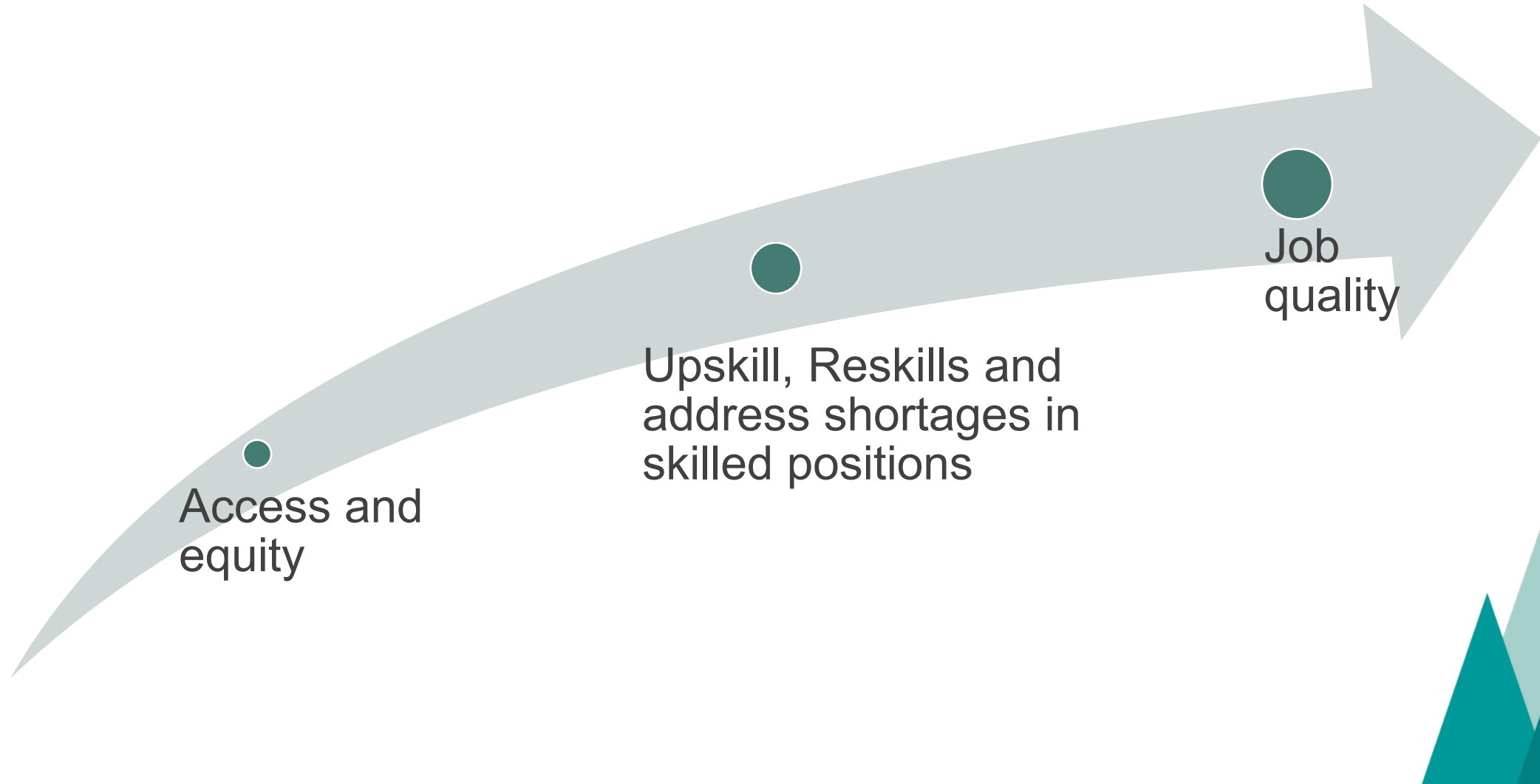
Regional strategies developed through partnerships that support workers and communities in adapting to and creating new workforce opportunities in the transition to a carbon-neutral economy.

# HRTTP

“High road training partnership” means an initiative or project that models strategies for developing **industry-based, worker-focused training partnerships**, including labor-management partnerships.



# The How



# H RTP Strategies

Labor market interventions that:

- (1) **Improve job quality and job access**, including for women and people from underserved and underrepresented populations.
- (2) Meet the skill and profitability **needs of employers**.
- (3) Meet the economic, social, and environmental **needs of the community**.



# H RTP: Projects by Industry

- Public transit
- Property services
- Water utilities
- Electric bus manufacturing
- Hospitality
- Health care
- Clean mobility
- Tree trimming / forestry
- Building decarbonization
- Energy storage and microgrids
- Distribution and logistics
- Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Long-term care
- **Offshore wind energy**
- Food supply chain
- Regional workforce strategies



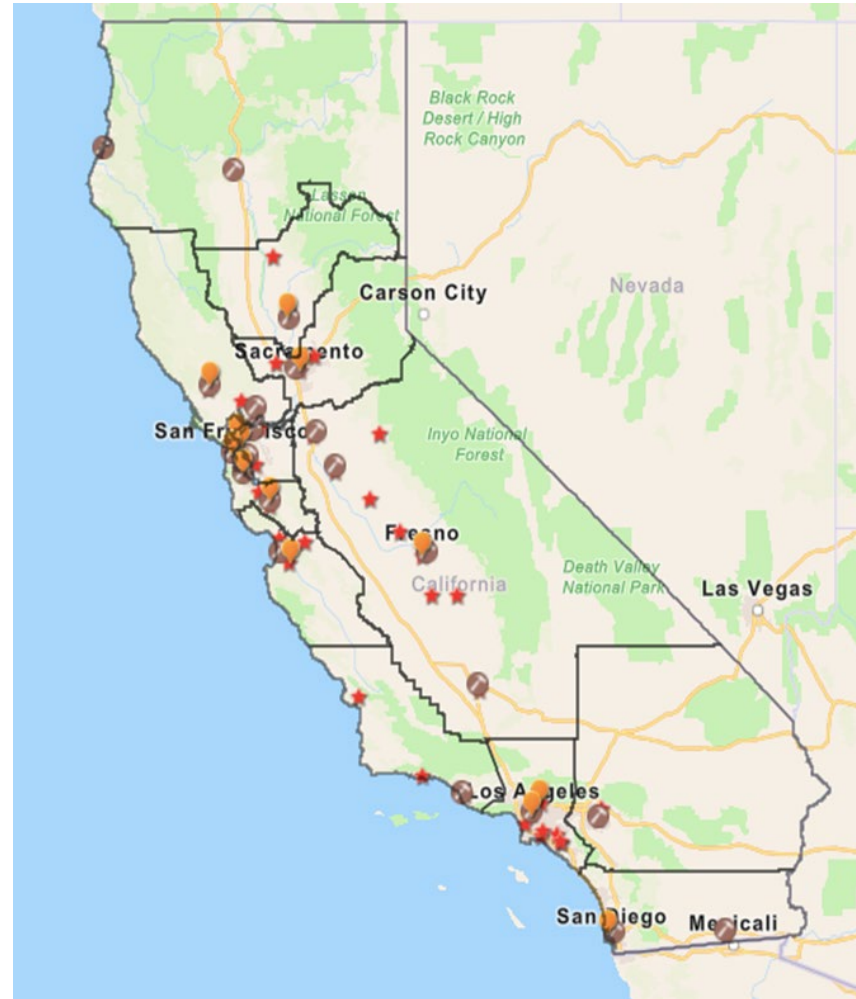


# HRCC

- “High road construction careers” are HRTPs that invest in regional training partnerships comprised of local building trades councils, workforce, community, and education interests that connect to state-approved apprenticeship programs, that utilize the standard **Multi-Craft Core (MC3) preapprenticeship** training curriculum and provide a **range of supportive services and career placement** assistance to women and people from underserved and underrepresented populations.



# HRCC Regions



# Components (The What)

- **Equity** is building economic opportunity and mobility for those who have been marginalized, disadvantaged, and/or denied opportunity.
- **Climate** refers to climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.
- **Job quality** includes better wages, benefits, paid sick leave, predictable scheduling, opportunities for training and advancement, worker voice, etc.
- **Regionalism** means regional strategies that support workers and communities in adapting to and creating new workforce opportunities in the transition to a low-carbon economy.



# Essential Elements:

## Overview – What we learned from HRTP 1.0

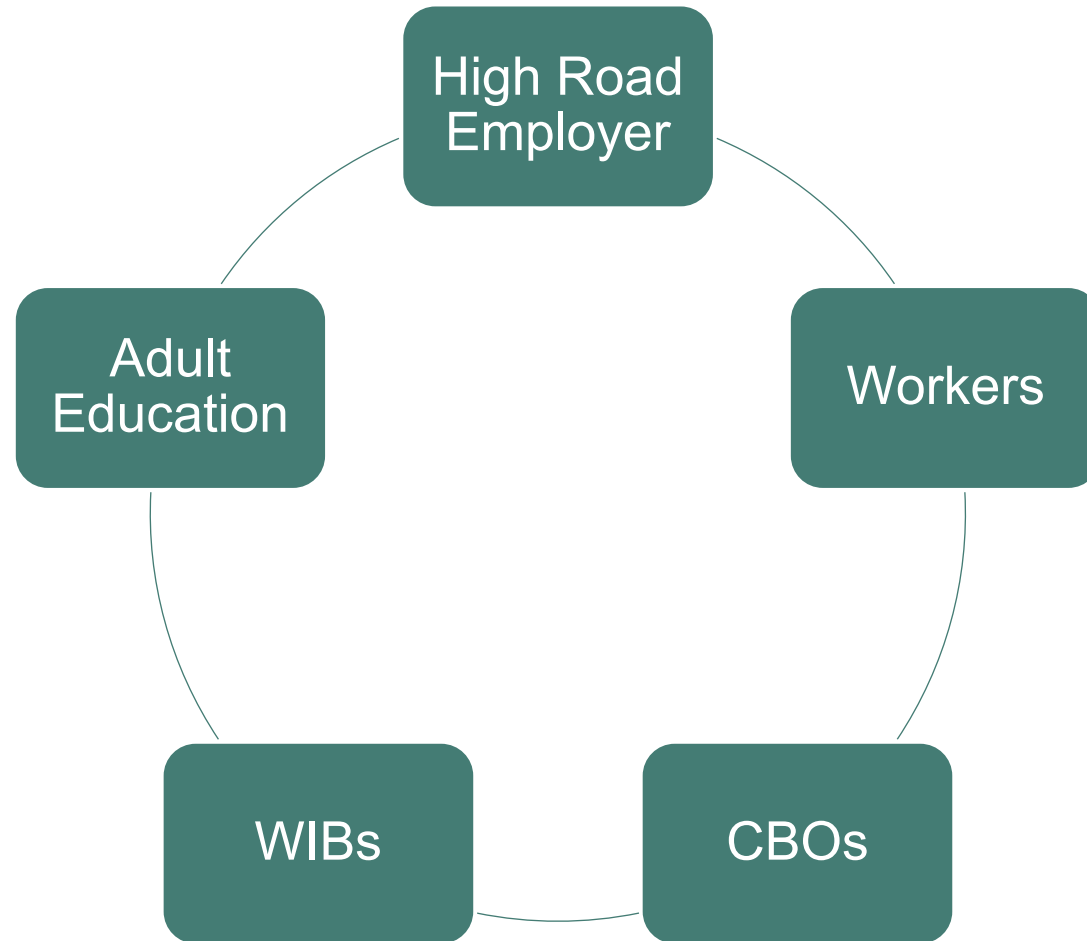
### 4 Elements of HRTP:

- Industry Led Problem Solving
- Partnerships a Priority
- Worker Wisdom
- Industry Driven Education & Training Solutions



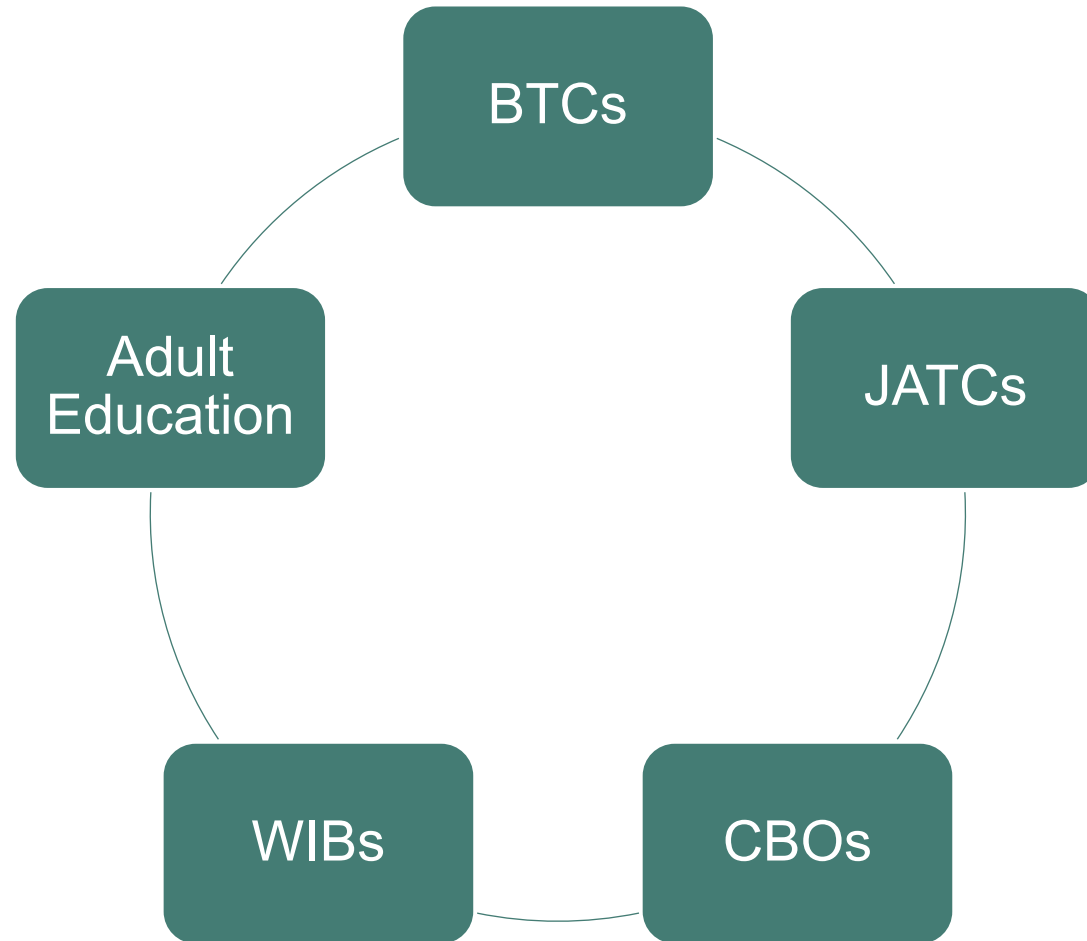
# Training partnerships are key to success

- HRTP Model

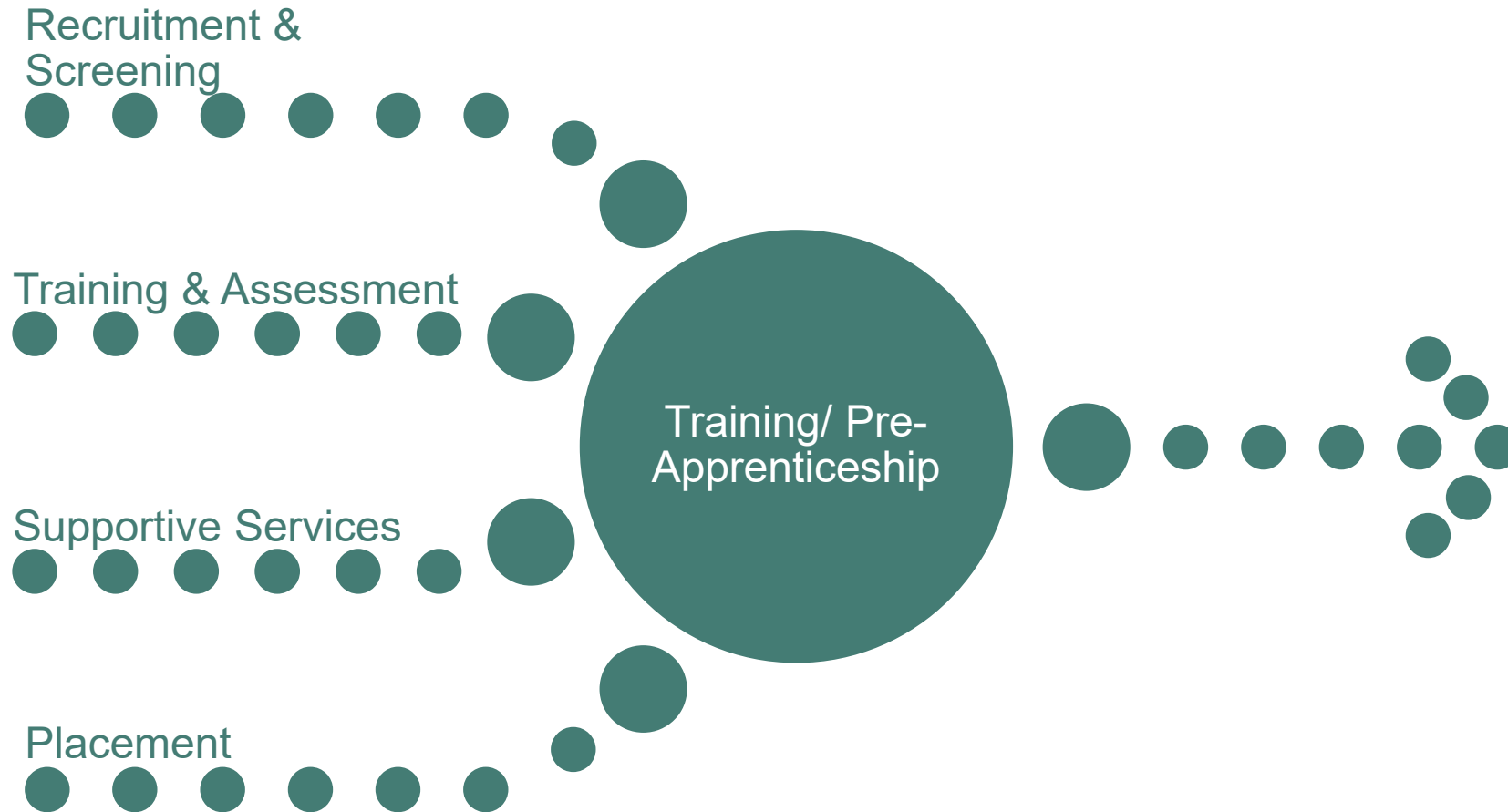


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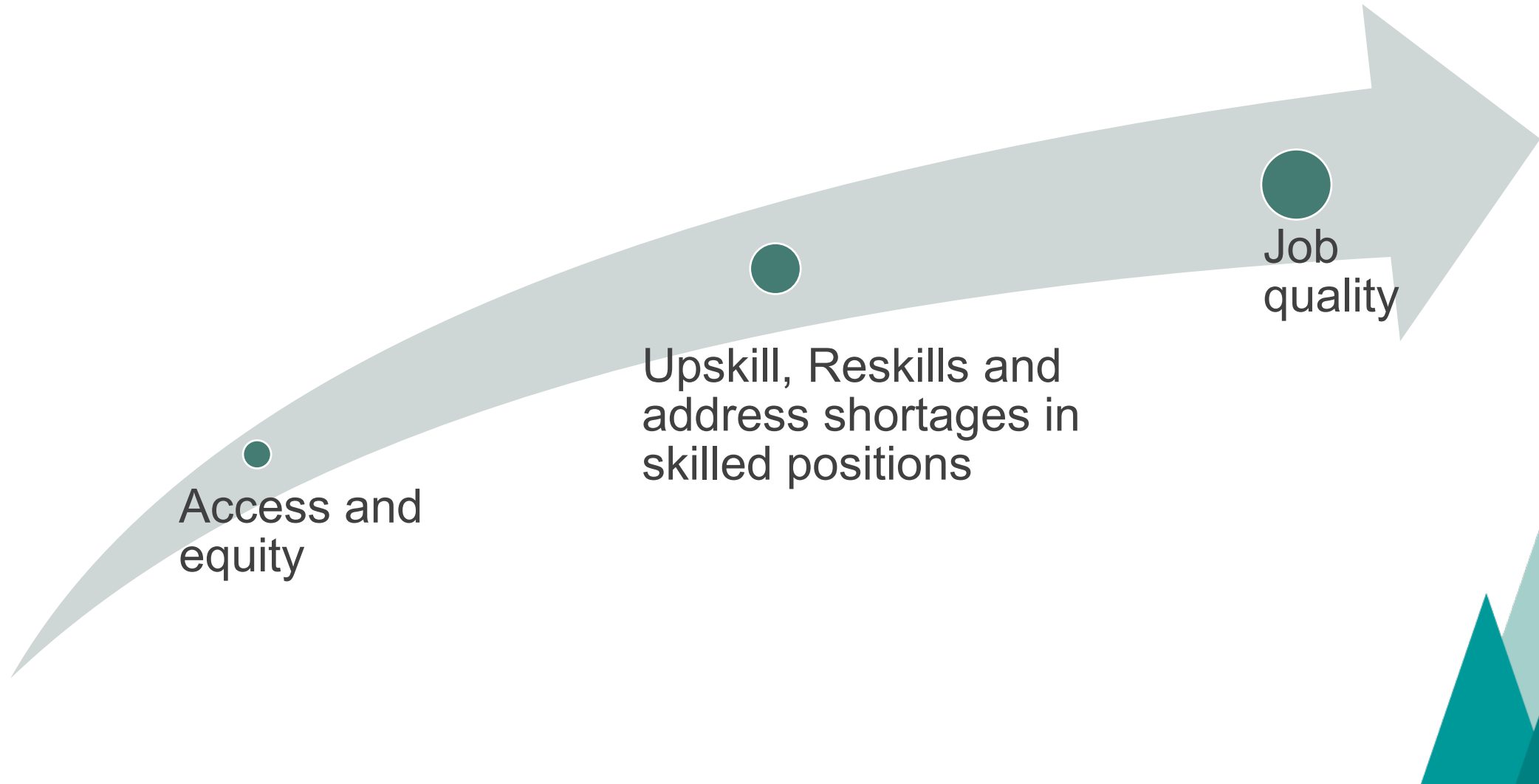
- HRCC Model



# Delivering Quality Training is Multi-faceted and Resource-intensive



# The How






# Upcoming Grant Opportunity

- Request For Proposals (RFP) or Letter of Intent (LOI)
- By end of Q1, 2022 (February or March)

In the meantime:

- Identify a **Lead Applicant and Key Partners**: Local Government, Industry, Workers, Community, Community Colleges.
  - Formulate set of **workforce and economic development issues** that can be addressed.
  - Decide on Dollar Amount **\$500K to \$1-2 million**, based on need.
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***Without intervention, climate programs are likely to replicate existing disparities and inequities in the labor market***





# HIGH ROAD

TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

## QUESTIONS?

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# Resources (Links)

## High Road – Overview

[High Road Framework](#)

[Equity](#)

[Job Quality](#)

[Climate](#)

## Essential Elements

[Industry Led Problem Solving](#)

[Partnership as a Priority](#)

[Worker Voice](#)

[Training Solutions](#)

## H RTP Evaluation

[Executive Summary – Assessment of the California Workforce Development Board’s High Road Training Partnership Initiative](#)

[Full Report – Assessment of the California Workforce Development Board’s High Road Training Partnership Initiative](#)





**21-OIR-02**

# **Rulemaking to Amend Regulations for Delegation of Certification Authority and Small Power Plant Exemptions**

December 16, 2021 Briefing to the Lithium Valley Commission

Reneé Webster-Hawkins, Senior Attorney  
Chief Counsel's Office



# Priorities urging amendments to certain siting procedures

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- Governor Gavin Newsom's Emergency Proclamation (July 30, 2021)
- CPUC's June 2021 Mid Term Reliability directive to procure 11,000 MW of net new electricity by 2026 including 1,000 MW from geothermal resources
- CEC's delegation and SPPE regulations haven't been updated since the 1970s



# Warren-Alquist Act: Exclusive Certification Authority

- Provides the California Energy Commission with the exclusive power to certify all thermal power plants and related facilities generating **50 megawatts** and greater
  - **"One-stop shop"** certificate in lieu of any other permit required by state, regional or local agencies
  - CEC also coordinates with federal agencies
  - Conditions of certification covers **construction and operation**



# Warren-Alquist Act: Findings Necessary to Certify

- CEC approval includes findings and conclusions:
  - **Conformity** with all applicable local, regional, state and federal standards, ordinances and laws (**LORS**)
    - Safety and reliability
    - Air and water quality
  - **Environmental review:** Lead agency in certified regulatory program pursuant to CEQA
  - Evidentiary process under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA)





# Warren-Alquist Act: Exceptions to Exclusive Permitting: Delegation of Geothermal Licensing

**Delegation to a county with geothermal element for its general plan**

- Requires a petition that demonstrates that the county has an **equivalent certification program** with specific application and appeal procedures
- Requires county to provide for input and review by other public agencies and members of the public
- Procedures at 20 CCR §§ 1860-1870 adds adjudicative process
- *Delegation never sought nor approved*



# Warren-Alquist Act: Exceptions to Exclusive Permitting: Small Power Plant Exemption

## Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE)

- Jurisdictional thermal power plants **< 100 MW generating capacity**
- No substantial **adverse impact on the environment**: CEC is CEQA lead agency
- No substantial **adverse impact on energy resources**
- Approval requires project proponent to seek permits from all other agencies
- Procedures at 20 CCR §§ 1934-1948 adds adjudicative process



# CEQA Requirements for Lead Agencies: Public Participation

- Lead Agency is required to provide **notice and opportunities for public review and comment for CEQA determinations**
  - Opportunities for public participation at every stage of the process
    - Scoping Meeting
    - Comment period on environmental document
    - Before close of the hearing on the project
  - Lead agency evaluates and responds in writing to comments on environmental issues



# CEQA Requirements for Lead Agencies: Potentially Impacted Resources

- Resources to be evaluated for potentially significant impacts in Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report

|                           |                                   |                                    |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Aesthetics                | Agricultural & Forestry Resources | Air Quality                        |
| Biological Resources      | Cultural Resources                | Energy                             |
| Geology/Soils             | Greenhouse Gas Emissions          | Hazards and Hazardous Materials    |
| Hydrology & Water Quality | Land Use/Planning                 | Mineral Resources                  |
| Noise                     | Population/Housing                | Public Services                    |
| Recreation                | Transportation                    | Tribal Cultural Resources          |
| Utilities/Service Systems | Wildfire                          | Mandatory Findings of Significance |



# Proposed Amendments

*The proposed amendments would streamline the CEC's administrative procedures without sacrificing public participation in government decisions, or the substantive requirements of the Warren Alquist Act, CEQA or other environmental or public health and safety laws.*

- **Delegation of geothermal power plant siting authority** to local government
  - Eliminate redundant administrative process
  - Specify and strengthen requirements for local government
  - Retain public participation in CEC's review of petition, and in local review and certification of geothermal power plants
  - Retain all requirements of the Warren Alquist Act: environmental, safety and reliability, air and water quality, and LORS
- **The SPPE approval**
  - Eliminate redundant administrative process
  - Retain CEC as CEQA Lead Agency
  - Retain other local, regional and state agency permitting requirements
  - Specify and strengthen data requirements for applicants



# Relationship to Lithium Valley Commission

- **Align:** State policy to accelerate procurement of reliable, renewable and carbon free energy → including zero-emission electricity generation from geothermal
- **Streamline:** Remove redundant and obsolete processes **while ensuring ample public participation and compliance with all substantive environmental and public health and safety laws.**
  - Simplify the licensing and permitting of geothermal powerplant facility construction and operation
  - Maintain all legal requirements for environmental, safety, reliability and public participation
  - Enhance state-local partnership in planning and permitting geothermal electricity generation in Imperial County



# Draft Timeline for Rulemaking

| Event  | Date             |
|--|------------------|
| Stakeholders submit pre-rulemaking written comments                | 12/6/2021        |
| CEC Business Meeting: Order Instituting Rulemaking                 | 12/8/2021        |
| Notice of Proposed Action published by OAL                         | 2/4/2022         |
| Begin 45-day Public Comment Period                                 | 2/4/2022         |
| End 45-day Public Comment Period                                   | 3/21/2022        |
| Conduct public hearing   | 3/22/2022        |
| CEC Business Meeting: Proposed Adoption                            | 4/8/2022         |
| <i>[If additional 15-day language is necessary]</i>                |                  |
| <i>Post 15-day Language and Start 15-day Public Comment Period</i> | <i>5/3/2022</i>  |
| <i>End 15-day Public Comment Period</i>                            | <i>5/18/2022</i> |
| <i>CEC Business Meeting: Proposed Adoption</i>                     | <i>6/8/2022</i>  |
| Submit Final Rulemaking Package to OAL                             | 6/28/2022        |
| Secretary of State publishes regulations                           | 8/17/2022        |
| Effective Date of Regulations                                      | 8/17/2022        |





# How to Follow and Engage

- **CEC Docket 21-OIR-01: All filings will be posted to the following list servers:**

- *Siting Division General List*
- *Rulemaking, and*
- *Geothermal*

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# **Acknowledgment of Community and Stakeholder Questions and Feedback / Acuse de recibo de las preguntas y comentarios de la comunidad y de otros interesados en el procedimiento**



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# Consideration of Sub Body Changes / Consideración de cambios a los subcuerpos

## Furthering Geothermal Development

- Luis Olmedo
- Ryan Kelley

## Market Opportunities for Lithium

- Roderic Dolega
- Arthur Lopez

## Benefits of/to Geothermal Plants

- Manfred Scott
- James Hanks

## Overcoming Challenges to Lithium Extraction

- James Hanks
- Frank Ruiz

## • Lithium Extraction Methods

- Jonathan Weisgall
- Rod Colwell

## Economic and Environmental Impacts

- Luis Olmedo
- Miranda Flores

## Importance of Incentives

- Jonathan Weisgall
- Martha Guzman Aceves

## Workforce Development

- Silvia Paz
- Steve Castaneda

## Legislative Regulatory Recommendations

- Rod Colwell
- Tom Soto



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# Updates to Schedule, Agenda Topics, and Presentation for Upcoming Public Meetings / Actualizaciones del programa, los temas de las agendas y las presentaciones de las próximas reuniones públicas

- Determination of Agenda Topics, Speakers, Presentations
  - Economic Impacts
  - Workforce Development
  - Incentives
  - Benefits of/to Geothermal Plants
  - Overcoming Challenges to Lithium Extraction
  - Legislative Regulatory Recommendations
- Determinación de los temas de la agenda, los oradores y las presentaciones
  - Impactos económicos
  - Desarrollo laboral
  - Incentivos
  - Beneficios resultando de o para apoyar las plantas de energía geotérmica
  - Superando retos resultando de la extracción de litio
  - Recomendaciones legislativas y regulatorias





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