

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 6/12/2025

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MCWDB's WIOA-funded Green Cadre program graduated in May. The Cadre participants were recognized by the California Parks and Recreation Society for their contributions and took a pledge to combat climate change. Graduates have been attending job fairs and applying for employment throughout Monterey County. Staff is working diligently with the participants to help them find employment.

## **JOBY Tech Cadre**

MCWDB has partnered with Joby Aviation for the Tech Cadre program. This is a WIOA internship program for 8-10 weeks during the summer. There are 15 positions that Joby has requested to fill. During the open application period, we received 36 applicants. Two informational orientations took place and initial interviews have concluded. All interview notes and applications have been sent to Joby for second interviews. WIOA eligibility verification will take place from June 9-13, 2025, with a program start date of Monday June 16, 2025, in Marina.

## **Hospitality Cadre**

The Hospitality Cadre's 10 participants have received their OSHA 10, Food Handler, and National Association of Entrepreneurship & Business certifications and credentials. Participants are interviewing and being placed with our hospitality partners; Best Western, The Steinbeck House, Odyssey Freediving, Taqueria Mi Ranchito, Kona Steak House & Seafood, Work Horse Bicycles and Pacific Inn. Youth are being prepared with mock interviews and resume preparation to set them up for successful interviews with these employers.

