



February 4, 2025

Andy Stone, Executive Director
Santa Cruz Workforce Development Board
500 Westridge Drive
Watsonville, CA 95076

Dear Mr. Stone :

The Employment Development Department (EDD) nominates Alma Diaz, Field Office Manager for the Capitola/Salinas Workforce Services Cluster, to serve as EDD's representative on the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board (WDB) to represent the Title III/Wagner-Peyer seat. Alma will replace Felix Cantu, who previously held this seat on your board.

Ms. Diaz has over 10 years of experience working with the EDD with several years of management, technical and administrative experience in both private and public sectors. She currently has administrative responsibility for EDD staff and programs in America's Job Centers of California located in both the County of Santa Cruz and Monterey.

Ms. Diaz has worked collaboratively with local partnerships over the course of the last couple of years to develop strategic approaches to deliver workforce development services to local and diverse communities. She comes with a vast array of knowledge in working with the many programs and services that EDD offers throughout the Los Angeles/Coastal Workforce Services Division.

Your time and consideration of this nomination is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cesar Valladares

/S/ CESAR VALLADARES, Deputy Division Chief, Region 1
Los Angeles/Coastal Workforce Services Division