

**Workforce Investment Board Executive Director elected California Workforce Association chair: San Bernardino County's Sandy Harmsen to lead CWA for second term**

The County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board announced today that executive director, Sandy Harmsen, was elected Chair of the California Workforce Association's Executive Committee. Harmsen will be serving her second term in this role.

Harmsen has more than 19 years of workforce development experience and is currently the executive director of the County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board. Since taking this role in 2008, Harmsen has led county programs recognized by the National Association of Counties and the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. Among other honors, she has received seven awards from National Association of Counties, testified for the national legislature on workforce issues, and was recognized by the Inspector General for best practices in three programs.

"As one of California's foremost workforce development experts, Sandy understands what jobs are in demand and methods required to train the unemployed for these positions. Her expertise is a driv-

ing force of the California Workforce Association's success and we are very pleased to have her leading our Board of Directors for another year," stated executive director Bob Lanter.

The California Workforce Association is a nonprofit membership organization that develops public policy strategies and builds local capacity to address critical workforce issues across California. The association represents Workforce Investment Boards throughout the state that are responsible for developing locally-based workforce strategies and solutions.

"Sandy's extensive knowledge of workforce development issues and her ability to develop effective workforce programs have earned her national recognition," said Janice Rutherford, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. "Under her outstanding leadership, in one year, the County of San Bernardino trained 3,300 job seekers for high-demand industries and built relationships with 2,800 businesses."

For information about the County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board's no-cost programs, contact 1 (800) 451-JOBS or visit [www.csb-win.org](http://www.csb-win.org).

