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Kern County Program Now Supporting Displaced Oil and Gas Workers

KERN COUNTY, Calif. Kern County is now supporting displaced oil and gas workers through a State funded program distributed by Employers' Training Resource (ETR).

More than a \$11.2 million dollars from the State of California Employment Development Department and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency have been allocated to Kern County to assist oil and gas workers whose career opportunities are shifting due to the change in California's energy industry.

Now through March of 2027, impacted residents can receive no-cost training and reemployment services to transition into other industry sectors with promising careers and wages comparable to those in the oil industry. These sectors include construction, transportation, renewable energy, advanced manufacturing, high technology, healthcare, law enforcement, government, and other high-growth, high-wage industries. Additionally, relocation assistance is available for those who need it.

ETR plans to serve nearly 750 Kern County residents, with the help of various employers and partner agencies. These services include but are not limited to vocational training, on the job training, certificated programs, and other job search assistance like resume development and interview techniques.

Right now, ETR staff is working to identify displaced workers or workers at risk of displacement, such as those who have been issued WARN notices. ETR staff is also working with employers to identify on-the-job training and direct hiring opportunities.

To access this program's services, please call (661) 742-2217 or visit www.employerstrainingresource.com.

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