

BLUE SKY CENTER

Building models for resilient, thriving, and inclusive rural economies.



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Position: Board Member

Salary: Volunteer Position

Location: New Cuyama, CA (*Located in the high desert, between Santa Barbara and Bakersfield*)

Board Meetings: Four quarterly meetings a year, and special board and/or committee meetings as needed

Financial Commitment: Commitment to contribute your time, treasure or talent to the organization

Committee & Events Requirement: Actively participate in at least one committee (circle) based on your professional strengths and passions, and participate in at least one event a year on site at BSC.

Our Mission: Blue Sky Center is a rural, place-based nonprofit organization with the mission to strengthen our rural communities within the Cuyama Valley by supporting entrepreneurs and building our regional creative and economic resources.

Our DEI Commitment: In order to uphold integrity to our organization's vision "to build resilient, thriving, and inclusive, rural economies," our team members and organizational advocates must be willing to commit to a lifelong process toward cultural humility. We are committed to fostering a welcoming environment, in-person or virtual, for all. We are committed to training staff and designing programs and communications that are accessible. We are committed to unbiased treatment of all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, national origin, marital status, pregnancy, ancestry, citizenship status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other basis protected by federal, state, or local law.

Board of Directors Overview: The Board supports the organization's growth and development and advises the Executive Directors on complex or specialized matters as well as general programmatic goals and direction of the organization. The Board of Directors consists of 3 - 9 leaders from higher education, the community, business, arts, philanthropic, nonprofit, food and agriculture, and government sectors. Board Members promote BSC to colleagues and connect the organization with leaders and funders who can assist in advancing the organization's mission.

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE BOARD

- Opportunity to contribute knowledge, skills and resources to the next generation of leaders
- Help build an inclusive rural development organization, while helping a rural region in CA thrive
- Meet other social impact leaders to exchange thoughts, network and ideas
- Access to non-profit services and experiences that will benefit your professional career
- Access to all BSC events and logging at the event space
- Network with BSC funders, supporters and elected officials

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serving as a trusted advisor to the Executive Directors as they develop and implement the organization's strategic plan, communications, budgets and business plans.
- Approving annual budget, audit reports, and material business decisions; being informed of, and meeting all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities.
- Contributing to annual performance evaluations of the Executive Directors
- Assist the ED and Board in identifying and recruiting other Board Members.
- Serving on committees and taking on special assignments given one's professional background.
- Making a financial gift to BSC and/or recruiting others in your circle to contribute to the organization.
- Advancing BSC's commitment to a diverse Board and staff that reflects the communities we serve.

COMMITMENT TO BLUE SKY CENTER

- Quarterly Board meetings, and special meetings as needed
- Attend and assist with 1 event per year to help raise funds and awareness for programs
- Two-year commitment as member on Board of Directors
- Fundraise for or personally donate to the organization to the best of your ability
- Provide advice on strategic direction, financial planning, marketing and fundraising to Executive Directors
- Willingness to introduce your closest friends and colleagues to the organization
- Clear and authentic communication with staff and other Board members
- Have knowledge of the principles of sustainability and a strong commitment to rural development, water/food justice, community revitalization, and social enterprise development.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to attend quarterly board meetings in person or virtually
- Excellent written and oral communication skills and organization skills
- Time and ability to actively outreach, fundraise, and build awareness for organization
- Communicates effectively and works cooperatively with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Living or working in the Cuyama Valley is not an expectation, but it would be ideal if candidates lived in Southern or Central California to more effectively participate in key events and activities
- Must be comfortable working in a team environment and independently
- Fluency in Spanish a plus

Interested in learning more or applying?

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