

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting of January 19, 2017

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY
JANUARY 19, 2017
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Cheryl Wegman at approximately 6:50 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: B. Smith, Pascual, Cantu, Mower, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Couch, Scrivner

Members Absent: Gurrola, Wood, Mock

Alternates: None

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Marquez, Parra, Kiernan

Others: 5

Staff: Hakimi, Collins, Ball, Phipps, Invina, Liu and VanWyk

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION. None heard.

III. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Council or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2016

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments (None)

D. Local Clearinghouse

E. Draft DY 2017-18 Overall Work Program (OWP)

F. Kern COG's 2016 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony

G. FY 2016-17 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan Amendment No. 2

MOTION BY DIRECTOR P. SMITH second by Director Couch, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

IV. KERN COG:

A. Appointment of Community At-Large Member to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)

Mr. Hakimi stated that one appointment needs to be made of a community at-large member to the RPAC. Two applications were received from Ted James, AICP, Consulting and Michael Turnipseed, Executive Director of the Kern County Taxpayers Association.

DIRECTOR BOB SMITH MADE THE MOTION TO APPOINT TED JAMES TO THE RPAC AS THE COMMUNITY AT-LARGE MEMBER, second by Director Couch. MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOICE VOTE.

B. FY 2015-16 Kern COG Financial and Compliance Audit Reports

Mr. Phipps stated that Kern COG had achieved the trifecta of accounting ... an unqualified audit delivered on time and without findings or recommendations. It was perfect. This was what we've been trying to do since about 2009. He then introduced and turned it over to Ryan Nielsen and Neeraj Datta from the Brown Armstrong Accountancy Firm. Mr. Nielsen also stated that Kern COG received an unqualified audit delivered on time and without findings or recommendations. He then mentioned the latest accounting requirements that had to be addressed for 2015-16, GASB 72, but indicated it did not apply to Kern COG because our holdings are maintained in Kern County funds.

Director Couch said that although this seemed routine, he understands that it really isn't and thanked staff for their work. Mr. Hakimi commented that this is the result he had been seeking since joining the agency in 2012 and thanked the Board – particularly Harold Hanson – for its patience in getting to this point. He also thanked the finance staff for rising to the occasion.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR COUCH, second by Director P. Smith, TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT. Motion carried with a voice vote.

V. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)

VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VIII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Warrant Register

B. Timeline

Mr. Hakimi stated that we need a volunteer to fill Harold Hanson's seat for the Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. Their next meeting is March 17th in Madera. February 9th is our annual meeting with Federal Transit and Federal Highways staff to go over our Overall Work Program. Please get your RSVP's in for the Regional Awards of Merits March 2nd as we are already at 65 attendees. March 1st is the SJV Regional Policy Council – Valley Voice Sacramento trip. March 9-10 is the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference in Fresno.

X MEMBER STATEMENTS: On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. In addition, Council members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any matter, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting concerning any matter. Furthermore, the Council, or any member thereof, may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. None.

Chair gave staff member Vincent Liu his plaque for 15 years of service with Kern COG and a 20 year plaque to Laurie Collins for 20 years with Kern COG.

CLOSED SESSION: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 16, 2017

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Jennifer A. Wood, Chair

DATE: _____