

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for June 18, 2020

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

THURSDAY  
June 18, 2020  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:30 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Gurrola, B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Vallejo, Crump, Mower, Krier, P. Smith, Reyna, Couch, Gleason

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Navarro, Heckman, Parra

**Members Absent:** McFarland, Alvarado

**Others:** Brian Godbe

**Staff:** Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Ben Raymond, Fasika Montalvo, Michael Heimer, Susanne Campbell

- 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.**

Chairman Smith asked for public comments. There were no comments.

- 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 – May 21, 2020**

**B. Response to Public Comments**

**C. Equipment and Materials Disposal (Heimer)**

**Comment:** Request to dispose of outdated equipment (Heimer)

**Action:** Approve inventory list for dissemination and disposal. Voice Vote.

**D. Agreement for Safety-Related Hazard and Obstruction Removal on State Highways (Napier)**

**Comment:** Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, Acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the County of Kern for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways in Kern County in the amount of \$50,000. This item has been reviewed by County Counsel.

**Action:** Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments,

Acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the County of Kern and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement. Voice Vote.

**E. Agreement for Safety-Related Hazard and Obstruction Removal on State Highways (Napier)**

**Comments:** Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, Acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the City of Bakersfield for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways within the City of Bakersfield in the amount of \$150,000. This item has been reviewed by County Counsel.

**Action:** Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the City of Bakersfield and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement. Voice Vote.

**F. KARGO Sustainability Study: Phase I – Consultant Contract Amendment 1 Approval (Raymond)**

**Comment:** Amend the contract between Kern COG and Fehr & Peers to extend the timeframe for the Phase I KARGO Sustainability Study. County Counsel is reviewing this contract.

**Action:** Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Fehr & Peers contract and authorize Chair to sign. Voice Vote.

**G. Local Clearinghouse: (None)**

**\*\*\* END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE \*\*\***

MOTION BY DIRECTOR CRUMP, SECOND BY DIRECTOR KRIER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

**IV. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (None)**

**V. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**

**VI. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**

**VII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Executive Director Hakimi made the following report:

- June 26 – San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and Multi Agency Working Group Virtual Meeting
- July 1, 2020 – Local Early Action Planning Grants due to HCD. These are over-the-counter grants for activities related to increasing housing stock. During a recent webinar with HCD everyone was encouraged to contact their local liaison (an email was sent to your Planning Directors and City Managers on June 4) to receive assistance in applying for funds.
- 2- 20 year recognition plaques (Fasika Montalvo and Michael Heimer)

IX. **MEMBER STATEMENTS: (None)**

X. **CLOSED SESSION: (None)**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – July 16, 2020.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

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Bob Smith, Chairman

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