

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for March 21, 2019

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

THURSDAY
March 21, 2019
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Smith at approximately 7:40 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Vallejo, Crump, Cantu, Mower, Alvarado, Krier, P. Smith, Reyna, Couch, Scrivner

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Miller, Kiernen, Parra

Members Absent: Gurrola

Others: John Spaulding, Karen King, John P. Pallares, Alex Garcia, Elizabeth Rheiner

Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Susanne Campbell, Rachel Pacheco, Joe Stramaglia, Rochelle Invina, Michael Heimer, Linda Urata, Greg Palomo, Pete Smith

III. 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. John Pallares from Wasco asked the Board how Item III. H. remote attendance and voting for the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee would be accomplished. Executive Director Hakimi stated that Kern COG uses a program called "Go to Meeting" that allows members to access any presentations remotely.

IV. 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 – February 21, 2019

B. Response to Public Comments

C. Program Supplement Agreement – Rideshare Program (Campbell)

Comment: Pursuant to Kern COG policy, the Board shall review and approve grant-funding agreements. On February 13, 2019, staff received from Caltrans Program Supplement Agreement No. F-038 for \$179,343 to implement a transportation demand management and rideshare program.

Action: Approve Program Supplement Agreement, and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement and Resolution No. 19-11.

D. FY 2018-2019 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan Amendment No. 2 (Palomo)

Comment: Pursuant to Kern COG policy, the council shall review and approve amendments to the Overall Work Program (OWP) and Financial Plan (budget). Amendment No. 2 represents a budgetary increase of \$9,234.

Action: Approve amendment No. 2 to the FY 2018-2019 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 19-10.

E. Purchase of Staff Computers (Heimer)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments will purchase twenty (20) Lenovo ThinkPad computers from Sebastian (SEBASTIAN) to replace outdated staff computers. Kern COG will pay SEBASTIAN \$43,557.61 for acquisition of twenty staff computers.

Action: Authorize the Executive Director to purchase equipment.

F. FY 2019-20 Kern COG Financial Plan – Working Draft (Palomo)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) prepares an annual financial plan, which must be reviewed and approved by the Council. The financial plan contains detailed estimates of revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. The working draft of the FY 2019-20 Kern COG Financial Plan contains estimated revenues of \$5,738,820 and estimated expenditures of \$5,305,196.

Action: Information

G. FY 2019-20 Kern Motorist and Financial Plan – Working Draft (Palomo)

Comment: The working draft of the FY 2019-20 Kern Motorist Aid Authority (KMAA) Financial Plan contains estimated revenues of \$769,833 and estimated expenses of \$527,088.

Action: Information

H. TTAC Committee By-Laws Change (Smith)

Comment: A committee member has requested a Transportation Technical Advisory Committee By-Laws change to permit remote attendance and voting. The TTAC has reviewed and approved this item.

Action: Approve the amendment to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee By-Laws to allow for remote attendance and voting.

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

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

V. KERN COG MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT (Urata)

Comment: Ms. Urata advised the Board that this item was to authorize Kern Council of Governments to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Kern COG will provide matching funds of \$9,000 cash for project-related expenses and a \$46,000 in-kind contribution of services to support the Ecosystem of Shared Mobility Services project in Kern

County from May 21, 2018 to June 2020. This item has been reviewed by County Counsel.

Motion by Director Couch, second by Director P. Smith to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern COG and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. RESOLUTION TO “FINISH 46” (Napier)

Comment: Ms. Napier stated that the State Route 46 widening project for Segment 4B may be the last phase to construct for the 33-mile widening project that spans from the San Luis Obispo County Line to Interstate 5. She stated that Caltrans staff was invited to the February 21 Board Meeting to provide an update on the delivery of the State Route 46 Widening Segment 4B project. During the workshop, Director Couch request that member agency Directors consider adopting a resolution of public support from each of their respective agencies to “FINISH 46”.

Kern COG staff prepared a Kern COG resolution of support to “FINISH 46” and is requesting approval of the resolution.

Motion by Director Reyna, second by Director Couch to adopt “FINISH 46” Resolution No. 19-13; motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

VII. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)

VIII. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

IX. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

X. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Hakimi provided the following information to the Board:

- Report on the Regional Awards Dinner – March 7, 2019 at Seven Oaks
- Reported that Chairman Smith, Director Couch and Director Scrivner attended the March 14-17 CALCOG Leadership Forum in Yosemite
- Announced the Valley Voice meeting in Sacramento on April 3
- Announced the April 9 – Joint CTC/CARB Meeting in Sacramento
- An Agreement has been signed with Fort Tejon CHP for additional traffic control and agreements are expected with the Buttonwillow, Bakersfield and Mojave offices
- Reported that staff is researching making quarterly (instead of monthly) payment to CalPERS to pay down the unfunded liability
- Annual Form 700s are due to the County Clerk’s office by April 2, 2019
- Announced the San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference will be May 8 – 10 in Lemoore

XI. MEMBER STATEMENTS: (None)

XII. CLOSED SESSIONS: (None)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – April 18, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____