

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for June 20, 2019

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

THURSDAY  
June 20, 2019  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Smith at approximately 7:34 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** B. Smith, Lessenevitch, Crump, Mower, Reyna, Alvarado, Bryant, P. Smith, Scrivner, Gurrola, Cantu

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Miller, Kersey, Carr, Parra

**Members Absent:** Couch, Vallejo

**Others:** Nick Fidler, John Spaulding,

**Staff:** Ahron Hakimi, Rob Ball, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Bob Snoddy, Rachel Pacheco, Linda Urata, Michael Heimer, Ben Raymond, Joe Stramaglia

- 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 none.

- 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 16, 2019**

**B. Response to Public Comments**

**C. MetroQuest Community Engagement Software (Napier)**

**Comment:** MetroQuest Digital engagement Subscription software provides a powerful, flexible, cost effective enhancement to existing public participation capabilities. It complements traditional techniques with digital engagement software delivered via the internet across multiple channels such as web-connected home computers, smartphones, kiosks and tablet computers to reach a broader, more diverse audience.

**Action:** Approve a Sole Source Purchase of the MetroQuest Subscription Software in the amount of \$32,000 and authorize the Executive Director to accept the Proposal.

**D. Cost of Living Increase (Napier)**

**Comment:** Proposal for a net 4 percent cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment for Kern COG staff. This item has been approved for recommendation to the full Board by the Executive

Committee.

**Action:** Approve a net 4 percent COLA to be effective July 1, 2019.

**E. Sole Source Purchase of Mapping Software Support (Heimer)**

**Comment:** Contract for \$19,600.00 to provide maintenance and support for ESRI mapping software.

**Action:** Approve sole source purchase not to exceed \$19,600.00 for maintenance and support from ESRI.

**F. 2019-2050 Growth Forecast Consultant Contract Approval (Raymond)**

**Comment:** Requests for Proposals were distributed to over fifty consultants for updating Kern COG's regional growth forecast for 2019-2050. The consultant reviewing team selected the California Economic Forecast. A contract was prepared with a total budget not to exceed \$39,740. County Counsel is reviewing this contract.

**Action:** Approve the consultant selection of the California Growth Forecast to develop the 2019-2050 Growth Forecast Update, and authorize the Chair to sign the contract.

**G. LOCAL CLEARINGHOUSE:**

Applicant: Self-Help Enterprises  
Address: P.O. Box 6520  
Visalia, CA 93291  
Contact: Susan Long, Director of Partner Services

Catalog No.: 10.433  
Title: Rural Housing Preservation Grant  
Description: Housing Preservation Grant Program for very low and low-income households, providing loans/grants for housing rehabilitation.  
Total Funds: \$337,491.00  
Impact Area: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Maders, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties with a population fewer that 10,000.

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

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

**IV. BOARD APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY POLICY COUNCIL (Napier)**

**Comment:** Kern COG Board appointment of an alternate to the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council. Ms. Napier explained that Board Member Vallejo expressed interest in becoming more active with the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council and that the Board could appoint a second alternate.

**Action:** After discussion, Director Gurrola made a motion to table the item to the next meeting so Ms. Vallejo could be present; seconded by Director P. Smith with all in favor.

**V. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)**

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

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

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

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

Mr. Hakimi provided the following information to the Board:

- Status of Federal 4-year Certification Review; Review team leader Antonio Johnson addressed the Board and complemented Kern COG staff for the professional meetings that took place over the past two days;
- Luncheon with Egon Terplan, Governor's Office for Economic Development; and
- Public Listening Session held June 19, 2019 from 5-7p.m. in the Kern COG Board Room .

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

**XI. CLOSED SESSION: (None)** Executive Director's Evaluation; no reportable action taken.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – July 18, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Bob Smith, Chairman

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

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