

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for July 16, 2020

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

THURSDAY
July 16, 2020
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:54 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

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

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Navarro, Alcala, Kersey, Parra

Members Absent: McFarland, Lessenevitch

Others: Lower, Alcantar, Patteson, Hightower, Carr, Gomez, Heckman, VanWyk

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

- 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 – June 18, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

C. 2020 Community Survey Final Report (Campbell)

Comment: Godbe Research was commissioned by Kern Council of Governments (COG) to conduct the 2020 Community Survey.

Action: Accept the 2020 Community Survey Final Report. Voice Vote.

D. Conflict of Interest Code (Montalvo)

Comment: The Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its conflict of interest code biennially. A conflict of interest code tells public officials, governmental employees, and consultants what financial interests they must disclose on their Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).

Action: Approve the revision of Kern Council of Governments Conflict of Interest Code.
VOICE VOTE.

E. Local Clearinghouse:

Applicant: County of Kern
Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323
Contact: Ms. Lorelei H. Oviatt

Fed. Agency: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Catalog No.: 14.239
Title: Home Investment Partnership Program
Description: Program for the development of viable communities
Total Funds: \$2,359,272.00
Impact Area: Serving Unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and
Cooperative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Tehachapi, and
Wasco.

Applicant: County of Kern
Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301 – 2323
Contact: Lorelei H. Oviatt

Fed. Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Catalog No.: 14.218
Title: Community Development Block Grant Program
Description: Program for the development of viable communities.
Total Funds: \$5,133,364.00
Impact Area: Serving Unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and
Cooperative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Tehachapi, and
Wasco.

Applicant; County of Kern
Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301 – 2323
Contact: Lorelei H. Oviatt

Fed. Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Catalog No.: 14.231
Title: Emergency Solutions Grant
Description: Program for the development of viable communities.
Total Funds: \$419,432.00
Impact Area: Serving Unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and
Cooperative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Tehachapi, and
Wasco.

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR KRIER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CRUMP 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:

- Chairman Smith, Supervisor Scrivner and Council Member Prout attended the June 26 – San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and Multi Agency Working Group Virtual Meeting.

IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS:

- Board Member Gurrola stated that Arvin received the Corrective Action Plan from Caltrans and thanked Supervisors Couch and Scrivner and Kern COG Staff for assistance with this matter.
- Board Member Gurrola also stated that each city needs to enforce the Governor's mandate for COVID-19 orders.
- Board Member Vallejo stated that everyone needs to wear masks when out in public and follow the Health Department Guidelines. She stated that the Health Department can't enforce the guidelines countywide and that all cities need to educate the public.

X. CLOSED SESSION: (None)

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – August 20, 2020.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____