

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for November 19, 2020

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

THURSDAY
November 19, 2020
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:04 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

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

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Navarro, Heckman, Kersey

Members Absent: McFarland

Others: Gill

Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Becky Napier, Veronica McCulloch, Rob Ball, Bob Snoddy, Raquel Pacheco, Susanne Campbell, Greg Palomo, Fasika Montalvo, Linda Urata, Rochelle Invina, Joe Stramaglia, Brian Van Wyk

- 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 – October 15, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

C. Memorandum of Understanding – San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing (Napier)

Comment: The Governor signed AB 101 into law on July 31, 2019. The legislation established a San Joaquin Valley Multi Agency Working Group consisting of Fresno Council of Governments, Kern Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission of Governments, Merced County Association of Governments, San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, and Tulare County Association of Governments. The San Joaquin Valley Multi Agency Working Group will be the conduit for one-time funding, including grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to meet the sixth cycle of the regional housing need assessment (RHNA).

Action: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing and authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU.

D. Community Survey Contract Approval (Campbell)

Comment: Community Survey Contract for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in an amount not to exceed \$65,000. This item has been sent to County Counsel for review.

Action: Approve the contract for the Community Survey between Kern COG and Godbe Research in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 and authorize the Chair to sign.

E. Kern Cog FY 2020-2021 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan Amendment No. 1 (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. 1 represents a net budgetary increase of \$773, 226.

Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020-2021 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 20-29. ROLL CALL VOTE.

F. Local Clearinghouse: None.

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

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

IV. KERN COG'S REGIONAL AWARD OF MERIT CEREMONY (Napier)

Comment: Ms. Napier commented that Kern COG understands the concerns of social gatherings surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. In preparation for the 2020 Kern COG Regional Award of Merit Ceremony to be held March 4, 2021, staff wants to take into consideration the safety concerns of our Board and community members.

Staff usually begins planning for the Regional Awards Ceremony during the first week of November each year. Due to the safety concerns that process has been put on hold until the Board has a chance to weigh in. I have attached to the staff report two checklists – one representing the normal planning process and one representing a compressed process.

With all this in mind, staff is proposing the following options for this year's award celebration:

1. Cancel the 2020 Kern COG Regional Awards event scheduled for March 4, 2021 and combine it with the 2021 Ceremony to be held in 2022.
2. Postpone the 2020 Kern COG Regional Awards to later in the year to give staff time to coordinate and wait to see how the pandemic is evolving. Keep in mind that the League of California Cities Meeting is scheduled for September 22-24, 2021 and the CSAC Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 30 – December 3, 2021.
3. Try to plan some type of virtual Regional Awards Ceremony (may be problematic).
4. Plan for the in-person event, schedule the event for March 4, 2021, and move forward with the Call for Entries to be due the fourteenth of December.

Action: After extensive discussion, the Board came to consensus and recommended postponing the 2020 Kern COG Regional Awards to the summer of 2021 and have a "Call for

Entries” in January or February 2021. Staff will provide monthly status reports on the planning activities for the event.

- V. **TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (None)**
- VI. **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**
- VII. **KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**
- VIII. **MEETING REPORTS: (None)**
- IX. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Executive Director Hakimi made the following report:

- The Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program Agreement for disadvantaged communities was digitally signed. We are waiting for the “Notice to Proceed” to begin.

- X. **MEMBER STATEMENTS: (None)**
- XI. **CLOSED SESSION: (None)**
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – December 17, 2020** (May be Dark).

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____