

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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

**THURSDAY
February 18, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

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and the Kern Council of Governments Board of Directors Meetings**

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- I. **ROLL CALL:** Trujillo, P. Smith, Crump, Lessenevitch, Krier, B. Smith, Vasquez, Gonzalez, Mower, Prout, Garcia, Couch, Scrivner

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Kiernan, Alcalá, Navarro, Parra

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- A. **Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2021**

- B. **Response to Public Comments**

- C. **2020 REGIONAL AWARD OF MERIT CEREMONY UPDATE** (Napier)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments Board update – 2020 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony.

Action: Information.

- D. **Local Clearinghouse: (None)**

***** END CONSENT CALENDAR - 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: (Report on Programs and Projects in Progress)

A. Warrant Register

B. Timeline

IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS: On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or brief report on their own activities. In addition, Council members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any matter, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting concerning any matter. Furthermore, the Council, or any member thereof, may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

X. CLOSED SESSION: (None)

XI. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be March 18, 2021.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for January 21, 2021

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

THURSDAY
January 21, 2021
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:52 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Trujillo, B. Smith, Crump, Lessenevitch, Krier, B. Smith, Vasquez, Gonzalez, Mower, Prout, Garcia, Couch, Scrivner

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Maria Perez, Emma De La Rosa, Ryan Nielsen

Staff: Ahron Hakimi, Becky Napier, Rob Ball, Bob Snoddy, Raquel Pacheco, Susanne Campbell, Greg Palomo, Joe Stramaglia, Michael Heimer, Veronica McCullough, Ed Flickinger, Brian Van Wyk

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

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A. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2020

B. Response to Public Comments

C. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PREPARATION 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (Napier)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments (COG) solicited proposals for preparation of the Environmental Document for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan. It is recommended that the Contract be awarded to Impact Sciences in an amount not to exceed \$246,082.90. The Contract has been sent to County Counsel for review.

Action: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign contract between Kern COG and Impact Sciences in an amount not to exceed \$246,082.90.

D. 2020 REGIONAL AWARD OF MERIT CEREMONY UPDATE (Napier)

Comment: During the November Board meeting the Board discussed the concerns related to holding a large social gathering such as the 2020 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony during the COVID-19 pandemic. Preparation for the March event begins the first week of November each year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff requested that the Board consider options for the event.

Action: Information.

E. Kern COG 101: Introduction to Kern Council of Governments Presentation (Ball)

Comment: An approximately 30-minute presentation providing a high-level overview of Kern Council of Governments roles and responsibilities can be scheduled as an in-person meeting, or live, interactive web presentation.

Action: Information. Contact staff if you would like to schedule a presentation/training session.

F. Local Clearinghouse: (None)

***** 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.

IV. FY 2019-20 KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORTS (Palomo)

Comment: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 6505, Kern COG must provide for an annual financial and compliance audit report by a qualified independent auditor. Kern COG retained the firm of Brown Armstrong to render the applicable audit services and issue reports for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Action: Accept and file reports. VOICE VOTE.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR GARCIA TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORTS, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR COUCH, APPROVED WITH A VOICE VOTE.

V. REQUEST FROM BOARD MEMBER CRUMP TO BE REPLACED AS THE DESIGNEE FOR CALVANS (Napier)

Comment: Replace Board Member Crump as the Director to CalVans.

Action: Nominate a replacement for Board Member Crump to the CalVans Board until April 21, 2021.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR GARCIA TO SELF NOMINATE WITH ALL IN FAVOR.

VI. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (None)

VII. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VIII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

IX. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Hakimi made the following report:

- Highlighted COG Agenda Item III. E. Kern COG 101: Introduction to Kern Council of Governments Presentation and encourage new Board Members to review the item and advise Mr. Hakimi if you wish to schedule a presentation.

XI. MEMBER STATEMENTS: (None)

XII. CLOSED SESSION: (None)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – February 18, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____



**Kern Council
of Governments**

**III. C.
COG**

February 18, 2021

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Ahron Hakimi
Executive Director

BY: Becky Napier
Deputy Director

SUBJECT: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONSENT AGENDA ITEM III. C.
2020 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony Update

DESCRIPTION:

Kern Council of Governments Board update – 2020 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony.

DISCUSSION:

Progress to Date:

1. The 2020 Regional Award of Merit “Call for Nominations” was posted on the Kern COG website at <https://www.kerncog.org/2020-regional-awards/>, LinkedIn, Facebook and was sent out over Constant Contact. A Press Release was issued to the newspapers in Kern County.
2. The deadline for nominations was Friday, February 5, 2021.
3. Several nominations have been received, although some of them are incomplete making it difficult to thoroughly review them.
4. Over the next couple of weeks, staff will contact the individuals who sent in the nominations to gather more information for the review.

ACTION: Information.