

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for October 20, 2022

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

THURSDAY  
October 20, 2022  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Scrivner at 6:55 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Couch, Blades, Crump, Garcia, Krier, Creighton, Prout, Scriver, P. Smith, Tafoya, Vasquez

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Flores, Navarro, Helton

**Members Absent:** B. Smith, Trujillo, Parra

**Others:** D. Albright

**Staff:** Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Ball, VanWyk, Montalvo Enriquez, Banuelos, Urata, Davisson

- 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.**

Vice Chairman Scrivner 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 – September 15, 2022**

**B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC**

**C. Response to Public Comments**

**D. Community Survey Contract Approval (Campbell)**

**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. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**E. Purchase of Staff Computers (Heimer)**

**Action:** Authorize Executive Director to purchase equipment. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**F. FY 2022-2023 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan Amendment No 1: Resolution No. 22-47 (Montalvo)**

**Action:** Approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2022-2023 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution 22-47. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**G. Memorandum of Understanding between Kern COG and California City, an EV Charging Station Site Host funded by the California Energy Commission Agreement ARV-20-010-01 (Urata)**

**Action:** Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Kern Council of governments and California City, authorize Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE

**H. Local Clearinghouse:**

**Applicant: Lost Hills Union School District**

Address: P.O. Box 158  
Lost Hills, CA 93249-0158  
Contact: Jane Hodgdon

Federal Agency: Department of Education  
Catalog No.: 84.215

Title: Application for New Grants Under the Full-Service Community Schools Program  
Description: Innovative Approaches to Literacy; Promise Neighborhoods; Full-service Community schools; and Congressionally Directed Spending for Elementary and Secondary Education Community Projects.

**Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration**

Address: 9001 Stockdale Highway  
Bakersfield, CA 92211-1022  
Contact: Daphne Evans

Federal Agency: Department of Education  
Catalog No.: 84.116

Title: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education  
Description: Reenrollment and Degree Planner Project for Underserved CSUB Students

Federal Funds Applied For: \$970,011.00  
Total Funds: \$970,011.00

**Applicant: California High Speed Rail Authority**

Address: 770 L Street, Suite 620  
Sacramento, CA 95814-3385  
Contact: Desiree Malone

Federal Agency: DOT-Federal Railroad Administration  
Funding Opportunity No.: 20.327

Title: Federal Railroad Administration/Office of Passenger and Freight Programs  
Description: California High Speed Rail Authority: Six Grade Separations in the City of Shafter

Federal Funds Applied For: \$67,217,252.00  
Total Funds: \$84,021,565.00

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR KRIER TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH H, SECOND BY DIRECTOR COUCH, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

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

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

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

Executive Director Hakimi made the following report:

- Introduced Irene Enriquez and Karl Davisson
- Report on Valley Voice - September in Washington DC
  - Office of the Secretary of Transportation specifically concerning our Rural Application submitted jointly with Caltrans District 9 and Headquarters for truck climbing lanes on SR 58 between Bakersfield and Tehachapi.
- Invited to meet with form Mayor of Los Angeles Antonio Villaraigosa and will share with him our application on truck climbing lanes.

**VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS:**

**IX. CLOSED SESSION:**

None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – November 17, 2022**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

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Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: 11/17/2022