

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for March 16, 2023

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

THURSDAY  
March 16, 2023  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:01 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Ayon, Couch, Blades, Crump, Krier, Creighton, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Murillo, Vasquez

**Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members:** Parra, Warney, Navarro, Dermody

**Members Absent:** Prout

**Others:** Albright, Peacock, Eager

**Staff:** Hakimi, Napier, Campbell, Snoddy, Pacheco, Enriquez, Invina-Jayasiri, Ball, Stramaglia, Palomo, Urata, Flickinger, VanWyk

- 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 – February 16, 2023**

**B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC**

**C. Response to Public Comments**

**D. Program Supplement Agreement – Rideshare Program (Heimer)**

**Action:** Approve Program Supplement Agreement, and authorize Chair to sign Agreement and Resolution No. 23-07. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**E. Fy 2021-22 Kern Council of Governments Financial and Compliance Audit Reports (Palomo)**

**Action:** Accept and file reports. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**F. Reimbursable Letter of Agreement With The California Highway Patrol for Additional Safety Related Enforcement During Inclement Weather (Napier)**

**Action:** Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$15,368.08 to provide additional enforcement during inclement weather conditions and authorize the Executive Director to approve and sign the agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE.

**G. Local Clearinghouse:**

**Applicant: White DJY, Inc.**

Address: 2600 White Lane.  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
Contact: Kamila Duncan

Federal Agency: USDA Rural Development  
Funding Opportunity No.: RBCS-22-01-HBIIP  
Title: Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program  
Description: Fueling station project requesting \$29,125 in Federal funds; providing \$114,293 in Matching funds, to install 1 E85 dispenser for 1 fueling station across 1 state.

**Federal Funds:** \$29,125

**Total Funds:** \$143,418

**Applicant: Rosedale Chevron Inc.**

Address: 29727 Stockdale Hwy.  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Contact: Kamila Duncan

Federal Agency: USDA Rural Development  
Funding Opportunity: RBCS-22-01 HBIIP  
Title: Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program  
Description: Fueling station project requesting \$123,500 in Federal funds; providing \$282,884 in Matching funds, to install 1 UST and 2 E85 dispensers for 1 fueling station across 1 state.

**Federal Funds:** \$123,500

**Total Funds:** \$406,354

**Applicant: City of Bakersfield**

Address: 1600 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301-5141  
Contact: Mr. Gregg Strakaluse

Federal Agency: Office of the Under Secretary for Policy  
Catalog No.: 20.933  
Title: National Infrastructure Investments  
Description: Transportation & Climate Resiliency Project...A Gateway to Downtown Bakersfield High Speed Rail Station.

**Federal Funds:** \$10,000,000

**Total Funds:** \$15,190,000

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR P. SMITH TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH G, SECOND BY DIRECTOR REYNA, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

**IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Napier)**

**Action:** Director P. Smith made a motion to retain Bob Smith as Chairman and Zack Scrivner as Vice Chairman. There were not other nominations. The motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**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:

1. March 28, 2023, Valley Voice Meetings in Sacramento
2. San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference – April 24 – 26, 2023 - Great Wolf Lodge – Manteca
3. FPPC Form 700 is due on April 1.

**IX. MEMBER STATEMENTS:**

**X. CLOSED SESSION:**

None.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – April 20, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

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Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_