

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for May 18, 2023

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

THURSDAY
May 18, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:32 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ayon, Couch, Blades, Crump, Krier, Creighton, Prout, Reyna, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

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

Members Absent: Scrivner

Others: Ritter, Franz, Paulson, Mussa

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Pacheco, Enriquez, Ball, Stramaglia, Banuelos, Raymond, Campbell, 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 – April 20, 2023

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments

D. 2023 Community Survey Final Report (Campbell)

Comment: Godbe Research was commissioned by Kern Council of Governments (COG) to conduct the 2023 Community Survey.

Action: Accept the 2023 Community Survey Final Report. ROLL CALL VOTE.

E. Agreement for Safety-Related Hazard and Obstruction Removal on State Highways (Napier)

Comment: Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, Acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the County of Kern for

safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways in Kern County in the amount of \$50,000. This item has been reviewed by County Counsel.

Action: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, Acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the County of Kern and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE

F. **Agreement for Safety-Related Hazard and Obstruction Removal on State Highways** (Napier)

Comment: Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, Acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the City of Bakersfield for safety-related hazard and obstruction removal on state highways within the City of Bakersfield in the amount of \$225,000. This item has been reviewed by County Counsel.

Action: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments, Acting as the Kern Motorist Aid Authority, and the City of Bakersfield and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement.

G. **2023 Update: Kern Council of Governments Public Involvement Procedures & Policies** (Raymond)

Comment: The 2017 California Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines require that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) develop a public participation plan prior to the development of the RTP. The Regional Planning Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Information.

H. **Local Clearinghouse:**

Applicant: Kern Community College District

Address: 1801 Panorama Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93305-1219
Contact: Dr. Bonita Steele

Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service
Catalog No.: 10.755
Title: Rural Innovation Stronger Economies (RISE)
Description: Bakersfield College – Kern RISEs Project

Federal Funds: \$975,000.00

Total Funds: \$2,292,785.00

Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration

Address: 9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022
Contact: Daphne Evans

Federal Agency: Office of Violence Against Women
Catalog No.: 16.525
Title: OVW Fiscal Year 2023 Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program Solicitation
Description: Runner PRIDE: Prevention, Inclusion, Diversity, Excellence Program

Federal Funds: \$399,323.00

Total Funds: \$399,323.00

Applicant: San Joaquin Community Hospital dba Adventist Health Bakersfield

Address: 2615 Chester Avenue

Bakersfield, CA 93301-2014

Contact: Christine Lollar

Federal Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Catalog No.: 93.243

Title: Mental Health Awareness Training Grants

Description: Wellness Navigation – training hospital and clinic staff, community, and linking patients to care

Federal Funds: \$200,000.00

Total Funds: \$203,500.00

Applicant: House of Jochebed

Address: 5114 Laguna Street

Bakersfield, CA 93306

Contact: Lorena Vasquez

Federal Agency: US Department of Justice

Competition Identification No.: O-OVC-2023-171671

Title: OVC FY 2023 Human Trafficking Fellowship Program

Description: Systematic Review of Exit and Post Exit Interventions

Federal Funds: \$400,000.00

Total Funds: \$400,000.00

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

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

IV. FINAL KERN COG FY 2023-2024 FINANCIAL PLAN (Palomo)

Comment: Pursuant to policy, Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) prepares and adopts an annual financial plan (budget) detailing estimated revenues and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. Staff has prepared a **final** Kern COG FY 2023-2024 Financial Plan that includes \$6,147,134 in estimated operating revenues and \$6,360,882 in estimated operating and capital expenditures.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

RECEIVE COMMENTS

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Action: Motion by Director Reyna to Adopt the Final Kern COG FY 2023-2024 Financial Plan, second by Director Crump, motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

V. FINAL KMAA FY 2023-2024 FINANCIAL PLAN (Palomo)

Comment: KMAA develops an annual financial plan or budget that includes detailed estimates of revenues and expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. The financial plan is reviewed and approved by the Council. The **final** KMAA FY 2023-2024 Financial Plan proposes operating revenues totaling \$835,711, and operating appropriations totaling \$641,788.

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Action: Motion by Director Couch to Adopt the Final KMAA FY 2023-2024 Financial Plan, second by Director Ayon, motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

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:

Mr. Hakimi reported on the San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference – April 24 – 26, 2023 - Great Wolf Lodge – Manteca

X. MEMBER STATEMENTS:

XI. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – June 15, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____