

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUGUST 17, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION

AVAILABLE

Kern Council of Governments
Board Room
1401 19th Street, Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**SECONDARY MEETING LOCATION
TELECONFERENCING**

Ridgecrest City Hall
Conference Room B
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Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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- I. **ROLL CALL:** Ayon, Couch, Blades, Creighton, Crump, Krier, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

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

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A. **Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2023** (ROLL CALL VOTE)

B. **Concurrence in Actions of TPPC**

C. **Response to Public Comments**

D. **EV Ready Communities Agreement between Kern COG and DKS Associates as funded by the California Energy Commission ARV-20-0101** (Urata)

Comment: EV Ready Communities agreement between Kern COG and DKS Associates to provide funding to develop the 2024 Kern Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) Blueprint. County Counsel has been provided the agreement for review.

Action: Approve the Agreement between Kern Council of Governments and DKS Associates; authorize Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE.

E. **Local Clearinghouse:**

Applicant: Mojave Air and Space Port

Address: 1434 Flight Line
Mojave, CA 93501-2016
Contact: Timothy Reid

Federal Agency: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (DOD)

Catalog No.: 12.600

Title: Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program

Description: Mojave Air and Space Port Runway Project

Federal Funds: \$11,430,000.00

Total Funds: \$11,430,000.00

Applicant: Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Address: 321 W C Street
Tehachapi, CA 93561-2011
Contact: Julia Barraclough

Federal Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Catalog No.: 10.902

Title: 2023 USDA NRCS California Conservation Cooperative Agreements

Description: Natural resource technician to assist the NRCS within the Tehachapi RCD area to provide technical assistance through planning, systems data management, implementation, and evaluation of NRCS programs.

Federal Funds: \$75,000.00

Total Funds: \$75,000.00

Applicant: 3C Capital Fund Inc.

Address: 1527 19th Street, Suite 208
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Contact: Ali Morris

Federal Agency: Department of Commerce (EDA)
Catalog No.: 11.024
Title: 2023 Capital Challenge
Description: Project Fish Tank

Federal Funds: \$500,000.00
Total Funds: \$1,000,000.00

Applicant: Lost Hills Union Elementary School District

Address: P.O. Box 158
Lost Hills, CA 93249-0158
Contact: Fidelina Saso

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Catalog No.: 84.215
Title: Applications for New Awards; Full-Service Community Schools Program
Description: West Kern Consortium (WKC) for Full-Service Community Schools Expansion

Federal Funds: \$15,000,000.00
Total Funds: \$33,319,906.00

Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration

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

Federal Agency: NASA Headquarters
Catalog No.: 43.001
Descriptive Title: Building the San Andreas Plate Boundary: Geodynamics and Deformation at the Rapidly Evolving Mendocino Triple Junction

Federal Funds: \$210,101.00
Total Funds: \$210,101.00

Applicant: United Way of Kern County

Address: 1707 Eye Street 3rd Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301-5208
Contact: Mari Perez-Dowling

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Catalog No.: 84.215
Descriptive Title: Building and Advancing Full-Service Community Schools in Kern County, California

Federal Funds: \$2,500,000.00
Total Funds: \$4,193,695.52

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

IV. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

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

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

VII. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Report on Programs and Projects in Progress)**

A. Warrant Register

B. Timeline

VIII. **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.

IX. **CLOSED SESSION:**

X. **ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING** – The next scheduled meeting will be September 21, 2023.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for June 15, 2023

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

THURSDAY
June 15, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

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

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

Members Absent: P. Smith

Others: Ritter, Franz, Boyd, Cater, Chavez, Parker

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Snoddy, Pacheco, Enriquez, Ball, Stramaglia, Flickinger, Urata, VanWyk

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Chairman Smith asked for public comments. There were none.

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A. Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2023

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments

**D. Authorization to Award Contract – 2023 Transportation Model Support
(Flickinger)**

Comment: A proposed contract with DKS Associates has been negotiated for \$55,000 for up to 5 years to provide professional services under the Kern On-Call Transportation Model Support Contract.

Action: Approve contract and authorize Chairman to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE

E. Contract Amendment – Kern County Traffic Count Study 2021 (Flickinger)

Comment: A proposed contract amendment with Atlantic & Pacific Data Corporation has been negotiated to increase the compensation rates while maintaining budget

levels approved in the Overall Work Plan.

Action: Approve the Atlantic & Pacific contract amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE

F. Resolution Conditionally Committing \$6 million in Regional Early Action Plan (REAP 2.0) Funds to the City of Bakersfield (Napier)

Comment: The Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP) 2.0 are a key part of strategic investments toward a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive future for people in all areas of the state. Building off of the application submitted by the Kern Council of Governments in December 2022, as approved at the November 17, 2022, Board Meeting, this Resolution conditionally commits \$6 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 funds to the City of Bakersfield to support Bakersfield's efforts to secure additional funding for its REAP funded projects. This action furthers Bakersfield's ability to meet the goals of the REAP program and fulfill the activities associated with Kern COG's application.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 23-13 to conditionally commit the City of Bakersfield's portion of the REAP 2.0 funds and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution. ROLL CALL VOTE

G. Local Clearinghouse:

Applicant: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

Address: 4200 Ashe Road
Bakersfield, CA 93313-2029
Contact: Brooke McKnight

Federal Agency: Community Oriented Policing Services
Catalog No.: 16.710
Title: FY23 COPS School Violence Prevention Program
Description: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District School Safety Project

Federal Funds: \$500,000.00
Total Funds: \$667,000.00

Applicant: County of Kern

Address: 1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4630
Contact: Amanda Ruiz

Federal Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Catalog No.: 16.606
Title: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program
Description: BJA FY 2021 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program

Federal Funds: \$550,000.00
Total Funds: \$550,000.00

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR SCRUBBER TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH G, 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:

Mr. Hakimi reported that the meeting of July 20 will be dark. The next meeting will be August 17, 2023. Mr. Hakimi also reported that this is Joe Stramaglia's final Board meeting as he is retiring prior to the August meeting. The Board congratulated Mr. Stramaglia on his retirement and thanked him for his service to Kern COG.

VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS:

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – August 17, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Bob Smith, Chairman

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

DATE: _____



III. D. COG

August 17, 2023

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Ahron Hakimi
Executive Director

By: Linda Urata
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments Consent Agenda Item: III. D.
EV Ready Communities Agreement between Kern COG and DKS Associates as funded by the California Energy Commission ARV-20-0101

DESCRIPTION:

EV Ready Communities agreement between Kern COG and DKS Associates to provide funding to develop the 2024 Kern Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) Blueprint. County Counsel has been provided the agreement for review.

DISCUSSION:

During the California Energy Commission (CEC) Business Meeting held on January 26, 2022, the commissioners approved augmenting the initial agreement with Kern COG by (1) increasing the award to the requested \$2.5 million (an increase of \$1,792,485), (2) increasing the matching fund requirement to \$833,377, (3) extending the term of the agreement to December 31, 2024, (4) revising the Scope of Work, and (5) revising the Schedule of Products. The Scope of Work comprises the installation of charging stations throughout Kern County, workforce development, developing electric ridesharing services in Bakersfield and Ridgecrest, conducting outreach to increase EV awareness, data collection and analysis, hire a consultant to complete program management, reporting, and outreach tasks and updating the 2019 Kern EVCS Blueprint by producing a 2024 Kern EVCS Blueprint.

In producing the 2024 EVCS Blueprint, DKS will address the following key technical objectives.

- Updating and mapping existing EV charging station locations
- Projecting charger needs for 2030, 2035, and 2050
- Updating goals and strategies to align with regional planning and programming
- Updating goals and tracking processes
- Increasing the region's competitiveness for state and/or federal funding opportunities.

Under the agreement, DKS will receive \$200,000 to evaluate the 2019 Kern EVCS Blueprint implementation and to produce the 2024 Kern EVCS Blueprint. The start date for the agreement is August 17, 2023, and the termination date is October 31, 2024.

Staff requests approval of the agreement.

ACTION: Approve the Agreement between Kern Council of Governments and DKS Associates; authorize Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE.