

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for August 17, 2023

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

THURSDAY
August 17, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:58 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ayon, Crump, Krier, Prout, Reyna, Scrivner, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Vasquez

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

Members Absent: Couch, Blades, Creighton

Others: Renteria, Franz, Weitzmann

Staff: Hakimi, Ball, Campbell, Invina-Jayasiri, Pacheco, Snoddy, Enriquez, Urata, Banuelos, Van Wyk

- 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 – June 15, 2023

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 withing the Tehachapi RCD area to provide technical assistance through planning, systems data management, implementation, and evaluation of NRCS programs.**

**Federal Funds: 3\$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 *****

MOTION BY DIRECTOR SCRIVNER TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH E, SECOND BY DIRECTOR P. SMITH, 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 over the past month he has met with Congressman Valadao's staff, Congressman Obernolte's staff and Congressman McCarthy's staff. I will be in Washington DC the second week of September for three days and will have meetings with all our Congressmen and our two Senators. I am trying to arrange a meeting with US DOT staff and the Speaker's office to advocate directly for a grant being submitted tomorrow by Caltrans.

VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS:

Chairman Bob Smith stated he will be attending the League of Cities meeting in September and will not be able to attend the September 21st TPPC/Board Meeting. Several Board members (Wasco, Shafter, and Delano) and their alternates will also be attending the

League of Cities meeting. Kern COG staff will need to determine whether to reschedule or cancel the September meeting.

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – September 21, 2023. (May be dark)**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____