

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for October 19, 2023

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

THURSDAY
October 19, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Couch at 7:14 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Arias, Ayon, Couch, Crump, Flores, Krier, Creighton, Reyna, P. Smith, Vasquez, Murillo

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

Members Absent: Blades, Prout

Others: Justine Kokx, Rick Franz, Kathleen Hoffmann, Marlo Carlos, Maggie Ritter

Staff: Hakimi, Napier Pacheco, Enriquez, Snoddy, Banuelos, Ball, Invina-Jayasiri, Davisson, Valle, Hall

- 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 – August 17, 2023

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments

D. Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP) Funding (Napier)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments (COG) will soon be receiving an additional allocation of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funding. The amount to be allocated at this time to Kern COG is \$924,200. The Regional Planning Advisory Committee has reviewed this item.

Action: Approve the sub-allocation of \$924,200 in REAP funding as depicted in Exhibit A and recommended by the Regional Planning Advisory Committee. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

E. 2024-2050 Growth Forecast Consultant Contact Approval (Davisson)

Comment: Every 4-years a consulting economist is retained through a publicly advertised request for proposal process to update the regional growth forecast, with this year's contract being negotiated with PlaceWorks not to exceed \$47,466. This contract has been reviewed by County Counsel.

Action: Approve the consultant selection of PlaceWorks to develop the 2024-2050 Growth Forecast Update and authorize Chair to sign the contract. ROLL CALL VOTE

F. Local Clearinghouse:

Applicant: West Coast BioFuel, LLC
Address: 34710 7th Standard Road, Suite 720
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Contact: Andrea Wogsland

Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service
Catalog No.: 10.754
Title: The Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP)
Description: West Coast Biofuel is presenting this application as an eligible project for a fuel distribution facility. This new facility will complement our existing business model; a blending, sales, distribution, and logistics company in the bio-fuel sector.

Federal Funds: \$1,207,056.00
Total Funds: \$2,564,056.00

Applicant: City of Ridgecrest
Address: 100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555-4054
Contact: Aaron Scott Tucker

Federal Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Catalog No.: 16.738
Title: BJA FY 23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation
Description: The Ridgecrest Police Department is applying for this DOJ Byrne Grant in order to provide funding to continue our radio encryption project, MDT communications, and bullet proof vest program.

Federal Funds: \$12,967.00
Total Funds: \$12,967.00

Applicant: City of Arvin
Address: 200 Campus Drive
Arvin, CA 93203-1008
Contact: Alex Ghazalpour

Federal Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Catalog No.: 16.738
Title: BJA FY 23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation
Description: To implement a city-wide mass notification and alerting platform and to upgrade out-dated policing equipment.

Federal Funds: \$15,831.00
Total Funds: \$15,831.00

Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration

Address: 9001 Stockdale Highway

Arvin, CA 93311-1022

Contact: Daphne Evans

Federal Agency: Department of Education

Catalog No.: 84.116

Title: FIPSE Postsecondary Student Success Grant Program (PSSG)

Description: CSUB Technology Engagement Center

Federal Funds: \$2,765,982.00

Total Funds: \$3,046,035.00

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR KRIER TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH F, SECOND BY DIRECTOR CRUMP, 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 went over the items in the Board Folders.

VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS:

None.

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned in memory of former Kern COG Board Member Jess Ortiz at 7:20 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – November 16, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____ 11-16-23