

AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
January 16, 2025
6:30 P.M.

PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION
TELECONFERENCING AVAILABLE

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

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Ridgecrest City Hall
Conference Room B
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Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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- I. **ROLL CALL:** Ayon, Couch, Espinoza, Flores, Gorman, Hawkins, Krier, Reyes, Reyna, B. Smith, P. Smith, Delano, Maricopa

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

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member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

- A. **Approval of Minutes November 21, 2024.** ROLL CALL VOTE.
- B. **Concurrence in Actions of TPPC**
- C. **Response to Public Comments**
- D. **KERN COG'S 2024 REGIONAL AWARD OF MERIT CEREMONY** (Campbell)

Comment: Announcement of the 2024 Regional Awards of Merit recipients.

Action: Information.

- E. **Local Clearinghouse:**

Applicant: National Council for Community Development, Inc.

Address: 633 3rd Avenue, 19th Floor, Suite J
New York, New York 10017-8155
Contact: Ms. Virginia Flores

Federal Agency: Environmental Protection Agency
Catalog Number: 66.616
Title: Reestablishing a Tejon Tribal Homeland

Federal Funds: \$3,000,000.00

Total Funds: \$3,000,000.00

Applicant: Kern County

Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 400
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2370
Contact: Yolanda Alcantar

Federal Agency: Federal Railroad Administration
Catalog Number: 20.326
Title: Connecting Communities Safely along the San Joaquin Rail Corridor

Federal Funds: \$67,200,000.00

Total Funds: \$84,000,000.00

Applicant: City of Bakersfield

Address: 1600 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-5140
Contact: Juan Heredia

Federal Agency: Environmental Protection Agency
Catalog Number: 66.920
Title: Bakersfield Material Recovery Facility

Federal Funds: \$5,000,000.00

Total Funds: \$5,000,000.00

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

- IV. **APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER** (Napier)

Comment: Kern Council of Governments (COG) Board Appointment to the Executive

Committee.

Action: Appoint one (1) Board Member to the Executive Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE.

V. 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. 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: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT – Title: Executive Director (Government Code 54957)

X. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be February 20, 2025.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2024

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

THURSDAY
November 21, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:57 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ayon, Gorman,, Crump, Espinoza, Krier, B Smith, P. Smith

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Carr, Perrault, Van De Voode, Warney

Members Absent: Couch, Creighton, Flores, Reyes, Reyna, Vasquez

Others: Antonio Ronquillo

Staff: Hakimi, Campbell, Pacheco, Banuelos, Enriques, Raymond, Valle, Heimer, Romero Valdivia, Montalvo (virtual), Invinia-Jayasiri (virtual), Plank (virtual)

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A. Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2024

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments

D. FY 2024-2025 OWP and Financial Plan Amendment No. 2: Resolution No. 24-48
(Montalvo)

Action: Approve Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2024-2025 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution 24-48. ROLL CALL VOTE.

E. Community Survey Contract Approval (Campbell)

Action: Approve the contract for the Community Survey between Kern COG and Godbe Research in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 and authorize the Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE

F. Purchase of Server Computers (Heimer)

Action: Authorize Executive Director to purchase equipment. ROLL CALL VOTE.

G. Equipment and Materials Disposal (Heimer)

Action: Approve inventory list for dissemination and disposal. ROLL CALL VOTE.

H. Environmental Document Preparation 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (Ball)

Action: Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract between Kern COG and Impact Sciences in an amount not to exceed \$350,540.95. ROLL CALL VOTE.

I. Master Fund Transfer Agreement Resolution (Montalvo)

Action: Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 24-47 authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Master Fund Transfer Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE.

J. Local Clearinghouse:

Applicant: 76 Wible Inc.
Address: 3301 Wible Road
Bakersfield, CA 93309-6504
Contact: Sandhu Simranjit

Federal Agency: Rural Development United States Department of Agriculture
Catalog Number: 10.754
Title: Rural Business Cooperative Services (RBCS) USDA
HBIIP: Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program

Federal Funds: \$560,000.00
Total Funds: \$936,520.00

Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration
Address: 9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022
Contact: Daphne Evans

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Catalog Number: 84.149
Title: California State University Bakersfield – College Assistance Migrant Program

Federal Funds: \$474,950.00
Total Funds: \$474,950.00

Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration
Address: 9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022
Contact: Daphne Evans

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Catalog Number: 84.141
Title: California State University Bakersfield – High School Equivalency Program

Federal Funds: \$474,950.00
Total Funds: \$474,950.00

Applicant: County of Kern
Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 400
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2270
Contact: Yolanda Alcantar

Federal Agency: Federal Railroad Administration
Catalog Number: 20.327
Title: Connecting Growing Communities: Implementing Grad Separations at Cherry Avenue and Renfro Road

Federal Funds: \$67,200,000.00
Total Funds: \$84,000,000.00

Applicant: RSDL Gas & Liquor Inc.
Address: 3940 Rosedale Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93308-6337
Contact: Stephan Haah

Federal Agency: Department of Agriculture
Catalog Number: 10.754
Title: The project involves installing one 10,000-gallon underground storage tank for E85, removing the existing dispensers, installing six new Gilbarco Encore 700S Multi-Product Fueling Dispensers, and installing new ancillary equipment at the existing gas station.

Federal Funds: \$1,387,500.00
Total Funds: \$1,850,000.00

Applicant: Kern CCD obo Bakersfield College
Address: 2100 Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4099
Contact: Bonita Steele

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Catalog Number: 84.149
Title: College Assistance Migrant Program Competition 2025 (CAMP)

Federal Funds: \$443,349.00
Total Funds: \$443,349.00

Applicant: Open Door Network Homeless Shelter Campus
Address: 1921 19th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Contact: Marley Sherry

Federal Agency: US Department of Housing & Urban Development
Catalog Number: 14.251
Title: Open Door Network Homeless Shelter Campus – Bakersfield Homeless Shelter
Project Purpose: The new campus will allow The Open Door Network to merge all of its functions to one location to provide services to people experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking.

Federal Funds: \$9,000,000.00
Total Funds: \$42,400,000.00

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR P. SMITH TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH J, 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 made the following comments:

- Request for Volunteers for Regional Award Committee – December 19, 2024
 - Orchel Krier
 - B. Smith
 - P. Smith
- Presented Board Folder Items

VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS:

None.

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT – Title: Executive Director (Government Code 54957)

X. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. - **NEXT MEETING – DECEMBER 19, 2024 (MAY BE DARK)**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____



III. D. COG

January 16, 2025

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Ahron Hakimi,
Executive Director

BY: Victoria Romero Valdivia
Regional Planner

SUBJECT: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: III. D.
Kern COG's 2024 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony

DESCRIPTION:

Announcement of the 2024 Regional Awards of Merit recipients.

DISCUSSION:

Kern Council of Governments will honor 14 individuals and programs for making significant contributions to this area's quality of life through innovative, cooperative efforts during its annual Regional Awards Program on March 6, 2025.

The winners, divided among nine broad categories, are:

Award for Local Government

North of the River Annual Christmas Parade

Award for Community Involvement

West Side Recreation & Park District – Historic Fox Theater Project

Jesus Rodriguez – Fifth District Supervisorial District Community Involvement

Award of Merit for Transportation

Jeffery Davis and Kern County Public Works Capital Projects Division

SR 46 Widening Project

Richard A. Maxwell Award for Public Safety

Tehachapi Police Department – Special Needs Community

Alejandro Bedolla & Kern County Public Works Road Maintenance Division

Ken Volpe Environmental Resources and Conservation

Caltrans District 6 - Emergency Project SR 155

Award of Merit for Innovation

Caltrans District 6 - Clean CA Program

City of Tehachapi & Kern Transit – Dial-a-Ride Marketing Campaign

Darrel Hildebrand Distinguished Leadership

Elected Official: Saul Ayon, City of McFarland

Ronald E Brummet - Lifetime Achievement

Public Official: Diana Gomez, Caltrans District 6 Director

Private Citizen: Dennis Mike Elliott

Chairman's Award of Regional Cooperation

City of Bakersfield Violence Intervention Program

Kern COG is celebrating 33 years of recognizing those programs and people in our region whose ideas and hard work have made life in Kern County better for us all.

The awards banquet will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Seven Oaks Country Club, 2000 Grand Lakes Ave., Bakersfield, Calif. 93311. Cost is \$65 per person, which includes a two-entree dinner buffet.

Reservations are due by noon February 27, 2025, by calling 661-635-2903 or emailing regionalaward@kerncog.org. No money will be accepted at the door.

ACTION:

Information.



IV. COG

January 16, 2025

TO: Kern Council of Governments

FROM: Ahron R. Hakimi,
Executive Director

BY: Becky Napier
Deputy Director - Administration

SUBJECT: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AGENDA ITEM: IV.
APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

DESCRIPTION:

Kern Council of Governments (COG) Board Appointment to the Executive Committee.

DISCUSSION:

The Kern COG Policy Manual establishes the Executive Committee as a Standing Committee of the COG. The Executive Committee shall review future agenda items and provide guidance to the Executive Director on financial and personnel matters. Based on its review, the Committee shall recommend specific actions to the Council as a whole.

The Manual states “the Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairman, the representative of the City of Bakersfield and one (1) representative of the County of Kern. In the event that the Chairman is the representative of Bakersfield or the County of Kern, the Vice-Chairman shall serve on the Committee. In the event that the representatives of the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern hold the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the third member shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Council.”

The Chairman and the Vice Chairman are from the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern, it is necessary for the Board to appoint a third person from the Board to the Executive Committee.

ACTION:

Appoint one (1) Board Member to the Executive Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE.