

AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
July 17, 2025
6:30 P.M.

PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION
TELECONFERENCING AVAILABLE

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

SECONDARY MEETING LOCATIONS

Ridgecrest City Hall
Conference Room B
100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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- I. **ROLL CALL:** Ayon, Calderon, Couch, Espinoza, Gorman, Hawkins, Morse, Noerr, Reyna, Parlier, B. Smith, P. Smith, Solorio-Ruiz

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

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A. Approval of Minutes June 19, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE.

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments

D. Local Clearinghouse:

Applicant: City of Bakersfield

Address: 1600 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-5141
Contact: Mr. Juan Heredia

Federal Agency: Community Oriented Policing Services

Assistance Listing Number: 16.070
Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2025-172386
Title: FY 25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA)
Implementation Projects
Description: Mental Health & Wellness Resources

Federal Funds: \$140,000.00

Total Funds: \$140,000.00

Applicant: Lake Isabella Investment Group, LP

Address: 531 Mill Road
Auburn, CA 95603
Contact: Karen Buckland

Federal Agency: USDA Rural Development

Description: Lake Isabella Senior Apartments (45 elderly units) and Lake Isabella Senior II Apartments (40 elderly units), both existing multifamily communities located in Lake Isabella, CA.

Federal Funds: \$3,107,938.00

Total Funds: \$16,162,238.00

Applicant: Kern County Sheriff's Office

Address: 1350 Norris Road
Bakersfield, CA 93308-2231
Contact: Timothy Armijo

Federal Agency: Community Oriented Policing Services

Assistance Listing Number: 16.070
Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2025-172386
Title: FY 25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA)
implementation Projects
Description: Kern County Sheriff's Mental Health and Wellness Implementation Project

Federal Funds: \$200,000.00

Total Funds: \$200,000.00

Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration

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

Federal Agency: Department of Education

Assistance Listing Number: 84.031
Funding Opportunity: ED-GRANTS-060325-003
Title: Applications for New Awards; Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program
Description: DHSI CSUB Proposal 2025

Federal Funds: \$2,993,181.00

Total Funds: \$2,993,181.00

Applicant: San Joaquin Community Hospital

Address: 2615 Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2014
Contact: Christine Lollar

Federal Agency: Office on Violence Against Women

Assistance Listing Number: 16.888
Funding Opportunity: O-OVW-2025-172291
Title: OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and youth Program
Description: Adventist Health – Safe Youth; Preventing & Responding to Domestic & Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth

Federal Funds: \$500,000.00

Total Funds: \$500,000.00

Applicant: West Kern Community College District/Taft College

Address: 29 Cougar Court
Taft, CA 93268-1437
Contact: Jaime Lopez

Federal Agency: Department of Education

Assistance Listing Number: 84.0131S
Funding Opportunity: ED-GRANTS-060325-003
Title: DHSI FY 2025 Competition for New Awards
Description: Taft College Accelerating Degree Engagement, and Learning Achievement through Navigation, Transfer, and Empowerment (ADELANTE) Cougars: Accelerating Completion and increasing Workforce-based Options

Federal Funds: \$3,000,000.00

Total Funds: \$3,000,000.00

Applicant: Kern CCD obo Cerro Coso Community College

Address: 3000 College Heights Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555-9571
Contact: Bobby Becka

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Assistance Listing Number: 84.031
Funding Opportunity: ED-GRANTS-060325-003
Title: DHSI FY 2025 Competition for New Awards
Description: BRIDGE to Success Project

Federal Funds: 597,559.00
Total Funds: \$597,559.00

***** 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. 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: None.**
- X. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting will be August 21, 2025 (May be dark).**

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of the Meeting of June 19, 2025

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

THURSDAY
June 19, 2025
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 6:53 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ayon, Calderon, Couch, Espinoza, Hawkins, Morse, Reyna, B Smith, P. Smith, Solorio-Ruiz

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Gunn, Williams, Parra

Members Absent: Gorman, Noerr, Parlier, Warney

Others: Franz, Cook, Mark

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Romero-Valdivia, Ball, Enriquez, Valle, Invina-Jayasi, Heimer, Banuelos, Davisson, Flickinger, Ball, Raymond, Montalvo, Enriquez, Rivera

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None.

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A. Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2025

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments

D. Land Use Model Consultant Contract Approval (Davisson)

Action: Approve the consultant selection of Manhan Group LLC to develop the 2024-2050 Growth Forecast Update and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

E. Local Clearinghouse:

Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration

Address: 9001 Stockdale Highway

Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022

Contact: Daphne Evans

Federal Agency: Geological Survey

Funding Opportunity Number: 15.807

Title: USGS Earthquake Hazards Program External Research Support Announcement for Fiscal Year 2026

Description: Constraining Megathrust Coupling and Earthquake Behavior Near the Shumagin Gap

Federal Funds: \$57,547.00

Total Funds: \$57,547.00

Applicant: County of Kern

Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250

Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323

Contact: Ms. Lorelei Oviatt

Federal Agency: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funding Opportunity Number: 14.218

Title: Community Development Block Grant

Description: Serving the unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and Co-operative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi

Federal Funds: \$4,446,861.00

Total Funds: \$4,476,861.00

Applicant: County of Kern

Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250

Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323

Contact: Ms. Lorelei Oviatt

Federal Agency: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funding Opportunity Number: 14.231

Title: Emergency Solutions Grant

Description: Serving the unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and Co-operative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi

Federal Funds: \$398,675.00

Total Funds: \$398,675.00

Applicant: County of Kern

Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250

Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323

Contact: Ms. Lorelei Oviatt

Federal Agency: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Funding Opportunity: 14.239

Title: Home Investment Partnership Program

Description: Serving the unincorporated communities of the County of Kern and Co-operative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi

Federal Funds: \$1,722,748.92

Total Funds: \$2,072,748.92

Applicant: City of Wasco

Address: 764 E. Street
Wasco, CA 93280-1930
Contact: Maria Lara

Federal Agency: Community Oriented Policing Services

Funding Opportunity: 16.068
Title: COPS Hiring Program
Description: City of Wasco 2025 COPS Hiring Program Grant

Federal Funds: \$750,000.00

Total Funds: \$936,000.00

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

MOTION BY DIRECTOR COUCH TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH E AS, 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 comments:

- San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Meeting – Monday, June 23, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. (Ayon/Couch)
- Board Folder Items

VIII. MEMBER STATEMENTS: None.

IX. CLOSED SESSION: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. - **NEXT MEETING – JULY 17, 2025.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Jay Schlosser, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____