

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting of September 15, 2016

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

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Wood at approximately 6:50 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Flores, B. Smith, Wood, Pascual, Wilke, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Couch

Members Absent: Cantu, Mower, Scrivner

Alternates: Sanders

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Miller, Parra

Others: 5

Staff: Hakimi, Collins, Ball, Snoddy, Stramaglia, Pacheco, Smith, Palomo, Heimer and VanWyk

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. None heard.

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 18, 2016

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments (None)

D. Local Clearinghouse:

E. Sole Source Purchase of Computer Storage

F. Equipment and Materials Disposal

G. FY 2016-17 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan Amendment No. 1

MOTION BY DIRECTOR COUCH second by Director Flores, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

IV. KERN COG: (None)

V. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)

VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VIII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Warrant Register
- B. Timeline

Mr. Hakimi stated that last week was the Valley Voice trip to Washington DC where all eight counties in the central valley visited with our Federal legislators and their staff. He thanked Mayor Wegman for joining them. We had opportunity to talk with Senators, Congressman and House members along with staff from EPA, DOT and several other agencies. It was a productive trip.

September 21st to October 2nd is the Kern County Fair. Kern COG will have a booth, please stop by if you plan on attending the fair. We will be doing a different outreach where we get input from citizens directly on maps instead of the chip game. Now we are asking them directly where do you want transportation improvements and asking them to put that down on maps of their communities.

September 28th is the Tehachapi Fall Business Showcase where CommuteKern will have a booth. October 3rd – 7th is Rideshare Week. October 21st is the Desert Empire Fair. The Wasco Rose Festival was last weekend and the Tehachapi Mountain Festival was in August. We had staff members at both of those events. There was also an electric car event at Riverwalk Park as well last weekend, and we also had staff out there.

Starting in mid-October Brown Armstrong, our accounting firm, will begin the TDA audits in each of your jurisdictions (except for Bakersfield and Maricopa) and the County.

Ms. Parra wanted to thank Kern COG and Peter Smith for the TDA Article 3 that was approved for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs. The money is going for infrastructure, but most importantly there's money in there this time for education and that's very important. Also GET will be having rideshare the whole month of October.

Mr. Hakimi wanted to add to that, this is the first year in five years that all applications were funded in the TDA 3 Program. Great job to all of you that applied. You were all rewarded with funds.

X MEMBER STATEMENTS: On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or a 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.

Chair wanted to say that she's extremely proud of the Kern COG staff for all of the work they did for the CTC coming into town. A lot of good work, organizing and set-up, it ran very smoothly as a result. Also for setting up the train opportunity, that was phenomenal. CTC Commissioners all seemed very impressed with everything. She appreciated it very much, you make our jobs a lot easier. She wanted to thank all the electeds that attended as well. This was a very important outreach opportunity and it's important that electeds are present. Thank you so much to everyone.

XI. CLOSED SESSION: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 20, 2016

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Jennifer A. Wood, Chair

DATE: _____