



Kern COG is an association of city and county governments primarily created to address regional transportation issues. Its member agencies include the County of Kern and its 11 incorporated cities.

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Kern COG meetings are broadcast at 7 p.m. each Monday on Kern Government Television.

At its May 19, 2016 meeting, Kern Council of Governments' Board of Directors was briefed or took action on the following items:

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Federal Air Quality Conformity Update



Joaquin Valley would require a 90 percent reduction in emissions to meet the new standard, Ball said.

Board members were briefed on new, federal standards for air quality conformity and how it affects Kern County. "The reality that we face today sets up regions such as the San Joaquin Valley for failure leading to costly sanctions and severe economic hardship," Planning Director Rob Ball told the Board. If a region is not achieving federal air quality standards, that "conformity lapse" means transportation projects with federal funding can no longer advance until the region is in attainment. The Kern region and San

Caltrans' report

Caltrans District 6 Chief of Regional Planning Michael Navarro provided an update:

- ⇒ Scaffolding and containment work at Calloway Canal, as well as heating and straightening of girder and painting, has been completed. Contractors have started the scaffolding work and painting at Kern River.
- ⇒ The contractor finished laying reinforced concrete pavement for the Lost Hills lane replacement on I-5 between Lerdo overcrossing and I-5/SR 46 separation in May. Concrete curing will follow, which takes 14-21 days.



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Final Kern COG FY 2016-17 Financial Plan

The Board adopted the final FY 2016-17 Kern COG Financial Plan. It includes program revenues of \$5,535,970 from a combination of federal, state and local sources and \$4,827,209 in operating and capital expenditures which cover our personnel, professional service agreements, services and supplies and some capital items such as our phone upgrade and computer hardware. This budget also covers everything in the Overall Work Program that the Board approved.

Kern Motorist Aid Authority (KMAA) Call Box Upgrade

KMAA's call box system operates with a system that is vulnerable to cyber attacks. The Board approved a sole-source purchase of 460 C100 devices to upgrade the KMAA call box system at a cost of \$368,000, with an advance payment of \$103,500, for manufacturing the necessary hardware.

Executive Director's report

Executive Director Ahron Hakimi briefed Board members on the following items:

- ⇒ The 2016 Active Transportation Plan applications are due to the state and Kern COG on June 15th.
- ⇒ The TDA Article 3 applications are due July 15th for bicycle and pedestrian type projects.
- ⇒ Agencies in Kern County are in 4th place in the state for delivering our federal projects.