KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MINUTES

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) Conference Room
1401 19th Street Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93301
In-Person and Videoconference
Meeting of August 19, 2026

Pursuant to the Government Code § 54963. et seq., meetings were held both at a physical location and by video/teleconference to attend to any health and safety concerns of the panelist and/or participants.

Regular scheduled meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m., with. Chair Zaragoza presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Clark, Couch, Endicott, Flores, Arias (Alternate for Gonzales), McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
Absent:	None
Staff:	Knox, Menchaca, Munoz
Counsel:	Schroeter

Item 08/19/26-1: ***No Determination Required***

INVOCATION: (Agenda Item 2) Led *by Les Clark*

Item 08/19/26-2: ***No Determination Required***

VIDEO CONFERENCE EMERGENCY REQUEST (if necessary): (Agenda Item 4)

Chair Zaragoza announced that Commissioners Endicott was present via teleconference. Attorney Tom Schroeter announced that Commissioner Endicott was under standard provision therefore no vote conducted or necessary.

Item 08/19/26-3: ***Approved as Presented***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Agenda Item 5) June 17, 2026, Meeting

Chair Zaragoza presented the June minutes; Upon motion of Commissioner ***Endicott*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Clark,*** *IT IS ORDERED: June 17, 2026, Minutes are approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Couch, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Item 08/19/26-4: ***No Public Comments***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Agenda Item 6)

None

* *Chair Zaragoza announced we will now skip down to item 10f. – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA0 Overview.*

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Item 08/19/26-5: ***Informational*** (Agenda Item 10f.)

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Overview

Jenny Holtermann from Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA) presented an overview of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Commissioners provided feedback, asked questions, and shared comments.

DETERMINATION PROCEEDING: (Agenda Item 7)

Item 08/19/26-6: ***Approved as Motioned Resolution 26-16***

1877 City of Bakersfield Annexation 710 (S. Real Road No. 1) (Agenda Item 7a)

*Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission consider the environmental document adopted by the applicant and approve the proposal as presented, subject to conditions recommended by the Executive Officer, waiving notice, hearing, and protest hearing and subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Officer, including approval of the Master Tax Agreement by the Board of Supervisors prior to recordation. Upon motion of Commissioner **Couch,** seconded by Commissioner **Flores**, IT IS ORDERED: 1 8 7 7 City of Bakersfield Annexation No.710 (S. Real Road No. 1): Annexation is approved as motioned by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Couch, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: (Agenda Item 8)

Item 08/19/26-7: ***Approved as Motioned Resolution 26-17***

1869 County Service Area 87 Sphere of Influence (Agenda Item 8a)

*Executive Officer Knox recommended that the Commission consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency and approve the Sphere of Influence amendment to County Service Area 87, with the conditions recommended by Executive Officer Knox, including the condition that the amendment not be effective unless and until Annexation No. 8 is approved and recorded. Upon motion of Commissioner **Couch,** seconded by Commissioner **Clark**, IT IS ORDERED: 1869 County Service Area 87 Sphere of Influence is approved as motioned by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Couch, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Item 08/19/26-8: ***Approved as Motioned Resolution 26-17***

1872 County Service Area 87 Municipal Service Review (Agenda Item 8b)

*Executive Officer Knox recommended that the Commission approve and adopt the County Service Area 87 Municipal Service Review, including the written determinations contained, and direct staff to file the document. Upon motion of Commissioner **Couch,** seconded by Commissioner **Clark**, IT IS ORDERED: 1872 County Service Area 87 Municipal Service Review is approved as motioned by the following votes:*

AYES: Clark, Couch, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza

NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Item 08/19/26-9: ***Approved as Presented Resolution 26-18***

1873 County Service Area 87 Annexation No. 8 (Agenda Item 8c.)

Executive Officer Knox recommended that the Commission consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency. It is further recommended that the Commission approve Annexation No. 8 to County Service Area 87, establishing zones of benefit for drainage maintenance, street sweeping, landscape maintenance, block wall maintenance, and street lighting, waiving notice, hearing and protest hearing, and subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Officer. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Couch,*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Clark****, IT IS ORDERED: The 1873 County Service Area 87 Annexation 8 is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Couch, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

* *6:14pm Commissioner Couch left meeting*

Item 08/19/26-10: ***Approved as Presented Resolution 26-19***

1875 Mojave Public Utility District Municipal Service Review (Agenda Item 8d.)

Executive Officer Knox recommended that the Commission approve and adopt the Mojave Public Utility District Municipal Service Review, including the written determinations contained therein, find that action exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) and 15362, and direct staff to file the document. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Clark,*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Arias****, IT IS ORDERED: The 1875 Mojave Public Utility District Municipal Service Review is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Couch

Item 08/19/26-11: ***Approved as Presented Resolution 26-20***

1874 Mojave Public Utility District Annexation No. 29 (Agenda Item 8e.)

Executive Officer Knox recommended that the Commission consider the Environmental Impact Report and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted by the lead agency. It is further recommended that the Commission approve Annexation No. 29 to the Mojave Public Utility District for the extension of water service, waiving notice, hearing and protest hearing, and subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Officer, including compliance with the EIR mitigation measures and execution of the indemnification agreement. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Olvera,*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Flores****, IT IS ORDERED: The 1874 Mojave Public Utility District Annexation No. 29 is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Couch

COMMISSION ITEMS: (Agenda Item 9)

Item 08/19/26-12: ***Informational***

Commissioner comments, questions, referrals or announcements (Agenda Item 9a)

* *Chair Zaragoza recommends for future agendas that Agenda Item No. 9 to be heard after General Business Agenda Item No. 10. Commissioner Arias agreed with the recommendation. No vote required.*

GENERAL BUSINESS: (Agenda Item 10)

Item 08/19/26-13: ***Approved as Presented***

EXPENSE LIST 26-06 (Agenda Item 10a)

*Chair Zaragoza presented Expense List 26-06. Upon motion of Commissioner **Flores**, seconded by Commissioner **Olvera**, IT IS ORDERED: The general claim set forth in Expense List No. 26-06 is approved for payment, and the Chairman is authorized to certify said list by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Couch

Item 08/19/26-14: ***Approved as Presented***

EXPENSE LIST 26-07 (Agenda Item 10b)

*Chair Zaragoza presented Expense List 26-05. Upon motion of Commissioner **Clark**, seconded by Commissioner **Flores**, IT IS ORDERED: The general claim set forth in Expense List No. 26-07 is approved for payment, and the Chairman is authorized to certify said list by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Couch

Item 08/19/26-15: ***Approved as Presented Resolution No. 26-21***

Disposal of Documents for Consideration (Round 3) (Agenda Item 10c)

*Executive Knox advised the Commission that included in their packet was a list of documents put together by Rebecca Moore for destruction. Mr. Knox recommended the Commission approve the documents as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner **Arias,** seconded by Commissioner **Olvera**, IT IS ORDERED: The Disposal of Documents for Consideration is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Couch

Item 08/19/26-16: ***Approved as Presented Resolution 26-22***

SDRMA Health Benefits MOU (Agenda Item 10d.)

Executive Officer Knox explains to Commission the changes are primarily administrative, clarifying participation, premium payments, and withdrawal procedures. There is no change to the level *of benefits provided to our employees. Executive Officer Knox recommends the Commission approve as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner **Mello,** seconded by Commissioner **McKibbin**, IT IS ORDERED: SDRMA Health Benefits MOU is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Clark, Endicott, Flores, Arias, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Couch

Item 08/19/26-17: ***Informational***

Senate Bill (SB) 827 Fiscal and Financial Training (Agenda Item 10e.)

Executive Officer Knox presented the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Fiscal and Financial Training requirements pursuant to Senate Bill 827 (SB 827). The presentation covered various fiscal and financial topics applicable to the Commission. The Commissioners were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the information presented.

Item 08/19/26-18*:* *Informational*

Public Member Alternate Noticing and Possible Appointment (Agenda Item 10g.)

Executive Officer Knox discussed with the Commission the options available for filling in the vacant Public Member Alternate Seat. Executive Officer requested direction from the appointing members as to whether they wish to proceed with an appointment under the existing notice or direct staff to conduct new recruitment. Commissioner Endicott shares his thoughts, and his recommendation is to move forward with option A and move forward with the candidate that has applied. Commissioner Aries also expresses his support for option A.

Item 08/19/26-19: ***Informational***

Executive Officer Miscellaneous Items: (Agenda Item 10h.)

- CSDA Conference next week, in Palm Springs
- CALAFCO Conference in Sacramento conflicts with our Commission meeting
- Resolution for Weldon Regional Water District dissolution next meeting
- City Assessment next meeting
- May have an annexation. Yet to be determined.

Item 08/19/26-20: ***Informational***

<u>COMMISSION ITEMS: (Agenda Item 11)</u>

Commissioner comments, questions, referrals or announcements (Agenda Item 11a.)

- Chair Zaragoza shares information he received from ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Conference he attended pertaining to ADA Compliance and LAFCO's website. Executive Officer Knox confirms that LAFCO's website is ADA compliant.
- CALAFCO Conference in Sacramento conflicts with our Commission meeting

Item 08/19/26-21: ***Adjournment***

<u>ADJOURNMENT: (Agenda Item 12)</u>

Chair Zaragoza announced the next meeting being September 16, 2026. There being no further *business to come before the Commission. IT IS ORDERED: The meeting is adjourned at 6:53 p.m.*

Rochelle Munoz

Clerk

Executive Officer