

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Hybrid In-Person/Video-Conference Special Meeting
To be held at Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)
1401 19th Street Suite #300
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Regular Meeting of **August 19, 2026** – 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

David Couch - Kern County BOS
Jeff Flores - Kern County BOS
Gustavo Olvera - City of Shafter
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Vacant - Kern County BOS
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Vacant - Public Member
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*Chair **Vice Chair

AGENDA

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This meeting will be held both at a physical location and as a video conference to assist any health and safety concerns of the panelist and/or participants. The LAFCo Commission, staff and public may choose to participate in-person, or by video conference using the following:

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Members of the public who wish to make written comments during the meeting please email the Clerk at: clerk@kernlafco.org. Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record. If a comment is received after the comment portion of the meeting but before the meeting is adjourned, the comment will still be included as a part of the record of the meeting but will not be read into the record.

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **INVOCATION**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **VIDEO CONFERENCE EMERGENCY REQUEST (if required)** *Vote Required*
Possible requests from commissioners to attend remotely pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f)(1)

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a. [June 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes](#) *Vote Required*

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation.

7. **DETERMINATION PROCEEDING**

- a. 1877 City of Bakersfield: [Vote Required](#)

Annexation 710 (S. Real Road No. 1)

This proposal is to annex approximately 1.75 acres located at the Northeast intersection of Brave Avenue and South Real Road. This annexation was initiated by the property owner to allow for use of city services. This proposal has 100% landowner consent. The applicant has requested that notice, hearing, and protest hearing be waived. **(Resolution)**

8. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. 1869 County Service Area 87 (Continued) [Vote Required](#)

Sphere of Influence

Consideration of the proposed sphere of influence amendment to encompass the area presented in the corresponding annexation area (proceeding 1873) and properties currently being served by the district as required by [GC. § 56428](#). CEQA: Mitigated Negative Declaration. **(Resolution)**

- b. 1872 County Service Area 87: (Continued) [Vote Required](#)

Municipal Services Review

Municipal Service Review update of the County Service Area 87 Sphere of Influence boundary. In order to prepare and to update spheres of influence in accordance with [GC. § 56425](#), the commission shall conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate areas designated by the commission. [GC. § 56430.\(a\)](#) **(Resolution)**

- c. 1873 County Service Area 87: (Continued) [Vote Required](#)

Annexation 8 (Lamont)

This proposal is to annex approximately 48.25 acres located North of Panama Road and West of Main Street, South of Collison Street. This annexation was initiated by the County to annex a parcel requesting drainage maintenance, landscape maintenance, street sweeping, block wall maintenance, and street lighting. This proposal has 100% landowner consent. The applicant has requested that notice, hearing, and protest hearing be waived. **(Resolution)**

- d. 1875 Mojave Public Utility District: [Vote Required](#)

Municipal Services Review

Municipal Service Review update of the Mojave Public Utility District Sphere of Influence boundary. In order to prepare and to update spheres of influence in accordance with [GC. § 56425](#), the commission shall conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate areas designated by the commission. [GC. § 56430.\(a\)](#) **(Resolution)**

- e. 1874 Mojave Public Utility District: [Vote Required](#)

Annexation 29

This proposal is to annex approximately 121.42 acres located at the corner of Silver Queen Road and United Street. The vacant undeveloped land site will be developed for the operation of high solids anaerobic digestion (HSAD”) facility with aerated static pile composting for the management and processing of residential, commercial, and industrial organic food and green material. This proposal has 100% landowner consent. The applicant has requested that notice, hearing, and protest hearing be waived. **(Resolution)**

9. **COMMISSION ITEMS**

- a. Commissioner comments, questions, referrals or announcements

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. [Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 26-06.....](#) *[Vote Required](#)*
- b. [Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 26-07.....](#) *[Vote Required](#)*
- c. [Disposal of Documents for Consideration \(Resolution\) \(Round 3\).....](#) *[Vote Required](#)*
- d. [SDRMA Health Benefits MOU 2026](#) *[Vote Required](#)*
- e. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 827 Fiscal and Financial Training.....](#) *[Informational](#)*
- f. [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\) Overview.....](#) *[Informational](#)*
- g. [Public Member Alternate Noticing and Possible Appointment](#) *[Informational](#)*
- h. [Executive Officer Miscellaneous Items](#) *Informational*

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next scheduled meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

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DISABILITY ACCOMODATIONS - A request for disability-related accommodations should be made to the Executive Officer no later than 8 days before the need for the accommodation.

For additional information on the above items please contact the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission at 5300 Lennox Ave Suite 303, Bakersfield CA 93309, or phone us at 661-716-1076
