

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

Hybrid In-Person/Video/Teleconference Meeting  
To be held at Kern Council of Governments (KernCOG)  
1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street Suite #300  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Regular Meeting: February 19, 2025 - 5:15 p.m.

<b>COMMISSIONERS</b> David Couch - Kern County BOS Jeff Flores* - Kern County BOS Andrae Gonzales - City of Bakersfield Saul Ayon - City of McFarland Travis Endicott - City of Ridgecrest Gary McKibbin - Special District Member Les Clark III - Special District Member Vince Zaragoza** - Public Member Barbara Fowler – Public Member	<b>ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS</b> Phillip Peters - Kern County BOS Eric Arias - City of Bakersfield Maria Perez - City of McFarland Vacant - Special District Jose Gonzalez - Public Member Virginia Mello - Public Member
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\*Chair \*\*Vice Chair

**AGENDA**

**SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **INVOCATION**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **VIDEO CONFERENCE EMERGENCY REQUEST (if necessitated)** ..... *Vote Required*  
Possible requests from commissioners to attend remotely pursuant to [Government Code \(GC\) Section 54953\(f\)\(1\)](#) (as amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 285, Sec. 1)
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
  - a. [January 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#) ..... *Vote Required*

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for people 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**

None

8. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. **1842 - Berrenda Mesa Water District Annexation No. 35** ..... *Vote Required*

This proposal is to annex approximately 372.46 acres consisting of water recharge ponds generally located along the west side of Allen Road, south of Stockdale Highway, and North of Ming Avenue. The property is owned by BMWD with the purpose of continued use as a water recharge facility. The surrounding properties include residential to the south and east, the Kern River to the north and additional recharge facilities to the west. This proposal has 100% landowner consent. The applicant has requested that notice, hearing, and protest hearing be waived. *(Resolution)*

b. **1841 Berrenda Mesa Water District Sphere of Influence Amendment** ..... *Vote Required*

Consideration of the proposed sphere of influence amendment to encompass the area presented in the corresponding annexation area (proceeding 1842) for approval as required by GC. § 56428. CEQA: Notice of Exemption. *(Resolution)*

c. **1836 - City of McFarland Annexation No. 20:** ..... *Vote Required*

PROTEST HEARING RESULTS: The City of McFarland Annexation No. 20 was approved by the Commission at the January 15, 2025, Commission meeting. This proposal is to annex approximately 186.41 acres of land consisting of four parcels located on the south side of Taylor Ave., east side of Stradley Ave. and north side of Hanawalt Ave. A Conducting Authority (Protest Hearing) will be completed pursuant to Government Code Section 56375.3. on February 18, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the City of McFarland Council Chambers. As the legal proceeding will be conducted after this agenda is released, results will be announced at the meeting. *(Resolution)*

9. **COMMISSION ITEMS**

a. Kern LAFCo Strategic Plan 2025-2035 ..... Informational

A draft Strategic Plan was submitted to the Policy Committee at their meeting just prior to this Commission meeting. A verbal report will be provided by the Executive Officer.

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

a. **Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 24-12**..... *Vote Required*

b. **Lease Agreement: 5300 Lennox Ave.** ..... *Vote Required*

c. **Executive Officer Miscellaneous Items** ..... Informational

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

a. **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT:** Evaluation of Executive Officer per Government Code § 54957(b)(1)

- b. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to GC. § 54954.(f). Agency designated representative: Chairperson; Unrepresentative employee; Executive Officer.
- c. Closed Session Meeting Minutes January 15, 2025,..... *Vote Required*

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next scheduled meeting **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

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**NOTE TO THE PUBLIC**

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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 661-716-1077
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