

**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 March 18, 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: Perez (alternate for Ayon), Peters (alternate for Couch), Endicott, Flores, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
Absent: Clark, Gonzales
Staff: Knox, Menchaca, Munoz
Counsel: Schroeter

Item 03/18/26-1: *No Determination Required*

INVOCATION: (Agenda Item 2) Led by *Commissioner Zaragoza*

Item 03/18/26-2: *No Determination Required*

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

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

Item 03/18/26-3: *Approved as Presented*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Agenda Item 5) February 18, 2026, Meeting

*Chair Zaragoza presented the February minutes; Upon motion of Commissioner **Fowler** seconded by Commissioner **McKibbin**, IT IS ORDERED: February 18, 2026, Minutes are approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES: Perez, Peters, Endicott, Flores, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Clark, Gonzales

Item 03/18/26-4: *No Public Comments*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Agenda Item 6)

None

DETERMINATION PROCEEDING: (Agenda Item 7)

Item 03/18/26-5: Continued

1861 Greenfield County Water District Annexation No. 50

Executive Officer Knox announced to the Commission this item will need to be continued again because the original application relied on a Notice of Exemption for CEQA compliance purposes. LAFCo confirmed that there is planned development on the proposed annexation property and the City of Bakersfield created a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. A copy of the MND is in our possession, however, a revised resolution from the district is needed to complete the application. It has yet to be provided. No vote conducted or necessary.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: (Agenda Item 8)

Item 03/18/26-6: Approved as Presented

2026-2027 Annual Preliminary Budget (Agenda Item 8a)

*Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission accept the Preliminary Budget and provide directions to submit a final budget. Commissioner Zaragoza suggested increasing the budget allocation for memberships an additional \$5,000. Upon motion of Commissioner **Fowler**, seconded by Commissioner **Flores**, IT IS ORDERED: The 2026-2027 Annual Preliminary Budget is approved with the increased allocation for memberships of \$5,000 as presented by the following votes:*

AYES: Perez, Peters, Endicott, Flores, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Clark, Gonzales

Item 03/18/26-7: Approved as Motioned

1870 Lamont Storm Water District: Dissolution (Agenda Item 8b)

*Executive Officer recommended that the Commission adopt the environmental document and approve the Dissolution of Lamont Stormwater District with conditions as presented. Remaining funds will be held in abeyance for the period of six months from the date of conditional approval (Gov. Code Section 56885.5 (B)). After the period ends, any asset owned by the District will be transferred to the County of Kern to be used for stormwater services to benefit the area in which the funds were collected. The County of Kern will serve as the successor agency. Upon motion of Commissioner **Fowler**, seconded by Commissioner **Flores**, IT IS ORDERED: 1870 Lamont Storm Water District Dissolution is approved as motioned by the following votes:*

AYES: Perez, Peters, Endicott, Flores, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Clark, Gonzales

* 5:56pm Commissioner Flores stepped away and returned a couple minutes later.

COMMISSION ITEMS: **Informational**

Item 03/18/26-8:

* Commissioner Fowler announced the upcoming conclusion of her term as a Restricted Public

Member on the Board in April, noting that the April meeting will be her final meeting. Her departure will create a vacancy on the Board, requiring the appointment of a replacement.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (Agenda Item 10)

Item 03/18/26-9: *Approved as Presented*

EXPENSE LIST 26-02 (Agenda Item 10a)

*Chair Zaragoza presented Expense List 26-02. Upon motion of Commissioner **Fowler**, seconded by Commissioner **Flores**, IT IS ORDERED: The general claim set forth in Expense List No. 26-02 is approved for payment, and the Chairman is authorized to certify said list by the following votes:*

AYES: Perez, Peters, Flores, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Clark, Gonzales, Endicott

* *6:11pm Commissioner Endicott exited the meeting (via videoconference) during discussion of Agenda Item 10a.*

Item 03/18/26-10: *Approved as Presented*

Destruction of Documents: Disposal of Archived Commission Records (Agenda Item 10b)

*Executive Officer 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 **Fowler**, seconded by Commissioner **Flores**, IT IS ORDERED: The Destruction of Documents: Disposal of Archived Commission Records is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES: Perez, Peters, Flores, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Clark, Gonzales, Endicott

Item 03/18/26-11: *Informational*

Workplace Violence Protection Plan Adoption and Training Continued (Agenda Item 10c)

Executive Officer Knox reminded Commissioners to complete training. No vote conducted or necessary.

Item 03/18/26-12: *Informational*

EXECUTIVE OFFICER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: (Agenda Item 10d)

- Form 700 reminder
- Ethic Certificate reminder
- Final Budget
- Special District Election Ballots deadline April 1st.

Item 03/18/26-13: Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: (Agenda Item 11)

Chair Zaragoza announced the next meeting being April 15, 2026. There being no further business to come before the Commission. IT IS ORDERED: The meeting is adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Rochelle Munoz
Clerk

Blair Knaf
Executive Officer