

**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 April 15, 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 5:29 p.m., with. Chair Zaragoza presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ayon, Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
Absent: Couch, Flores, Gonzales
Staff: Knox, Menchaca, Munoz
Counsel: Schroeter

Item 04/15/26-1: *No Determination Required*

INVOCATION: (Agenda Item 2) Led by Commissioner Ayon

Item 04/15/26-2: *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 04/15/26-3: *Approved as Presented*

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

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

AYES: Ayon, Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Flores, Gonzales

Item 04/15/26-4: *No Public Comments*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Agenda Item 6)

None

DETERMINATION PROCEEDING: (Agenda Item 7)

Item 04/15/26-5: *Approved as Motioned Resolution 26-09*

1861 Greenfield County Water District Annexation No. 50

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. Upon motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, IT IS ORDERED: The Greenfield County Water District Annexation No. 50 : Annexation is approved as presented by the following votes:

AYES: Ayon, Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Flores, Gonzales

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: (Agenda Item 8a)

Item 04/15/26-6: *Approved as Presented Resolution 26-10*

2026-2027 Annual Preliminary Budget

Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission accept the 2026-2027 Final Budget with increasing the budget allocation for memberships an additional \$5,000 as requested by Commissioner Zaragoza. Increased \$3,000 to professional services category for an agreement with our website host Streamline to have all documents to be in compliant on website. Use 50% of the carryover from the previous year to pay down CalPERS unfunded liability to reduce reserve to meet the existing formula. Upon motion of Commissioner Ayon, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, IT IS ORDERED: The 2026-2027 Annual Final Budget is approved with the increased allocation for memberships of \$5,000, increase \$3,000 to professional services and use 50% of the carryover from the previous year to pay down CalPERS unfunded liability as presented by the following votes:

AYES: Ayon, Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Flores, Gonzales

Item 04/15/26-7: (Agenda Item 8b) *Approved as Presented Resolution 26-11*

1870 Lamont Storm Water District: Protest Hearing Results - Dissolution

Executive Officer Knox informed the Commission that the protest was held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Lamont Public Utility District Board Room. Mr. Knox recommended the Commission accept and approve the results of the protest hearing, as zero protests were filed and therefore failed. Upon motion of Commissioner Ayon, seconded by Commissioner Clark, IT IS ORDERED: The Lamont Storm Water Dissolution, Protest Hearing Results are approved as presented by the following votes:

AYES: Ayon, Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Flores, Gonzales

Item 04/15/26-8: (Agenda Item 8c) *Approved as Presented Resolution 26-12*

1865 City of Delano: Municipal Service Review

Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission approve the Municipal Service Review

update. Upon motion of Commissioner **Ayon**, seconded by Commissioner **McKibbin**, IT IS ORDERED: The City of Delano Municipal Service Review is approved as presented by the following votes:

AYES: Ayon, Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Flores, Gonzales

COMMISSION ITEMS: Informational

Item 04/15/26-9: (Agenda Item 9a)

Commissioner Zaragoza recommended that staff move the Commission Items section to follow General Business for future and upcoming meetings.

Item 04/15/26-10: (Agenda Item 9b) **Continued**

Restricted Public Member and Alternate

Executive Officer Knox announced to the Commission we did not have a quorum for this item. Commissioner Ayon motioned to continue item to the following meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner **Ayon**, seconded by Commissioner **Fowler**, IT IS ORDERED: The Restricted Public Member and Alternate be continued until the following meeting as motioned by the following votes:

AYES: Ayon, Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Flores, Gonzales

GENERAL BUSINESS: (Agenda Item 10)

Item 04/15/26-11: **Approved as Presented**

EXPENSE LIST 26-03 (Agenda Item 10a)

Chair Zaragoza presented Expense List 26-03. Upon motion of Commissioner **Clark**, seconded by Commissioner **Endicott**, IT IS ORDERED: The general claim set forth in Expense List No. 26-03 is approved for payment, and the Chairman is authorized to certify said list by the following votes:

AYES: Ayon, Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Flores, Gonzales

Item 04/15/26-10: **Approved as Presented**

Special District Seat and Alternate Election Results (Agenda Item 10b)

Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission approve the ballot results. Nominations were sent out to all eligible independent districts. Executive Officer Knox recommended accepting the nomination of Les Clark to be seated for a 4-year term ending in 2030 and Martin Hernandez as alternate seat with term ending in 2030. Upon motion of Commissioner **Fowler**, seconded by Commissioner **McKibbin**, IT IS ORDERED: Les Clark to be seated for a term of 4-years ending in 2030 and Martin Hernandez as alternate seat ending in 2030 is approved as presented by the following votes:

AYES: Ayon, Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Flores, Gonzales

Item 04/15/26-11: Continued

LAFCo Response to County General Plan Housing Update (Agenda Item 10c)

*Executive Officer Knox recommended Commission authorize the Executive Officer to transmit a comment letter. Commissioners' recommendation is to continue this item until next meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner **Zeragoza**, seconded by Commissioner **Clark**, IT IS ORDERED: LAFCo Response to County General Plan Housing Update to be continued by the following votes:*

AYES: Clark, Endicott, Fowler, McKibbin, Zaragoza
NAYS: Ayon,
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Flores, Gonzales

Item 04/15/26-12: Informational

City Select Committee Appointment of City Representation: (Agenda Item 10d)

Executive Officer Knox informed the Commission the City Select Committee will be having their meeting April 16, 2026, to replace McFarland whose term is ending. Shafter will be next to join the commission, and Ridgecrest will continue to serve as alternate for the next 2 years. Commissioner Endicott announced that they will be picking an alternate during their City Council Meeting this evening. No vote conducted or necessary.

Item 04/15/26-13: Informational

State Legislative Report: (Agenda Item 10e)

Executive Officer Knox reported to the Commission that there were no Bills to raise concern for LAFCo at this time, however he will continue to monitor. No Commission comment or vote necessary.

Item 04/15/26-14: Informational

EXECUTIVE OFFICER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: (Agenda Item 10f)

- LAFCo office closed May 6-8
- Form 700 reminder
- Ethic Certificate reminder
- AI Policy

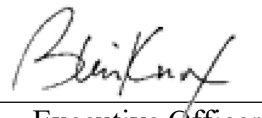
**Executive Officer gave recognition to Commissioner Fowler and Commissioner Ayon of their time served with LAFCo. Commissioners spoke kind words of both.*

Item 04/15/26-15: Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: (Agenda Item 11)

Chair Zaragoza announced the next meeting being May 20, 2026. There being no further business to come before the Commission. IT IS ORDERED: The meeting is adjourned at 6:39 p.m.


Clerk


Executive Officer