

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

Hybrid In-Person/Video-Conference Meeting
To be held at Kern Council of Governments (KernCOG)
1401 19th Street Suite #300
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Meeting of **November 19, 2025** – 5:15 p.m.

<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>		<u>ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS</u>	
David Couch - Kern County BOS		Phillip Peters - Kern County BOS	
Jeff Flores*- Kern County BOS		Eric Arias - City of Bakersfield	
Andrae Gonzales - City of Bakersfield		Maria Perez - City of McFarland	
Saul Ayon - City of McFarland		Vacant - Special District	
Travis Endicott - City of Ridgecrest		Jose Gonzalez - Public Member	
Gary McKibbin - Special District Member		Virginia Mello - Public Member	
Les Clark III - Special District Member			
Vince Zaragoza**- Public Member			
Barbara Fowler – Public Member			
*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. [September 17, 2025, 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**

None

8. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. 1839 East Kern Health Care District: [Vote Required](#)

Protest Hearing Results

The East Kern Healthcare District Annexation No. 02 was approved by the Commission at the September 17, 2025, Commission meeting. This proposal is to annex approximately 404,488 acres of land in northeastern Kern County including the City of Ridgecrest and surrounding area. The intent of the proposal is to expand the boundary within which East Kern Health Care District can provide services to Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. The proposal consists of an SOI amendment with a concurrent annexation. A Conducting Authority (Protest hearing) was completed pursuant to Government Code Section 56375.3, on October 14, 2025. From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Springfield Suites, By Marriott Conference Center in Ridgecrest. (Resolution)

- b. 1816 City of Bakersfield:..... [Vote Required](#)

Annexation No. 709 (White Lane No. 9) & County Service Area (CSA) 11: Detachment “C” & County Service Area (CSA) 12.01: Dissolution

This proposal is to annex approximately 111.33 acres located generally on the corner of White Lane and S. Union Avenue. This annexation was initiated by Self Help Enterprises on behalf of area residents to request access to City sewer and water services. The surrounding land consists of existing residential to the west and south, and existing industrial to the north and east. The surrounding land also includes commercial uses and vacant parcels. This proposal does not have 100% landowner consent. The applicant has been notified that notice, hearing, and protest hearing will not be waived. (Resolution)

9. **COMMISSION ITEMS**

- a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair [Vote Required](#)
- b. 2026 Meeting Schedule [Vote Required](#)

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 25-08..... [Vote Required](#)
- b. Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 25-09..... [Vote Required](#)
- c. Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 25-10 [Vote Required](#)
- d. Financial Audit 2024-2025 [Receive and File](#)
- e. Destruction of Documents: Disposal of Archived Commission Records [Vote Required](#)
- f. Workplace Violence Protection Program Plan Adoption and Training [Vote Required](#)
- g. Deputy Executive Officer Resignation [Informational](#)
- h. Brown Act Revisions (SB 707) [Vote Required](#)
- i. SDRMA Insurance Increase [Informational](#)
- j. 2025 End of the Year Recap..... [Informational](#)
- k. Executive Officer Miscellaneous Items Informational

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Public Employee Appointment Title: Part Time Help Position
- b. Public Employment: Evaluation of Executive Officer by Government Code § 54957 (b) (1).
- c. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to GC. § 54954. (f). Agency designated representative: Chairperson; Unrepresentative employee; Executive Officer.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next scheduled meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

NOTE TO THE PUBLIC

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION - If you are an applicant for, or a participant in (actively supporting or opposing) any proceeding on the agenda and have made a campaign contribution of \$250 or more to or for any of the Commission members, state law provides for disqualification of Commissioner voting, or even prohibition of such gifts. These restrictions also apply to agents of applicants or participants. Please consult with LAFCo staff as to the requirements of the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code § 84308). This statement is not a comprehensive summary of the section.

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
