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 October 21, 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 5:17 p.m., with. Chair Zaragoza presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Couch, *Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
Absent:	Clark, Gonzales
Staff:	Knox, Menchaca, Munoz
Counsel:	Schroeter

Item 10/21/26-1: ***No Determination Required***

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

Item 10/21/26-2: ***No Determination Required***

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

Executive Officer Knox announced that Commissioners Endicott will be joining at a later time via teleconference under Government Code Section 54953 no vote conducted or necessary.

Item 10/21/26-3: ***Approved as Presented***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Agenda Item 5) September 16, 2026, Meeting

Chair Zaragoza presented the September minutes; Upon motion of Commissioner ***Flores*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Couch,*** *IT IS ORDERED: September 16, 2026, Minutes are approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Couch, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clark, Endicott, Gonzales

Item 10/21/26-4: ***No Public Comments***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Agenda Item 6)

None

DETERMINATION PROCEEDING: (Agenda Item 7)

Item 10/21/26-5: ***Approved as Presented Resolution 26-24***

1876 North Edwards Water District Annexation No. 02 (Fountain Trailer Park) (Agenda Item 7a)

Executive Officer Knox recommended that the Commission consider the Notice of Exemption, approve the annexation subject to the terms and conditions, and waive protest hearing. Executive Officer Knox also recommended approval of the annexation and denial of the fee-waiver request. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Flores,*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Olvera****, IT IS ORDERED: 1 8 7 6 North Edwards Water District: Annexation No. 2 is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Couch, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clark, Endicott, Gonzales

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: (Agenda Item 8)

Item 10/21/26-6: ***Approved as Presented Resolution 26-25***

1878 East Niles Community Services District Annexation No. 44 (Agenda Item 8a)

Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission open the public hearing; review and consider East Niles Community Services District's Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration; approve Annexation No. 44 subject to the terms and conditions; adopt the attached resolution; determine that notice, hearing, and protest proceeding are not waived; conduct protest proceeding and return to the Commission with the results. Residents of East Niles Community Services District asked questions and voiced their concerns. Executive Officer Knox answered questioned. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Zaragoza,*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Endicott****, IT IS ORDERED: 1 8 7 8 East Niles Community Services District: Annexation No. 44 is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Couch, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clark, Gonzales

* *Commissioner Zaragoza returned to agenda item No. 4.*

GENERAL BUSINESS: (Agenda Item 9)

Item 10/21/26-7: ***Approved as Presented***

EXPENSE LIST 26-09 (Agenda Item 9a)

Chair Zaragoza presented Expense List 26-09. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Couch****, seconded by Commissioner* ***Flores****, IT IS ORDERED: The general claim set forth in Expense List No. 26-09 is approved for payment, and the Chairman is authorized to certify said list by the following votes:*

AYES:	Couch, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clark, Gonzales,

Item 10/21/26-8: ***Approve as Presented***

BUDGET MODIFICATION – Five Year Financial Forecast (Agenda Item 9b)

Executive Officer Knox recommends incorporating a rolling five-year financial forecast into the annual budget process beginning with fiscal year 2027-28 proposed budget and update forecast annually. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Endicott,*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Couch****, IT IS ORDERED: The 2027-2028 Five -Year Financial forecast is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Couch, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clark, Gonzales

Item 10/21/26-9: ***Informational***

EXECUTIVE OFFICER MISCELLANEOUS Items (Agenda Item 9c)

- New Employee for Analyst position scheduled to start November 2nd
- November Meeting – Large Meeting
- Financial Training Certificates reminder

Item 10/21/26-10: ***Informational***

COMMISSION ITEMS: (Agenda Item 10)

Commissioner comments, questions, referrals or announcements (Agenda Item 10a.)

Chairman Zaragoza shares with the Commission information pertaining to El Nino and any role LAFCo has in the process. Commissioner Couch asked Chair Zaragoza to watch next Tuesday's Board of Supervisor Meeting where staff will give a presentation about efforts towards flood control.

Item 10/21/26-11: ***Adjournment***

ADJOURNMENT: (Agenda Item 11)

Chair Zaragoza announced the next meeting being November 18, 2026. There being no further business to come before the Commission. IT IS ORDERED: The meeting is adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Rochelle Munoz
Clerk

Executive Officer