

**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 19th Street Suite #300
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Regular Meeting: January 15, 2025 - 5:15 p.m.
Close Session: 4pm

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| COMMISSIONERS David Couch - Kern County BOS Jeff Flores* - Kern County BOS Andrae Gonzales - City of Bakersfield Saul Ayon - City of McFarland TBD - City of Ridgecrest Gary McKibbin - Special District Member Les Clark III - Special District Member Vince Zaragoza** - Public Member Barbara Fowler – Public Member | ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS 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. **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 May 15, 2024..... *Vote Required*

3. **INVOCATION**

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **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)

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- a. [December 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes](#) *Vote Required*

7. **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.

8. **DETERMINATION PROCEEDING**

None

9. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. [1831 – City of Bakersfield Annexation 717 \(Zerker No. 2\)](#): *Vote Required*

Protest Hearing Results:

City of Bakersfield 717 (Zerker No. 2) was approved by the Commission at the December 4th Commission meeting. This proposal was to annex approximately 207.52 acres of land consisting of four parcels located east of Zerker Road and south of Seventh Standard Road. A Conducting Authority will be completed pursuant to Government Code Section 56375.3. on January 9, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. As the legal proceeding will be conducted after this agenda is released, results will be announced at the meeting. (*Resolution*)

- b. [1836 - City of McFarland Annexation No. 20](#): *Vote Required*

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. This annexation was initiated by the City at the request of property owners who presented a Letter of Intent to invest in residential. The surrounding properties are residential and agricultural. This proposal does not have 100% landowner consent. (*Resolution*)

- c. [1843 - City of Wasco Annexation No. 41](#): *Vote Required*

This proposal is to annex approximately 31.91 acres of land located at two locations. The Wasco High School Ag Farm at the southwest corner of 7th Street and Magnolia Avenue. The road right-a-way on Central Avenue at the intersection of Filburn. This annexation was initiated by the City for the purpose of (1) potential future relocation of the High School Ag Farm and High School Maintenance and Operation facility (2) development of a right-of-way for the purpose of making road improvements.

The surrounding properties are residential, industrial, agricultural and open ground. This proposal has 100% landowner consent. The applicant has requested that notice, hearing, and protest hearing be waived. (*Resolution*)

10. **COMMISSION ITEMS**

- a. [2023-2024 Financial Audit](#) *Receive and File*
- b. [2025 Policy and Budget Committee Assignments](#) *Informational*

11. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. [Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 24-11](#) *Vote Required*
- b. Executive Officer Miscellaneous Items..... Informational

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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 Commission staff as to the requirements of the Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 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.

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| 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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