

**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 19<sup>th</sup> Street Suite #300  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**Regular Meeting: March 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**

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1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **INVOCATION**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **VIDEO CONFERENCE EMERGENCY REQUEST (if necessitated)** ..... *Vote Required*  
Possible requests from commissioners to attend remotely pursuant to [Government Code \(G.C.\) Section 54953\(f\)\(1\)](#) (as amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 285, Sec. 1)
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
  - a. [February 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#) ..... *Vote Required*
6. **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.

7. **DETERMINATION PROCEEDING**

None

8. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. **2025-2026 Annual Preliminary Budget** ..... *Vote Required*

Consideration of the 2025-2026 proposed Preliminary Budget. The budget for Kern LAFCo is determined by the Commission and funded by fees, the County of Kern, the Incorporated Cities in Kern County, and the Independent Special Districts that Kern LAFCo is designated as the Principal County. With each category of agency paying 1/3 of the budget. A proposed budget is required to be adopted prior to the final budget being considered per G.C. § 56381et seq.

b. **1840 – Greenfield County Water District Annexation No. 49** ..... *Vote Required*

A proposed annexation of approximately 10.83 acres consisting of 7 parcels in 4 areas of both residential and unimproved land into Greenfield County Water District. The parcels are generally located along South Union Avenue, south of the Arvin Edison Canal to the north of Hoskings Avenue. Area 1: 6.84 acres, Area 2: 2.50 acres, Area 3: 0.97 acres, and Area 4: 0.52 acres. The annexation is for the purpose of providing water service to existing and future in-fill development. This proposal has 100% landowner consent. The applicant has requested a waiver of notice, hearing and protest hearing pursuant to G.C. § 56662. All landowners have been notified that if no written protest is received prior to the conclusion of this proceeding then the Commission may waive Protest Hearing pursuant to G.C. § 56663. (Resolution)

c. **1829 - City of Bakersfield Annexation No. 715 (Cottonwood No 6):**..... *Vote Required*

This proposal is to annex approximately 139.39 acres of land consisting of four parcels generally located Cottonwood and Pacheco Road. The annexation was initiated by the City for the purpose of providing additional land to accommodate the City’s 6<sup>th</sup> cycle vacant sites inventory. The surrounding properties are residential, commercial, industrial and open ground. This proposal does not have 100% landowner consent. All landowners and Registered Voters have been notified that if no written protest is received prior to the conclusion of this proceeding then the Commission may waive Protest Hearing pursuant to G.C. § 56663. (Resolution)

9. **COMMISSION ITEMS**

a. **Kern LAFCo Strategic Plan 2025-2035 Workshop Facilitator**..... *Vote Required*

To hold a workshop of the Commission on a draft strategic plan someone other than the Executive Officer or a Commissioner should lead the exercise. To accomplish this an outside person will need to be hired and a budget set for the effort.

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

a. **Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 25-01** ..... *Vote Required*

b. **Fee Schedule Revision Draft** ..... *Vote Required*

c. **Remote Work Policy** ..... *Vote Required*

d. **Interest on Income** ..... *Vote Required*

e. **Policy MSR Sphere Review** ..... *Vote Required*

f. **State Legislative Report**..... Informational

g. Executive Officer Miscellaneous Items..... Informational

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next scheduled meeting **Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

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**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 § 84308 et seq.](#)). This statement is not a comprehensive summary of the code 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 661-716-1077
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