

**AGENDA
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

DISCLAIMER: This agenda includes the proposed actions and activities, with respect to each agenda item, as of the date of posting. As such, it does not preclude the Committee from taking other actions on items on the agenda which are different or in addition to those recommended.

- I. ROLL CALL:** Flores, B. Smith, Wood, Pascual, Wilke, Cantu, Mower, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Couch, Scrivner

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Kiernan, Miller, Parra

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- III. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Council or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2016

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments (None)

D. Local Clearinghouse

Applicant: County of Kern
Address: 2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Contact: Mr. Paul Sippel
Telephone: 661-862-5029

- 1) Catalog No.: 14.218
Title: Community Development Block Grant Program
Description: The development of viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income, and other purposes pursuant to Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended.
Total Funds: \$4,100,000
Impact Area: Unincorporated communities in Kern County and the four cooperative agreement cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi.

- 2) Catalog No.: 14.239
 Title: Home Investment Partnerships Program
 Description: To provide for decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for low and moderate income families and to expand the long-term supply of affordable housing in Kern County.
 Total Funds: \$1,300,000
 Impact Area: Unincorporated communities in Kern County and the four cooperative agreement cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi.
- 3) Catalog No.: 14.231
 Title: Emergency Solutions Grants Program
 Description: The provision of quality emergency shelters, essential social services, and prevention services for the homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
 Total Funds: \$415,000
 Impact Area: Unincorporated communities in Kern County and the four cooperative agreement cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi.
- 4) Applicant: Self-Help Enterprises
 Address: P O Box 6520/8445 W. Elowin Coirt
 Visalia, CA 93290
 Contact: Ms. Karen Saucedo
 Telephone: 559-802-1670
 Catalog No.: 10.433
 Title: Housing Preservation Grants
 Description: Providing loans/grants for housing rehabilitation for low-income and very low-income households
 Total Funds: \$200,000
 Impact Area: Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera

*** END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE ***

IV. KERN COG: (None)

V. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)

VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VIII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Report on Programs and Projects in Progress)

A. Warrant Register

B. Timeline

X. **MEMBER STATEMENTS:** On their own initiative, Council members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. In addition, Council members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any matter, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting concerning any matter. Furthermore, the Council, or any member thereof, may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

XI. CLOSED SESSION: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING: MARCH 17, 2016

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Minutes of Meeting of January 21, 2016

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THURSDAY
JANUARY 21, 2016
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Wood at approximately 7:40 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Flores, B. Smith, Wood, Pascual, Mower, Prout, Krier, P. Smith, Wegman, Couch, Scrivner,

Members Absent: Wilke, Cantu,

Alternates: None

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Miller, Parra, Kiernan

Others: 3

Staff: Hakimi, Collins, Ball, Phipps, Stramaglia, Pacheco, Snoddy, Invina, Jones, Banuelos and Hall

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III. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Council or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2015

B. Concurrence in Actions of TPPC

C. Response to Public Comments (None)

D. Local Clearinghouse (None)

E. Draft FY 2016-17 Overall Work Program (OWP)

F. Kern COG's 2016 Regional Award of Merit Ceremony

G. FY 2015-16 Overall Work Program and Financial Plan Amendment No. 1

MOTION BY DIRECTOR P. SMITH, second by Director Flores, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

IV. KERN COG:

A. State Transportation Funding Proposal Comparison

Mr. Phipps stated that we have no fewer than six different funding proposals to address many of the concerns that were heard tonight. They are all listed in the staff report, each one of them shares the common trait of moving weight truck fees back into transportation funding as opposed to going into debt service. The main difference between the democratic proposals and the republican proposals are taxes. On the low end, you have the Governor's proposal which would bring in an additional \$3.6 billion from a variety of different sources including a diesel and gas tax increase, vehicle license fee increase and the proposals go up from there in terms of the amount of revenue that they would generate and that would mean higher taxes or fees culminating with the most recent proposal from Assembly Transportation Committee Chairman Jim Frasier that would raise approximately \$8 billion

with a 22 ½ cent increase in the excise tax and 30 cents per gallon on diesel fuel in addition to \$165 vehicle surcharge, etc. There are a variety of proposals out there, the reason that we're bringing this to you tonight is to let you know what is on the horizon. Some of these proposals have been in front of the legislature since spring of 2015. The other thing they share in common is that none of them have passed. We want to make you aware of the different proposals out there, we are not asking for any action tonight, but to be aware that we may come back with a recommendation seeking your approval to support possibly a hybrid or a variety of different options as explained in the staff report.

- V. **TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: (None)**
- VI. **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)**
- VII. **KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)**
- VIII. **MEETING REPORTS: (None)**
- IX. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Warrant Register
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Mr. Hakimi stated that tomorrow is the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Special Meeting on Water. Director Wegman will be attending and anyone else may attend by phone. February 13th is Whiskey Flat Days in Kernville. February 29th is CSUB Career Day. March 2nd is the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Valley Voice trip to Sacramento, if any of you would like to attend, please let us know. March 3rd is the Regional Awards of Merit ceremony at Seven Oaks Country Club, price is \$45. per person – please get your RSVP's into Laurie. March 31st - April 1st is the CalCOG Regional Issues Forum in Monterey - Please let us know if you would like to attend.

In your folders tonight are the list of what projects are at risk of being cut from the STIP; the letters from the cities and the county responding on how they will deliver their federally funded projects, the Kern COG quarterly newsletter, a copy of Mr. Keck's presentation, our Outreach Efforts, Schedule of Cash Disbursements for November and December 2015, the summary of the new Federal Fast Act, Timeline that covers January to May, an article written by Senator Jean Fuller which addresses the need to address transportation, progress report for all the transportation projects in the Valley, an obituary for Mr. Steven Starbuck who has previously addressed this Board with Brown Armstrong who does our audits, the Caltrans update, the 2015 highlights from the California Transportation Commission, the Thomas Roads Improvement Status Report and a copy of the electric bus presentation from Proterra given during our workshop earlier this evening.

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- XI. **CLOSED SESSION:** Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9) Case Name: Concerned Citizens about Centennial Corridor vs. California Department of Transportation. Went into closed session at approximately 7:54 p.m. No action taken.
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Wood, Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

DATE: _____