

**KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
MINUTES**

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) Conference Room  
1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 300  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
In-Person and Videoconference  
Meeting of February 18, 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 5:15 p.m., with. Chair Zaragoza presiding.*

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Perez (alternate for Ayon), \*Clark, Couch, Flores, Fowler, Gonzales, McKibbin, Zaragoza  
Absent: Clark, Endicott  
Staff: Knox, Menchaca, Munoz  
Counsel: Schroeter

**Item 02/18/26-1: *No Determination Required***

**INVOCATION:** (Agenda Item 2) Led by *Commissioner Flores*

**Item 02/18/26-2: *No Determination Required***

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

*Chair Zaragoza announced that Commissioners were present in-person therefore the item is not necessary.*

**Item 02/18/26-3: *Approved as Presented***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (Agenda Item 5) January 29, 2026, Meeting

*Chair Zaragoza presented the January minutes; Upon motion of Commissioner **Couch** seconded by Commissioner **Fowler**, IT IS ORDERED: January 29, 2026, Minutes are approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES: Perez, Couch, Flores, Fowler, Gonzales, McKibbin, Zaragoza  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Clark, Endicott

**Item 02/18/26-4: *No Public Comments***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (Agenda Item 6)

*None*

\* *5:24 p.m. Commissioner Clark arrived at the meeting.*

DETERMINATION PROCEEDING: (Agenda Item 7)

**Item 02/18/26-5:        *Approved as Motioned Resolution 26-04***

1868 City of Delano Annexation No. 59 (Garzoli)

*Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission consider the environmental document adopted by the applicant and approve the proposal as presented, subject to conditions recommended by the Executive Officer, waiving notice, hearing, and protest hearing. Upon motion of Commissioner **Fowler**, seconded by Commissioner **Couch**, IT IS ORDERED: The City of Delano Annexation No. 59 (Garzoli): Annexation is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:            Perez, Clark, Couch, Flores, Fowler, Gonzales, McKibbin, Zaragoza  
NAYS:            None  
ABSTAIN:        None  
ABSENT:        Endicott

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: (Agenda Item 8a)

**Item 02/18/26-6:        *Approved as Motioned Resolution 26-05***

1871 County Service Area 87: Sphere of Influence Amendment

*Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission consider the environmental document prepared by the district and approve the sphere amendment to the County Service Area 87 with conditions recommended by Executive Officer. Upon motion of Commissioner **McKibbin**, seconded by Commissioner **Flores**, IT IS ORDERED: 1871 County Service Area (CSA) 87 Sphere of Influence Amendment: is approved as motioned by the following votes:*

AYES:            Perez, Clark, Couch, Flores, Fowler, Gonzales, McKibbin, Zaragoza  
NAYS:            None  
ABSTAIN:        None  
ABSENT:        Endicott

**Item 02/18/26-7:        *Approved as Motioned Resolution***

1863 County Service Area 87: Annexation No. 7 (Fuller Acres) (Agenda Item 8b)

*Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission consider the environmental document filed by the district. It is further recommended that the Commission approve Annexation No. 7 to County Service Area (CSA) 87; activation streetlights services within the proposed area with the requirement of notice, hearing and protest hearing be waived if no protest are received and subject to conditions recommended by Executive Officer. Upon motion of Commissioner **Couch**, seconded by Commissioner **Clark**, IT IS ORDERED: 1863 County Service Area (CSA) 87 Annexation No. 7 is approved as motioned by the following votes:*

AYES:            Perez, Clark, Couch, Flores, Fowler, Gonzales, McKibbin, Zaragoza  
NAYS:            None  
ABSTAIN:        None  
ABSENT:        Endicott

\*        5:42pm Commissioner Clark stepped away and returned a couple minutes later.

COMMISSION ITEMS: ***Informational***

**Item 02/18/26-8:**

\* Commissioner Fowler thanked staff for revising protest hearing forms on website.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (Agenda Item 10)

**Item 02/18/26-9:      *Approved as Presented***

EXPENSE LIST 26-01 (Agenda Item 10)

*Chair Zaragoza presented Expense List 26-01. Upon motion of Commissioner **Fowler**, seconded by Commissioner **Couch**, IT IS ORDERED: The general claim set forth in Expense List No. 26-01 is approved for payment, and the Chairman is authorized to certify said list by the following votes:*

AYES:           Perez, Clark, Couch, Flores, Fowler, Gonzales, McKibbin, Zaragoza  
NAYS:           None  
ABSTAIN:       None  
ABSENT:        Endicott

**Item 02/18/26-10:    *Informational***

Workplace Violence Protection Plan Adoption and Training Continued (Agenda Item 10e)

*Executive Officer Knox reminded Commissioners to complete training by deadline of 2/18/26. No vote conducted or necessary.*

\*       6:21pm Commissioner Flores stepped away and returned a couple minutes later.

**Item 02/18/26-11:    *Informational***

EXECUTIVE OFFICER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: (Agenda Item 10f)

- Ethic Certificate reminder
- ADA Compliance Doc access
- Budget 2026 & 2027 starting soon
- Office Personnel adjustments

**Item 02/18/26-12:    *No Determination Required***

CLOSED SESSION: (Agenda Item 11)

None

**Item 02/18/26-13:    *Adjournment***

ADJOURNMENT: (Agenda Item 12)

*Chair Zaragoza announced the next meeting being March 18, 2026. There being no further business to come before the Commission. IT IS ORDERED: The meeting is adjourned at 6:43 p.m.*

  
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Clerk

  
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Executive Officer