

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Hybrid In-Person/Video-Conference Regular Meeting
To be held at Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)

1401 19th Street Suite #300

Bakersfield, CA 93301

Regular Meeting of **September 16, 2026** – 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

David Couch - Kern County BOS

Jeff Flores- Kern County BOS

Andrae Gonzales - City of Bakersfield

Gustavo Olvera - City of Shafter

Travis Endicott - City of Ridgecrest

Gary McKibbin** - Special District Member

Les Clark III - Special District Member

Vince Zaragoza*- Public Member

Ginger Mello – Restricted Public Member

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS

Vacant - Kern County BOS

Eric Arias - City of Bakersfield

Kyle Blades - City of Ridgecrest

Martin Hernandez - Special District

Vacant - Public Member

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*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 required)** *Vote Required*

Possible requests from commissioners to attend remotely pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f)(1)

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a. *August 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes* *Vote Required*

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons 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**

- a. 1879 Weldon Regional Water District *Vote Required*

Consider Resolution Initiating Dissolution

Consideration of a resolution initiating dissolution of the Weldon Regional Water District, with Kern LAFCo serving as the applicant and lead agency. The Weldon Regional Water District has remained inactive for six years, with no opportunity to activate the district and begin providing services. (Resolution)

8. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 26-08..... *Vote Required*
b. State Legislator: End of Session Report *Informational*
c. City Assessment..... *Informational*
d. Executive Officer Miscellaneous Items Informational

10. **COMMISSION ITEMS**

- a. Commissioner comments, questions, referrals or announcements
b. Public Member Alternate Appointment 7th Seat *Vote Required*

Commission to interview applicants for alternate regular public member per the requirements of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. All notices were filed, and all requirements have been met per Sec. 56158. Term is for 4 years and ends May 2030. Gov. Code § 56325 (d). Appointment of the alternate public member shall be subject to the affirmative vote of at least one of the members appointed by each of the other appointing authorities. Applications for the regular Alternate Public Member seat (seat 7) will be presented to the Commission. Upon review the Commission will fill the seat by appointment, subject to the affirmative vote of at least one of the members appointed by each of the other appointing authorities. (Appointing Authorities: Special District Members, Board of Supervisor Members and City Members)

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next scheduled meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

NOTE TO THE PUBLIC

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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 661-716-1076
