

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

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) Conference Room
1401 19th Street Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93301
In-Person and Videoconference
Meeting of September 16, 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 5:32 p.m., with. Chair Zaragoza presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Clark, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Zaragoza
Absent: Couch, Gonzales, Olvera
Staff: Knox, Menchaca, Munoz
Counsel: Schroeter

Item 09/16/26-1: *No Determination Required*

INVOCATION: (Agenda Item 2) *Led by Les Clark*

Item 09/16/26-2: *No Determination Required*

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

Attorney Tom Schroeter announced that Commissioners Endicott was present via teleconference under Government Code Section 54953 no vote conducted or necessary.

Item 09/16/26-3: *Approved as Presented*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Agenda Item 5) August 19, 2026, Meeting

*Chair Zaragoza presented the August minutes; Upon motion of Commissioner **Flores** seconded by Commissioner **Clark**, IT IS ORDERED: August 19, 2026, Minutes are approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES: Clark, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Gonzales, Olvera

Item 08/19/26-4: *No Public Comments*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Agenda Item 6)

None

DETERMINATION PROCEEDING: (Agenda Item 7)

Item 09/16/26-5: *Approved as Motioned Resolution 26-23*

1879 Weldon Regional Water District (Agenda Item 7a)

*Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission consider the 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. Upon motion of Commissioner **Flores**, seconded by Commissioner **Clark**, IT IS ORDERED: 1 8 7 9 Weldon Regional Water District: Dissolution Initiation is approved as motioned by the following votes:*

AYES: Clark, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Gonzales, Olvera

Item 09/16/26-6: *No Notice of Public Hearing*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: (Agenda Item 8)

None

GENERAL BUSINESS: (Agenda Item 9)

Item 09/16/26-7: *Approved as Presented*

EXPENSE LIST 26-08 (Agenda Item 9a)

*Chair Zaragoza presented Expense List 26-08. Upon motion of Commissioner **McKibbin**, seconded by Commissioner **Zaragoza**, IT IS ORDERED: The general claim set forth in Expense List No. 26-08 is approved for payment, and the Chairman is authorized to certify said list by the following votes:*

AYES: Clark, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Couch, Gonzales, Olvera

Item 09/16/26-8: *Informational*

State Legislature: End of Season Report (Agenda Item 9b)

Executive Knox gave an update on 2026 State legislation affecting LAFCo, cities, and special districts, highlighting multiple Senate Bills. He also noted Proposition 43 and 45 on the November ballot and their potential impacts on local agencies and LAFCo. No vote conducted or necessary.

Item 09/16/26-9: *Informational*

City Assessment (Agenda Item 9c)

Executive Officer Knox discussed the assessment as a screening tool to help guide future Municipal Service Reviews. He highlighted aging infrastructure, staffing, growth, and water challenges. No vote conducted or necessary.

Item 09/16/26-10: *Informational*

Executive Officer Miscellaneous Items (Agenda Item 9d.)

- CSDA Legislative Conference
- New staff member for MSR full-time position
- Financial Training Certificates
- Workplace Violence Prevention Training Certificates

Item 09/16/26-11: *Informational*

COMMISSION ITEMS: (Agenda Item 10)

Commissioner comments, questions, referrals or announcements (Agenda Item 10a.)

- Commissioner Clark apologizes for delayed responses to emails and for not providing documents in a timely manner.
- Chairman Zaragoza asks Executive Officer Knox to provide more information on the MRS/Analyst full-time position. Executive Officer Knox explains the duties to be performed in this role.

Item 09/16/26-12: *Approved as Presented*

Public Member Alternate Appointment 7th Seat (Agenda Item 10b)

*Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission appoint Mia Arreola as Public Member Alternate for a 4-year term. No other applications were received. Votes required by County Supervisors, City Councilmembers and Special District Commissioners with at least one vote per each Commissioner category. Upon motion of Commissioner **Clark**, seconded by Commissioner **Endicott**, IT IS ORDERED: Mia Arreola was appointed as Public Member – Alternate (seat 7) for a 4-year term ending in 2030 the following votes:*

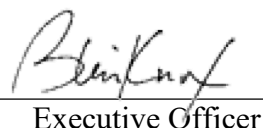
AYES:	Clark, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Couch, Gonzales, Olvera

Item 09/16/26-13: *Adjournment*

ADJOURNMENT: (Agenda Item 11)

Chair Zaragoza announced the next meeting being October 21, 2026. There being no further business to come before the Commission. IT IS ORDERED: The meeting is adjourned at 6:07 p.m.


Clerk


Executive Officer