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Rebecca Campbell, County Administrative Officer  
Lee Burdick, County Counsel  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

## Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center  
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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### **COUNTY OF KINGS PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19**

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 on March 12, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively, relating to the convening of public agency meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The County of Kings hereby provides notice that it will convene its regularly scheduled public meetings of the Board of Supervisors by video and teleconference going forward, and will close its Board Chambers to the public generally, except as described below, until further notice.

Pursuant to the Executive Orders, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, Kings County will allow the Board Supervisors, County staff and interested members of the public to attend the meeting telephonically or by the Internet, and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present in the Board's Chambers. Only those members of the public who cannot participate virtually, due to a need for a special accommodation (vision, hearing, etc.), may attend the meeting in the Board Chambers. A maximum of 10 individuals will be allowed in the Chambers at a time. To secure the accommodation consistent with the American's with Disabilities Act and to attend in person, interested parties will need to contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as directed below no later than 8:30 a.m. the morning of the meeting.

Members of the public who wish to observe the meeting virtually can do so via the worldwide web at:

<https://youtu.be/MaSKb2QNfRQ> or go to [www.countyofkings.com](http://www.countyofkings.com) and click on the "Join Meeting" link.

Members of the public who wish to comment may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for Board consideration or action, and those comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting. To submit written comments by U.S. Mail or email for inclusion in the meeting record, they must be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to either [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us). To submit such comments by U.S. Mail, please forward them to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230

To comment during the meeting by telephone or the Internet, E-mail the Clerk of the Board at any time before or during the meeting at [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us) for a phone number, access code and meeting link.

- I. 9:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER**  
**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board**  
**INVOCATION – Kevin McAlister**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**



**II.**

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

*Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.*

**Anthony López, new City Manager for the City of Avenal, introduced himself and shared information regarding his background and education.**

**Written Comments were received from Ondira Mello which will be made part of the record.**

**III.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A.** Approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2020 regular meeting.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, CP, DV- Aye)**

**IV.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Community Development Agency:**

1. Consider:

a. Finding that Notices of Partial Non-Renewals are Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA) Section 15317 environmental review; and

b. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the Partial Non-Renewals for the following Contracts: Land Conservation Contract Nos. 557, 185 and 653.

**ACTION: APPROVED CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED (JN, CP, RV, RF, DV- Aye)**

**V.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Community Development Agency – Greg Gatzka**

Consider adopting a Resolution delegating authority to the Community Development Agency Director to enter into Indemnification and Reimbursement Agreements. **[Reso 20-071]**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (CP, RF, JN, RV, DV- Aye)**

**B. County Counsel – Lee Burdick**

**Agriculture Department – Jimmy Hook**

Consider waiving the second reading of Ordinance No. 696 adding Article XI to Chapter 14 of the County Code of Ordinances regarding the ongoing regulations for Industrial Hemp cultivation in unincorporated areas of Kings County and adopting the Ordinance as presented. **[Ord 696]**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, CP, DV - Aye)**

**C. District Attorney’s Office – Keith Fagundes/Phil Esbenshade**

Consider adopting a Resolution designating the month of October 2020 as Kings County Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **[Reo 20-072]**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, CP, DV - Aye)**

**D. Elections Department – Lupe Villa**

Receive an update on the November 3, 2020 general election.

**INFORMATION ONLY – NOA**

**E. Department of Public Health - Edward Hill/Nancy Gerking**

1. Consider:

a. Authorizing the Director of Public Health to sign the Acceptance of Allocation agreement for the Kings County Tobacco Control Program; and

b. Authorizing the Director of Public Health to sign all of the Prospective Payment Invoices related to the program.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, CP, JN, RV, DV - Aye)**



**F. Human Services Agency – Sanja Bugay**

1. Consider
  - a. Appointing the Human Services Director as the County’s Negotiator to negotiate the purchase of the Stardust Motel, located at 8595 Lacey Boulevard in Hanford, California; and
  - b. Directing the negotiator to seek services of a real estate broker to negotiate on County’s behalf and manage the documentation required for the real estate transaction to execute the purchase by December 2, 2020.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, CP, DV – Aye, RV, RF - No)**

**G. Job Training Office- Lance Lippincott**

Consider authorizing the Kings County Job Training Office to re-allocate funding reserved for the Kings County COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Program from County areas without sufficient applications to areas where more applications have been received.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, CP, DV - Aye)**

**H. Administration - Rebecca Campbell**

**Department of Public Health - Edward Hill**

1.
  - a. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary; and
  - b. Receive an update on the State’s roadmap for modifying the statewide order and take action as necessary.

**The Board received an update and no official action was taken.**

**VI. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Community Development Agency- Greg Gatzka/Kao Nou Yang**

Hold a Public Hearing to receive public testimony regarding the Implementation of Section 51244(b), which allows for the 10% reduction in the Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone Contract terms. Consider adopting Implementation of Section 51244(b), which will require the following actions:

- a. Determine that the State funded less than one-half (1/2) of Kings County’s actual forgone property tax revenues in the prior fiscal year (FY 2019/2020); and
- b. State that landowners may choose to not participate in implementation of Section 51244(b) by serving a notice of non-renewal within 90 days of the date of notice of the opportunity to prevent the modification and re-evaluation of contracts authorized by Section 51244(b) or before February 1, 2021; and
- c. Amend the County’s Land Conservation Act Program Procedures by extending the deadline for landowners to file notices of non-renewal for calendar year 2020 to February 1, 2021; and
- d. Adopt a resolution authorizing implementation of Section 51244(b).

**Supervisor Verboon opened the public hearing, written comments from Bob Vogel were read and the public hearing was closed.**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, CP, DV - Aye)**



**VII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

*On their own initiative Board Members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Gov. Code Section 54954.2a).*

Supervisor Valle stated that he has been working to plan and promote a mobile Covid-19 testing event for October 25, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Corcoran. He thanked American Warriors of California and Gold Star Families of Central California for their donations for food to be provided to testing participants and thanked Jose Ramirez for agreeing to attend and promote the event.

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended a tour of the Mid Valley Disposal Facility in Fresno on October 14, 2020, attended a CalViva meeting on October 15, 2020 and attended a homeless shelter site selection committee meeting on October 16, 2020.

- ◆ Board Correspondence: Rebecca Campbell stated that Board received notice of findings regarding the petition to list the western Joshua Tree as threatened or endangered and notice of proposed regulatory action relative to amending section 29.06, Title 14, CCR relating to Recreational Sea Urchin Bag Limit Exemption from the California Department of Fish and Game.
- ◆ Upcoming Events: Rebecca Campbell stated that Public Safety Appreciation event will now be a “watch video” event with a launch date to be determined. She stated that the on October 30, 2020 the Victim Witness Art Exhibit will take place in the Victim Witness parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive will take place in the Human Services Agency parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She stated that the General Election will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020 and the California State Association of Counties Annual Meeting will be an online event on November 12 – 19, 2020.
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: Rebecca Campbell stated that the following items will be on a future agenda: Administration– Covid-19 update, Kettleman Hills Waste Facility Quarterly Report, Elections – update on General Election, County Counsel – Study Session AB 571 contribution limits on campaign finances, Fire – Out of state travel, Health – Agreement with Fresno Pacific University regarding nursing students, Public Works – Fleet vehicle purchase, Public Works – Agreements with PG&E for the General Petroleum Kettleman City Underground Utility District Project, Public Works– Roads equipment purchase of one PB Loader, Public Works – SB 1383 Short-lived Climate Pollutant Coalition efforts, Public Works – 19-20 Senate Bill-1 Funded Kings County Roadway Improvement Project and Sheriff – Service handgun purchase. She also stated that October 27, 2020 is Public Works Director Kevin McAlister’s last Board meeting.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ **Worker’s Compensation Claim:** (1 case) [Govt. Code Section 54956.95]
- ◆ **Conference with Real Property Negotiator [Govt. Code Section 54956.8]**  
Property: 8595 Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA (APN 016-052-029-000)  
Negotiating Parties: Sanja Bugay, Human Services Agency Director, for County  
Suryakant Patel, Owner  
Under Negotiation: Purchase of property for public use

**IX. 11:00 AM CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

**X. 11:00 AM CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY HOUSING AGENCY REGULAR MEETING**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.



**FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

October 27	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 3	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 10	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 17	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 24	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

*Agenda backup information and any public records provided to the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for the public to review at the Board of Supervisors office, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, for the meeting date listed on this agenda.*

**Written Comments Received:**

**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** BOS Questions  
**Subject:** Stop Sign at 16th and Grangeville

I understand your regular meeting will focus on the Williamson Act, but I wanted to raise an unrelated question.

Living on 16th Avenue and having businesses on Grangeville, near 15th and 16th Avenues, we have seen a large increase in traffic. With the addition of the stop sign at 15th and Lacey, drivers seem to be more likely to choose the Grangeville route to go from Hanford to Lemoore - especially to the back entrance of the Lemoore Naval Air Station. As there are 4 miles of country road with no stop sign, traffic gets up to high speeds causing danger to all involved. As this section of Grangeville is mainly agricultural land, the tractors, trailers, and feed wagons that travel at slow speeds on the road and need to cross the road present a serious risk to drivers that may not be expecting them. If you travel this section of Grangeville, you will see the corner of 16th is decorated with a group of crosses. Last month when there was work going on in the trees causing dust, there were 3 accidents near this intersection in 2 weeks.

With the impending fog season, I ask the Board to assist those of us who live and drive in this area daily by helping us get a 4 way stop at 16th and Grangeville. If I need to get a petition or you wish to redirect me to someone else, I appreciate any help you may offer. I don't want to see anyone else get hurt and I certainly don't want any more crosses at the intersection.

Thank you for your consideration!

My Best,  
Ondria Mello, partner JD Mello Dairy, Mello-D Jerseys Dairy