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Doug Verboon, District 3  
Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman  
Richard Fagundes, District 5



**Staff**

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

# Board of Supervisors

## Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
**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. On December 3, 2020, the State announced a regional Stay-at-Home order to slow the spread of COVID-19. In response to the State’s additional restrictions, and for the protection of the public’s health, the Board of Supervisors will convene their public meetings via video and teleconference as detailed below, and will close its Board Chambers to the public 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.

Members of the public who wish to observe the meeting virtually can do so via the worldwide web at: <https://youtu.be/-l69IPwK-5Y> 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 – Andrew Cromwell – Koinonia Church**  
**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.*  
**Catherine Venturella, Clerk to the Board stated that the Board received an email and hard copies from Rey Leon, The Leap Institute regarding air monitoring in Stratford which will become part of the the Action Summary record.**



**Ed Hill, Public Health Director stated that today is Nancy Gerking's last Board meeting as she will be retiring after 37 years and thanked her for her service to Kings County.**

**Keith Fagundes, District Attorney gave an update to the Board on the status of the District Attorney's office for 2020 in cases and staffing.**

**Rebecca Campbell, County Administrative Officer stated that she would like to request to move the Fire Study Session item to before the COVID update and she introduced Matthew Boyett, Administrative Analyst to the Board.**

**Weston Anderson and Clayton Smith, representatives from Congressman Valadao's office introduced themselves to the Board.**

**Supervisor Valle stated that he was in support of the letter from the Avenal City Council regarding ensuring vaccines for farm workers.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the minutes from the January 12, 2021 regular meeting.**

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

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Administration/California Public Financing Authority:**

Consider adopting a Resolution approving the tax-exempt financing and the issuance of the bonds California Public Finance Authority for Maison's Palmdale LP. **[Reso #21-002]**

**B. Agriculture Department:**

Consider approving a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Asian Citrus Psyllid Detection Program retroactive from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. **[Agmt #21-003]**

**C. Fire Department:**

1. a. Consider authorizing the Fire Department to accept the Fiscal Year 2020 State Homeland Security Grant; and
- b. Authorizing the County Fire Chief to sign all grant documents.
2. a. Consider authorizing the Fire Department to accept the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant; and
- b. Authorizing the County Fire Chief to sign all grant documents.

**D. Health Department:**

Consider approving an Agreement with West Hills Community College District to utilize interns during the Coronavirus 2019 emergency response efforts. **[Agmt 21-004]**

**E. Public Works Department:**

1. Consider accepting the dedication for In-Lieu Parcel Map 20-01 (Manuel Dutra, Jr. and Theresa Cunha) into the County Maintained Mileage.
2. Consider approving an Agreement with TRANE USA Building Services, for the replacement of the County's condensing unit and coil. **[Agmt #21-005]**

**F. Veterans Service Office:**

Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Compliance for the County Subvention Program and the Certificate of Compliance for the Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program with the California Department of Veteran's Affairs. **[Agmt #21-006]**

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



V.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Administration – Rebecca Campbell  
Waste Management – Bob Henry**

Consider accepting the report from Chemical Waste Management.

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

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

Consider adopting Ordinance No. 668-2-20 and waiving the second reading for the Jackson Ranch Specific Plan. **[Ord 668-2-20]**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED AND WAIVED THE READING (RV, RF, JN, CP-Aye, DV-Absent)**

**C. Administration – Rebecca Campbell/Kyria Martinez**

1. Consider adopting a Resolution recognizing January 24-30, 2021 as School Choice Week in Kings County. **[Reso #21-003]**

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

2. Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer to submit a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program application. **[Reso #21-004]**

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

**D. Administration – Rebecca Campbell**

**Department of Public Health – Edward Hill**

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.

**ACTION: THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND DIRECTED STAFF TO DRAFT A LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT BIDEN AND GOVERNOR NEWSOM FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN REQUESTING THOUSANDS MORE COVID-19 VACCINES FOR KINGS COUNTY AND BRING IT BACK FOR BOARD APPROVAL. (RV, DV, CP, RF-Aye, JN-Absent)**

**AMENDED THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LETTER AND STAFF SEND IT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (RV, DV, RF, CP-Aye, JN-Absent)**

VI.

**STUDY SESSION**

**A. Fire Department – William Lynch**

Review opportunities for moving forward with regionalization of fire services with the City of Hanford.

**THE BOARD RECEIVED INFORMATION AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN DURING THIS PRESENTATION. DURING BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS A DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC WAS BROUGHT FORWARD AND THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF BY CONSENSUS TO BRING AN ITEM BACK ON A FUTURE AGENDA WITH MORE INFORMATION AND A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A CONTRACTOR TO STUDY THE OPTIONS OF CONSOLIDATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.**

VII. 10:00 AM

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Administration – Rebecca Campbell**

1. a. Hold a public hearing to consider the qualifications of the Public Works Director, Dominic Tyburski, to serve as the County Road Commissioner; and
- b. Following the public hearing, appoint the Public Works Director, Dominic Tyburski, as the County Road Commissioner.

**SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING, NO TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

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



## VIII.

### **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 Verboon stated that he would like to see a study done on the consolidation of the Fire Department and stated that he would like to allow the Fire Chiefs and other staff to discuss the item and bring back an item for a contract to have a study completed. He also stated that he attended the Amtrak San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority meeting on January 22, 2021.**

**Lee Burdick, County Counsel stated that the Board can give direction to staff by consensus to have an item on a future agenda to bring more information on options and a contract to study the possibility of consolidation, but due to the item being a study session today the Board cannot take official action.**

**The Board discussed the proposal and directed staff by consensus to bring an item back on a future agenda with more information and a request for proposal for a contractor to study the options of consolidation of the Fire Departments. This information will be recorded under item VI.A. as well.**

**Supervisor Valle thanked Ed Hill, Public Health Director for making time to work together to do Facebook live on the COVID-19 information and vaccines to get the information out to people in real time.**

**Supervisor Pedersen stated that he has been receiving a lot of calls on the vaccine availability and logistics and thanked Kyle Jason, Lemoore Naval Air Station for his service in the Navy and as part of the Aviation Service Unit for the Sheriff's Office and wished him happy retirement. He also stated that he lost a long term employee to COVID-19 recently and wanted to send condolences to the family.**

- ♦ **Board Correspondence: Rebecca Campbell stated that the Board received the following in correspondence this week: a letter from the City of Avenal in support of ensuring the farm working community receives the Coronavirus vaccine, a letter from Downey Brand requesting to be placed on a California Environmental Quality Act notice list for projects involving Kings River water, two items from the Department of Fish & Game including a notice of receipt of petition for five year status review concerning Milo Baker's lupine and a Notice of proposed regulatory action relative to relating to Waterfowl hunting season 2021-2022, a Notice of preparation draft program environmental impact report from Fresno County for their general plan review and zoning ordinance update, a notice of intent to apply Public Health pesticides for Vector Control purposes to surface waters and waters of the US within Kings and Tulare Counties, and the State Board of Equalization assessment appeals remote hearing notice during COVID-19 pandemic regulations.**
- ♦ **Upcoming Events: Rebecca Campbell stated that in recognition of Catholic School Week - St. Rose McCarthy School in Hanford is having an appreciation drive through parade on February 1, 2021 from 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM. Enter through Harris Street Gate and exit onto Florinda Street.**

## IX.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- ♦ **Personnel Matters: [Govt. Code Section 54957]**

*Public Employee Appointment  
Title: Fire Chief*

- ♦ **Workers Compensation: (1 case) [Govt. Code Section 54956.95]**

**REPORT OUT: Lee Burdick, County Counsel stated that she did not anticipate any reportable action being taken in closed session today.**



- X.     **11:00 AM    CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**
  
- XI.    **11:15 AM    CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGULAR MEETING**
  
- XII.            **ADJOURNMENT**  
          The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

February 2	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
February 9	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
February 16	-	Regular Meeting Cancelled due to observance of President's Day on February 15, 2021
February 23	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 2	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 9	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.*