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Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center

1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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 Board of Supervisors will convene their public meetings via video and teleconference as detailed below. 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 in the Board's Chambers.

Members of the public who wish to only observe the meeting virtually can do so via the worldwide web at: https://youtu.be/oJlep8_DxNU

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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 become part of the administrative record of the meeting. Comments will not be read into the record, the Clerk of the Board will only read the names of who have submitted comments into the record. Written comments received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting will be included in the record, those comments received after 8:30 a.m. names will be read into the record of the next meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us or by U.S. Mail, please forward them to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230.

10:00 AM - REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING INSTRUCTIONS - ENGLISH

To attend virtually in English and make public comment, the meeting link is: https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=m64fc71dd46ec93b9545cfd32d8c7023f

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 comment at the meeting by using the "Raise Your Hand" function and you will be called upon when it is your turn to speak.
 Testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker during the public hearing section of the meeting.
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 the access code of 1779 58 2188#.

If you just wish to only observe the public hearing and not make comments access this YouTube https://youtu.be/oJlep8_DxNU

10:00 AM - INSTRUCCIONES PARA LA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA DE REDISTRIBUCIÓN - ESPAÑOL

Para asistir virtualmente en inglés y hacer comentarios públicos, el enlace de la reunión es: https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=mfe56fdc44ccf033cb021c3bfce47e42e

- Los miembros del público, que participan a través de sus computadoras o mediante la aplicación WebEx, pueden proporcionar comentarios públicos en la reunión mediante la función "Levantar la mano" y se le llamará cuando sea su turno de hablar. El testimonio se limitará a cinco (5) minutos por orador durante la sección de audiencia pública de la reunión.
- Si tiene problemas para iniciar sesión a través de Internet, puede unirse a la reunión por teléfono llamando al **(415) 655-0003**, luego ingrese el **código de acceso 1777 30 6369**#

Si solo desea observar la audiencia pública y no hacer comentarios acceda a este enlace de YouTube https://youtu.be/vjleiT5 bsA

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I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
INVOCATION – Kings County Sheriff Dave Robinson
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.

Keith Fagundes, Kings County District Attorney gave an update on recent jury trials his staff have completed and those coming up.

Josh Cunningham, Kings County Assistant Fire Chief gave an update on County personnel who are on assignment working on fires in California.

Henie Ring, Kings County Human Resources Director introduced new hire Liga Myers, Personnel Analyst to the Board.

Patrick O'Dowd, stated that he is the incoming Director for the Dudley Ridge Water District and will take office in December and wanted to introduce himself to the Board and answer any questions the Board may have.

Carlos Tafolla, Kings County resident, stated that Valley Voices is a Community Based Organization that has held several vaccination events at churches in Kings County and stated that the next event will be held on August 1, 2021 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and invited the Board to attend the event.

Scott Holwell, Kings County Veteran's Services Officer/Public Guardian, stated that the City of Hanford will hold their 130th Anniversary of Incorporation events and will be honoring Kings County Veteran's on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. with the Honor Guard presenting and the singing of the National Anthem and he invited everyone to attend.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report Out of Closed Session on July 20, 2021.

Larry Spikes stated that on July 13, 2021 the Board directed staff to notify Carrie Woolley, Assistant County Counsel that she was in charge of the County Counsel's office, effective July 14, 2021 until such time as a permanent County Counsel is named. Pursuant to County Personnel Rules, it was indicated that she would receive a temporary salary upgrade to reflect the appropriate compensation per the added responsibilities, which was set at \$13,000 per month, the low end of the salary band for the County Counsel position. Subsequently, it was determined that pursuant to Section 27641 of the Government Code, the County is required to have someone actually in the position of County Counsel as opposed to an "Assistant in charge" therefore, the Board unanimously approved Carrie Woolley as being named "Interim" County Counsel in closed session on July 20, 2021. Her salary upgrade remains unchanged at \$13,000 per month.

B. Approval of the minutes from the July 20, 2021 regular meeting.

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



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IV.

CONSENT CALENDAR



A. Behavioral Health Department:

 Consider approving the Agreement with Arieh Whisenhunt to act as the Kings County Behavioral Health Mental Health Services Act Innovation Multiple Organization Shared Telepsychiatry Project Psychiatrist and Department Medical Director, retroactively effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. [Agmt 21-091]

B. Probation Department:

- a. Consider authorizing the County Administrative Officer and County Counsel to sign the Inter-local Agreement between the City of Hanford and the County of Kings to allow Hanford Police Department to apply for funding under the Justice Assistance Grant Program; and
 - Acknowledge that Probation Department will receive funding in the amount of \$10,595 for the year 2021.[Agmt 21-092]

C. Sheriff's Department:

 Consider authorizing Sheriff Dave Robinson to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and Court Security Plan with the Superior Court of California, retroactively effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. [Agmt 21-093]

D. Administration:

 Consider approving the Agreement with Vanir Construction Management Incorporated for capital project management services.[Agmt 21-094]

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Administration – Larry Spikes

Waste Management – Bob Henry

1. Consider accepting the quarterly report from Chemical Waste Management.

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

B. Fire Department - William Lynch/Josh Cunningham

 Consider accepting the two Lucas 3.1 Chest Compression Systems from the Corcoran District Hospital Board of Trustees to assist in providing life saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the City of Corcoran residents.

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED TO ALLOW THE KINGS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT THE CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEMS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY (DV, RV, JN, RF, CP-Aye)

C. Sheriff's Department – Dave Robinson

- 1. a. Consider authorizing the purchase of the Composite Technology Law Enforcement fixed wing law enforcement aircraft by paying the remaining lease balance; and
 - b. Consider declaring the Composite Technology Law Enforcement aircraft and its included equipment as surplus property; and
 - c. Authorize the sale as surplus equipment at public auction; and
 - d. Adopt the budget change. (4/5 vote required)

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



D. Administration – Larry Spikes/Domingo Cruz Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski

- a. Consider awarding the Senate Bill 81 Project's Notice to Proceed to Bowe Contractors Inc.; and
 - b. Consider approving the Construction Agreement; and [Agmts 21-095 & 21-095a]
 - c. Authorize the Public Works Director to approve change orders up to ten percent; and
 - Approve the Agreement Amendment number two for Vanir Construction Management,
 Inc. for additional program management services during the construction phase. [Agmt 15-058.2]

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

E. Public Health Department – 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.

THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.
THE BOARD TOOK A RECESS UNTIL THE PUBLIC HEARING

VI. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING

Administration – Larry Spikes/Kyria Martinez County Counsel – Carrie Woolley/Diane Freeman

> Conduct the County's second public hearing for the County's 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting process.

SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING, LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK FROM JULY 20, 2021 UNTIL JULY 27, 2021 8:30 A.M WERE READ INTO THE RECORD AND WILL BECOME PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THIS MEETING: MARY GONZALES-GOMEZ, ANTONY LOPEZ, IGNACIO ORNELAS, TODD COTTA, RILEY JONES, AND VALLEY VOICES. TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED FROM: RON BATES, CLAIRE FITIAUSI, MARY GONZALES-GOMEZ, AND LORI PESANTE AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED.

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 tentatively on August 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. on Highway 41, where the current crosswalk is, north of the Kings County Fire Station the Board, and public are invited to attend the \$2 Million check presentation by Assembly member Rudy Salas for the Kettleman City Pedestrian Bridge project. He stated that he is also working closely with staff at Senator Alex Padilla's office on getting an additional \$2 Million for the project.

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended Antionette Gonzales, Deputy Director Human Services Agency retirement events, attended the Countywide Oversight Board meeting, attended a webinar on Emergency Management of mosquitos hosted by the Kings County Mosquito Abatement District, participated in the webinar on the McMullin Area Groundwater Management; attended the American Legion breakfast, attended the Mid-State Fair to watch his son in the rodeo competitions and attended the Cabrillo Club Scholarship luncheon.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Kings Community Action Organization meeting.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority meeting and presented a Resolution at the Lemoore Fire Department 100 year anniversary event.



- Board Correspondence: Larry Spikes stated that the Board received four letters from the following: Dudley Ridge Water District, Sandridge Partners, LP, Irvine Ranch Water District and Wonderful Orchards, LLC regarding a vacancy on the Dudley Ridge Water District Board and asked the Board for direction on bringing an item back on the agenda for discussion on the matter. The Board by consensus asked staff to bring an item back to the Board on a future agenda.
- Upcoming Events: Larry Spikes stated that Central California Blood Center will hold the Darrian Martin Memorial blood drive on August 1, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 101 E. Bush Street in Lemoore. He stated that the Kings County Salute to Agriculture Agriculture Appreciation Dinner will be held on September 10, 2021 at Lemoore Recreation Center and the Kings County Public Safety Appreciation luncheon will be held on September 24, 2021 at Hanford Civic Auditorium.
- Information on Future Agenda Items: Larry Spikes stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration budget hearings on August 17 & 18, 2021, Kings County Impact Fee public hearing on August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Administration response to the Grand Jury report on the Kettleman City Pedestrian Bridge, American Rescue Plan Act study session, Agriculture Department- cooperative agreement with the California Department of Food & Agriculture for the County's Bee Safe program, Fire Department out of state travel, Health Department- COVID-19 update, breastfeeding awareness month proclamation, National breastfeeding study session and Valley Fever awareness month, Human Resources class and pay for Child Support Assistant, Job Training Office agreement for special services, Child Support Services child support awareness month, Probation agreement with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc. for Residential Substance Use Treatment and other Rehabilitative Services, Administration agreement with King County Commission on Aging FY 2021/2022 General Fund Contribution and Wellpath Jail Medical contract amendment, Probation JAG Grant Application and Kings juvenile center population.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

- ♦ Significant Exposure to Litigation: 1 Case [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)]
- Personnel Matter: [Govt. Code Section 54957]
 Public Employee Appointment: Director of Finance
- Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]

Negotiators: Larry Spikes, Kyria Martinez, Henie Ring, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

- General Unit CLOCEA
- Supervisors Unit CLOCEA
- Firefighter's Association
- Detention's Deputy Association

REPORT OUT: CARRIE WOOLLEY, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL STATED THAT SHE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY REPORTABLE ACTION BEING TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION.

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



X. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS		
August 3	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 9	9:00 AM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
August 10	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 17	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting/Budget Hearing
August 18	9:00 AM	Budget Hearing Continued
August 23	9:00 AM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
August 24	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 30	9:00 AM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
August 31	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 31	10:00 AM	Third Public Hearing - Redistricting

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.

Badasci, Diane

From: Mary Gonzales Gomez <mary.gonzales-gomez@kingscoe.org>

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:38 AM

To: BOS Questions

Subject: Public comment on redistricting

Hi Diane, The following is the comment I wish to present at 10:00 public comment. Mary

Good morning, Board of Supervisors.

My name is Mary Gonzales-Gomez, I am a resident of Corcoran and I speak today about redistricting in Kings County.

Real concerns have surfaced in our communities in that redistricting may affect changes with our current representative Kings County Board Supervisor, Richard Valle.

His commitment, his hard work and his tenacity has brought about tremendous positive changes within his district that have impacted our communities. Supervisor Valle is well connected to the communities of Avenal, the community of Kettleman City, the Home Garden community, and the community of Corcoran.

These rural communities which he currently represents have come to trust and depend on his regular media messages, his transparency his visibility throughout his district, and his availability to his constituents.

To redistrict and relocate this and other Kings County Board Supervisors may create not only a huge disruption but destroy the connection between a County Supervisor that has a real connection to his district.

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Badasci, Diane

From: Antony V. López <alopez@cityofavenal.us>

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Reyes, Aaron; BOS Questions

Cc: 'Alvaro Preciado (alva0430@gmail.com)'; 'apreciado@cityofavenal.com'

Subject: Re: Link to today's meeting

Thank you Aaron, because we are having tech issues and hearing both English and Spanish at the same time, Mayor Alvaro Preciado has the following comment he would like read for today's meeting:

 Quiero pedir formalmente una audencia publica aqui en Avenal por la tarde. Antes del voto final para darle oportunidad a los residentes de Avenal dar sus comentarios o ideas personalmente. La mayoria no va a participar por internet.

I want to formally request a public hearing be held here in Avenal in the late afternoon before the final
vote is made. Please give Avenal residents an opportunity to personally give their comments or ideas
because most will not participate online.

From: Reyes, Aaron < Aaron. Reyes@co.kings.ca.us>

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:03 AM

To: Antony V. López <alopez@cityofavenal.us>; BOS Questions <BOSquestions@co.kings.ca.us>
Cc: 'Alvaro Preciado (alva0430@gmail.com)' <alva0430@gmail.com>; 'apreciado@cityofavenal.com' <apreciado@cityofavenal.com>

Subject: RE: Link to today's meeting

Good morning, Here is the link:

https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=mdbd1286a3ff493a69bac1e5372eebdb3

From: Antony V. López <alopez@cityofavenal.us>

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:01 AM

To: BOS Questions <BOSquestions@co.kings.ca.us>

Cc: 'Alvaro Preciado (alva0430@gmail.com)' <alva0430@gmail.com>; 'apreciado@cityofavenal.com'

<apreciado@cityofavenal.com>
Subject: Link to today's meeting

Good morning, Mayor Preciado is asking for a link to today's meeting/public hearing.

-Antony V. López, MPA City Manager City of Avenal (559) 386-5782 www.cityofavenal.com

Venturella, Catherine

From:

Redistricting

Sent:

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:11 AM

To:

Venturella, Catherine

Subject:

FW: Kings County Redistricting - New submission from Contact Us

Catherine,

This is the email received from Ignacio Ornelas.

Kyria

From: redistricting@co.kings.ca.us < redistricting@co.kings.ca.us >

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 11:27 AM

To: Redistricting <redistricting@redistrictkings.com>; allison@tripepismith.com

Subject: Kings County Redistricting - New submission from Contact Us

Name

Ignacio Ornelas

Email

ignacio ornelas@my.cuesta.edu

Message

Yo quiero que siga igual asi como estamos

Venturella, Catherine

From: todd@kingsguncenter.com

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:56 AM

To: BOS Questions

Subject: Remember.... comment for redistricting

In watching the presentation, CA Law states the districts must be simple and even. No special fingers or lines that are geo political or race based.

The Dolores Huerta foundation is a racially motivated, and manipulative organization that must be handled. My recommendation is to make districts as evenly geographically possible regardless of social and racial boundaries. The Kern County lawsuit caused Huerta to gerrymander the district to make a lopsided district preventing many of its constituents to have a voice. The district was a direct violation of the law after it was made, violating the simple clause and the geo-political clause. Do not let special interest groups make racial divided districts which is bad of everyone in the county.

Todd Cotta
President
Kings Gun Center LLC
Cotta Range Builders LLC
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www.kingsguncenter.com
559-585-2000



Venturella, Catherine

From: Riley Jones <rileyj1939@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 11:01 AM

To: BOS Questions
Subject: Speakers Information

Is it possible the county needs a County Council ruling on the requirement given Public Hearing speakers to give their name and address. This is also an unwritten rule for the Planning Commission. The request to not state their name and address by two speakers today who both said they would provide that information to the clerk following the meeting.

Riley E. Jones 285 Hotchkiss Drive Lemoore, CA 93245

(559) 924-3728 Cell (925) 766-7495 rileyj1939@gmail.com



July 27, 2021

Submit via bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Kings 1400 W Lacey Blvd Hanford, CA 93230

Re: July 27, 2021 Redistricting Public Hearing

Dear Kings County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of Valley Voices, a local 501(c)(3) nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established to increase civic engagement and voter education throughout Kings County.

In this endeavor, we are committed to ensuring that districts have population balance and are redrawn to accurately reflect the interests of all residents of our community and are created in such a manner so as to comply with the Section II of the Federal Voting Rights Act and the Fair Maps Act.

Valley Voices would like to thank you for commencing the Public Hearing portion of the Kings County Redistricting process last Tuesday, July 20, 2021 in the BOS chambers and online via the WebEx portal.

We are concerned, however, with several inconsistencies that have occurred in relation to this public hearing, thus raising concerns and confidence as to the integrity as we move forward. The items addressed at the hearing related to website and email inaccuracies as pointed out by Supervisor Valle are shocking, given the "team of 23 communications experts—robust enough to offer experienced and effective professionals for the job, yet small enough to be nimble and responsive" as stated in the Tripepi Smith proposal presented to the BOS prior to giving them a \$40,000 contract.

In addition to the missteps mentioned above, there were several issues that shamefully hindered public access to last Tuesday's public hearing. Specifically:

- The general public was compelled to give their name and contact information prior to the doors of the BOS Chamber being unlocked for entry. Public meetings should be open to the public.
- Online Spanish interpretation was offered as a "whispered" translation and often not understandable due to the main English audio also being captured.

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