

**Board Members**

Joe Neves, District 1 - Chairman  
Richard Valle, District 2  
Doug Verboon, District 3  
Craig Pedersen, District 4  
Richard Fagundes, District 5- Vice Chairman



**Staff**

Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer  
Diane Freeman, County Counsel  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

## **Board of Supervisors**

### **Regular Meeting Action Summary**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
**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 signed into Law AB 361 on September 16, 2021, relating to the convening of public agency meetings via teleconference in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under this authority, the Board of Supervisors will convene its public meetings via video and teleconference. Pursuant to AB 361, and as advised by local Health Officials, the Kings County Board of Supervisors, County staff and interested members of the public may attend the meeting in person.

The meeting can also be attended telephonically or by the Internet by clicking this link: <https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=m6e80784cfe977108f905234dd91eb0ad> or by sending an email to [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us) on the morning of the meeting for an automated email response with the WebEx meeting link information. Members of the public attending via WebEx will have the opportunity to provide public comment during the meeting.

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Members of the public viewing the meeting through YouTube will not have the ability to provide public comment.

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 the Board's consideration or action, and those comments will become part of the administrative record of the meeting. Comments will not be read into the record, only the names of who have submitted comments will be read 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. will become part of the record of the next meeting. Email is not monitored during the meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto: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.



**I. 9:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board**

**INVOCATION –Jeff Gardner, Kings Community Action Organization**

**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 of the Board stated that staff received an email from Daisy De La Torre and the Board received a copy and it will become part of the permanent record of the minutes from today's meeting.**

**Christ Gutierrez, Kings County Fire Fighters Association President stated that their members have been out collecting over 3,500 signatures for a measure to add sales tax to help with funding for the fire department equipment and staffing to reduce response times and for the safety of all Kings County residents.**

**Bill Lynch, Kings County Fire Chief stated that Retired Fire Apparatus Engineer Rick Hernandez passed away, he stated that he served the Corcoran Community for 34 years and details on the arrangements will be announced when they have the information.**

**Ulises Castellanos, SEIU Local 2015 representative stated that Kings County In Home Supportive Services Providers are receiving unfair wages and need to have health insurance provided. He stated that other small communities have settled their union contracts and asked the Board to hear their requests and approve their contract.**

**Linda Irvin, In-Home Supportive Services Provider stated that she was here to support other workers and asked the Board to offer health insurance and better wages.**

**III.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for January 25, 2022.**

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

**IV.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Community Development Agency:**

1. Consider authorizing the Community Development Agency Director or their designee to sign an Agreement with AM Consulting Engineers, Inc. (AMCE) for engineering consulting services for the Lemoore Mobile Home Park Wastewater Project. **[Agmt 22-018]**

**B. County Counsel:**

1. Consider appointing Loretta Toledo and Deborah Wilson as Trustees of the Hanford Cemetery District to serve an additional four-year term expiring the first Monday of January 2026.

**C. Human Services Agency/Behavioral Health/Probation Department:**

1. Consider approving the Kings County Assembly Bill 2083 Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of an interagency system of care between Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health, Probation Department, Kings County Office of Education, and the Central Valley Regional Center retroactively effective from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. **[Agmt 22-015]**



**D. Public Health Department:**

1. Consider authorizing the Health Director to sign the Agreement between the Kings County California Children's Services/Medical Therapy Program and the Special Education Local Plan Area. **[Agmt 22-016]**

**E. Public Works Department:**

1. a. Consider authorizing the Public Works Director to submit an application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Grant; and  
b. Authorize the Public Works Director to sign all grant related documents.

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

**V.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Assessor/Clerk/Recorder – Kristine Lee**

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with Albert Ramseyer to represent the Assessor, Kristine Lee; and **[Agmt 22-017]**  
b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

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

**B. Human Resources – Henie Ring**

1. a. Consider approving the new job specification for Emergency Services Manager and set the salary at Range 233.0 (\$6,108 - \$7,455 monthly); and  
b. Allocate a 1.0 Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) position in Budget Unit 243000.

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

**C. Public Health Department –Heather Silva**

1. Consider approving the Amendment with Kings Community Action Organization for continued administration of the Kings Cares Essential Workforce Support Program, extending the maximum compensation amount to \$750,000. **[Agmt 20-088.3]**

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

2. 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.**

**VI.**

**STUDY SESSION**

**A. Administration – Edward Hill/Domingo Cruz/Matthew Boyett**

Review of the draft 2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform for the County of Kings.

**THE BOARD RECEIVED THE REPORT AND ASKED FOR SOME CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS AND DIRECTED EDWARD HILL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SEND AN OPPOSITION LETTER REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF THE WATERS OF THE U.S.**

**B. Administration – Edward Hill/Kyria Martinez**

Study Session on American Rescue Plan Act funding.

**THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND PROVIDED THEIR THOUGHTS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE FUNDING.**

**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 Fagundes stated that he attended the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting, the Housing Authority of Kings County meeting, the Kings County Association of Governments and Kings County Abandoned Vehicle Authority meetings and the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency meeting.**

**Supervisor Verboon thanked Supervisor Fagundes for filling in as the alternate on the Kings County Association of Governments and Kings County Abandoned Vehicle Authority meetings and the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency meetings as he was out of town and stated that he attended the Amtrak San Joaquin meeting.**

**Supervisor Pedersen stated that the Senior Center in Armona is available to help Seniors in Kings County who need help with filing their taxes.**

**Supervisor Valle stated that he is in support of the Initiative by the Kings County Firefighters Association for sales tax increase to support the funding of equipment and staffing to decrease response times and increase efficiency and he will endorse the measure.**

**Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting, the Countywide Oversight Board meeting, the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency meeting, the Kings County Association of Governments meeting and the Kings County Abandoned Vehicle Authority meeting. He stated that he attended the Housing Authority of Kings County meeting and the State Controller Office Committee meeting, participated in a webinar by Enterprise on the Transportation Bill, announced West Hills College basketball and stated that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan review and requested modifications was issued on January 28, 2022 and will need to respond in 180 days.**

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Board received the following correspondence: a Notice of Availability of Initial Study with Negative Declaration for the Kettleman City Roundabout Project (intersection of State Route 41 and Bernard Drive from post mile 16.6 to post mile 16.9); a meeting notice and agenda for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, February 17 & 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and a Notice of the California Fish and Game Commission meeting scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and the February, 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. by teleconference; and a Notice of application from the Kings County Mosquito Abatement District.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Edward Hill stated that the Children’s Storybook Garden and Museum is hosting a “Kids Night Out” on February 11, 2022, March 12, 2022 and April 22, 2022 from 5:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m., located at 175 E Tenth Street in Hanford, the cost is \$25/child for members and \$28/child for non-members. He stated that the Hanford Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business after Hours Mixer on February 15, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 218 N Douty Street in Hanford and that the Rotary Club of Hanford will be holding their 44<sup>th</sup> annual crab feed on February 5, 2022 at the Hanford Civic Center located at 400 N Douty Street in Hanford and tickets are \$100 per person. Supervisor Joe Neves stated that the Knights of Columbus will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on February 5, 2022 at 5152 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Hanford.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration – Legislative Platform and American Rescue Plan Act allocations, Behavioral Health – Consideration for an agreement to provide Veterans Support Group Services, Human Services – Consideration for an agreement to provide assistance with Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project and an agreement for Financial Literacy and Credit Repair Services, Elections- Voters Choice Act Election Model, Human Resources – Risk Technician III**



**position for consideration, Public Health – COVID-19 update, Public Works – Kings County Parks opening for consideration and an acceptance of a bid for air handlers.**

**Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer thanked Behavioral Health and Human Services Agency for their assistance with staffing the front office of Administration while we work to fill vacancies. He also thanked Public Works and the Library for lending staff to help with the Internal Revenue Service required Affordable Care Act, 1095-A form disbursement project.**

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

- ♦ **Litigation initiated formally: Title: *Leprino v. Kings County, Case No. 20C0159*  
Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)]**

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

<b><i>FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS</i></b>		
February 8	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
February 15	--	Regular Meeting Canceled/Board Members participating in National Association of Counties Annual Meeting – Legislative Platform.
February 22	--	Regular Meeting Canceled due to observance of President’s Day on February 21.
March 1	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 8	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.*

**From:** [Daisy De La Torre](#)  
**To:** [BOS Questions](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment-Thank you message  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 1:22:46 AM

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Good morning,

Please share my comment at public comment:

I would like to say thank you to Kings County Board of Supervisors for always supporting and providing funding to Armona Senior Center .When I reached out to Mrs. Wartson at Armona Senior Center , she immediately took action and helped My grandma and family who are COVID positive with food , sanitary items and even gift cards to purchase more necessity items. My family would have otherwise struggled .

I feel blessed to live in a county who works together to make a difference in the communities.

I want to thank again ,the Board of Supervisors and Mrs.Wartson.

Best regards,

Maria

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)