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

## **Board of Supervisors**

### **Regular Meeting Action Summary**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 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=m3c8060af508ef8d457a27a36208f4e4c> 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 – Dr. Lisa Lewis, Director of Behavioral Health**

**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.*

**Rose Mary Rahn, Kings County Public Health Director introduced Everado Legaspi as the new Assistant Director for Public Health to the Board and stated that his official first day in the position was March 7, 2022.**

**Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer introduced Christine Olvera, Secretary to the County Administrative Officer to the Board and stated that her official first day in the position was March 7, 2022.**

**Chris Gutierrez, Kings County Fire Fighters Association member gave the Board an update on the projects the members are working on.**

**Rebecca McGhee, In-Home Supportive Services worker stated that she would like the Board to approve wage increases for the workers and explained the jobs they do everyday for their clients.**

**Jonathan Oliveira, In-Home Supportive Services worker stated that he would like the Board to approve higher wages for the workers.**

**Namberto Gonzales, Executive Director of VoterPac stated that he is here to stand with the In-Home Supportive Services in their request to receive higher wages.**

**Dylan Vest, Kings County Fire Fighters Association member stated that the Fire Department has lost 97% of their volunteer force and the initiative they have proposed for the ballot will help to purchase new equipment and staffing infrastructure which is at a critical stage.**

**Wendy Newberry, In-Home Supportive Services worker asked the Board to increase wages for workers and the importance of working together to help them survive.**

**Supervisor Pedersen stated that the In-Home Supportive Services workers and SEIU representatives have been coming to the Board meetings for almost a year and asked County Counsel to explain what has been happening with negotiations.**

**Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Union and County staff were negotiating prior to COVID and talks were ceased until staff received a request from the Union to begin negotiations again. They held one session on February 15, 2022.**

**Ulises Castellanos, SEIU Local 2015 representative stated that Kings County In-Home Supportive Services workers feel not respected by the County when the Board is getting raises but not the workers.**



**Sanga Bugay, Human Services Agency Director stated that the Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU expired in 2016 and for various reasons the negotiations have not been active until recently when the request to negotiate was received from the Union.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for March 1, 2022.**

**REPORT OUT: Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at the March 1, 2022 meeting.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for March 1, 2022.**

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

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Public Health Department:**

1. a. Consider approving the sole source purchase of ~~two vehicles~~ **a Chevrolet Suburban** for COVID-19 testing and prevention services up to the amount approved by California Department of Public Health; **and**
- b. ~~Approve the transfer of \$124,517 from Special Departmental to Vehicles — SUV for the sole source Suburban purchase in the amount of \$85,079 and the future purchase of Vehicles — Sedan Camrys in the amount of \$39,438 in Budget Unit 411300; and~~  
**Adopt the budget change. (4/5 Vote Required)**
- ~~6. Adopt the budget change. (4/5 Vote Required)~~

**B. Public Works Department:**

1. Consider approving the Notice of Completion for the Empire Street Crosswalk Improvement Project to provide notice to interested parties that the work has been completed.

**C. Administration:**

1. Consider adopting a Resolution approving the financing and the issuance of the bonds by the California Public Finance Authority for Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian. **[Reso 22-009]**
2. Consider authorizing the County Administrative Officer to sign the Agreement between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Dudley Ridge Water District, and the County for a change in point of delivery for Dudley Ridge Water District Table A Water. **[Agmt 22-028]**
3. Consider authorizing the County Administrative Officer to sign Amendment Number One to the Agreement between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, the County, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, and Westlands Water District to allow Article 56 Carryover Water to be used in the annual allotment for up to 200 acre-feet transfer to Westlands Water District turnouts. **[Agmt 01-167.2]**

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

**V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Elections Department – Lupe Villa**

1. Consider approving the Kings County Elections Department response to the Kings County Grand Jury report dated December 9, 2021.

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

2. Consider adopting a Resolution to order the election on the initiative consolidated with the June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election. **[Reso 22-010]**

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



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

1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution Rescinding Prior Actions, Making a Determination of Categorical Exemption from the CEQA and Authorizing the Filing of a Notice of Exemption; **[Reso 22-011]**
- b. Approve Ground Lease Agreement with Lacey Campus Partners, L.P. for premises located at 1222 W. Lacey Blvd. in Hanford, for an initial 25 year term, with three five-year options for renewal; **[Agmt 22-029]**
- c. Approve the Purchase Agreement with Lacey Campus Partners, L.P. for the real property located at 1222 W. Lacey Blvd, in Hanford; **[Agmt 22-030]**
- d. Approve the Post-Construction Lease Agreement with Lacey Campus Partners, L.P. for the real property at 1222 W. Lacey. Blvd, in Hanford; and **[Agmt 22-031]**
- e. Authorize the County Administrative Officer or his designee to sign the Intended Rent Commencement Letter.

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

**C. Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/Heather Silva**

1. 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.**

**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 Pedersen stated that he attended the California State Association of Counties meetings and discussed topics from the meeting.**

**Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Lemoore High School softball kickoff, attended the West Hills College play in game and stated that West Hills College will host the State Championship, attended a CalViva meeting, attended the Highway 99 upgrade meeting in Tulare, attended the South Fork Kings Groundwater Surface Authority meeting, attended the little league kickoff in Lemoore and Hanford, met with In-Home Supportive Services workers and attended an emergency food and shelter meeting.**

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Board received a letter from the Elections Department regarding the Certificate of Petition for the Firefighters Sales Tax Initiative and received the Dudley Ridge Water District estimate to discharge obligations and 2022 calendar year budget. He stated that the South Fork Kings submitted a Notice of Proposed Amendment of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Water Code Section 10728.4)**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Edward Hill stated that every Tuesday in March the Luncheon Food Truck Takeover will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Court Street in Hanford Civic Park, the Children’s Storybook Garden & Museum will be hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Tea on March 12, 2022. The Children’s Storybook Garden and Museum is still hosting a “Kids Night Out” on Saturday, March 12, 2022 and Friday, April 22, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at 175 E Tenth Street in Hanford. The cost is \$25.00 per child for members and \$28.00 per child for non-members. The Kings County Farm Bureau Wine & Beer Showdown fundraiser is scheduled for March 31, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. at the Hanford Civic Auditorium. He stated that the Board received an invitation from Recurrent Energy for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Slate Project on March 15, 2022 with lunch at 12:30 p.m. and program starting at 1:00 p.m. He stated that the Golden Eagle Pantry will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on March 16, 2022 from**



**12:00p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at WestHills College Student Union located at 555 College Avenue, Building 900 in Lemoore.**

- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration – Senate Bill 823 Youth Programs and Facilities Grant Program Standard Agreement and 2022 Dry Year Water Transfer Program; County Counsel – Appointment of Trustee to the Kings Mosquito Abatement District; District Attorney’s Office – three resolutions for consideration necessary for grant-funded programs; Library – two resolutions for consideration, both for the authorization of the application of and receipt of grant funds for the library infrastructure grant for the Hanford and Lemoore branches; Health Department - COVID-19 update, consideration for the CMSP grant extension; consideration for the purchase of equipment and reconfiguration of the Hanford Women, Infants & Children office; the consideration for the Tuberculosis Control Program Real-time allotment funding; consideration for a personal services agreement with Accela, Inc. and SEP Technology Consulting for software modernization and migration services.; Human Services Agency – Consideration of an amendment with Kings Community Action Organization for Home Visitation program services; Job Training Office – consideration of a resolution approving the submission of a Zone Incentive Application; Public Works - consideration of a construction agreement with Kings County Air Conditioning Inc. to replace the Branch Air Handlers, Kings County Sheriff’s Office – consideration for the use of staff time and resources to assist with the California State Sheriffs’ association conference; Veterans Services Office – consideration of a resolution proclaiming the week of March 20-26, 2022 as Veteran and Military Women’s History Week in Kings County.

**VII. CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ Personnel Matter: [Govt. Code Section 54957]
  - Department Head Evaluations

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

<b><i>FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS</i></b>		
March 15	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 22	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 29	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 5	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 12	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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