

**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, October 25, 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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- I. 9:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER**  
ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board  
INVOCATION – Pastor Arthur Fox – New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
JOE NEVES, RICHARD VALLE, DOUG VERBOON, CRAIG PEDERSEN, RICHARD FAGUNDES
  
- II. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Carolyn Leist**  
**Acknowledge employees that have completed various milestones of County Service.**



**III. 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.*

**Rosa Sierra, Kings County resident stated that she attended a Behavioral Health community meeting in Avenal and during the presentation she questioned why only telepsychiatry was offered during the pandemic, when front line, medical, agriculture workers and prison employees all worked through COVID and stated that she was treated dismissively and unprofessionally by a Behavioral Health professional with no thought of how those words would affect someone.**

**Lupe Villa, Kings County Registrar of Voters stated that an error was found on ballots mailed to 133 Kings County residents, the department reprinted the affected ballots and mailed them to the residents with a letter advising of the mistake and next steps. Staff has received calls from four of the affected voters and will be isolating the already received ballots from them to make sure that the corrected ballot is counted in the election. He stated that voting centers will be opening starting this weekend and all will be open by November 5, 2022, for the election.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for October 18, 2022.**

**REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their October 18, 2022 meeting.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for October 18, 2022.**

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

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Agriculture Department:**

1. Consider approving a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to industrial hemp cultivation in Kings County retroactively effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 22-193]**

**B. Community Development Agency:**

1. a. Consider finding that Notices of Non-Renewals are Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15317 environmental review;
- b. Consider approving the Notices of Non-Renewals for the following contracts: Land Conservation Contract Numbers 547, 641, 875, and 884, and Farmland Security Zone Contract Number 164.

**C. Human Services Agency:**

1. a. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Social Services for access to The Work Number employment and income verification service;
- b. Consider authorizing the Human Services Agency Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Social Services for access to The Work Number employment and income verification service. **[AGMT 22-194]**

**D. Department of Public Health:**

1. Consider approving an Agreement and subsequent certifications with the California Department of Public Health for the Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Development Grant retroactively effective from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025. **[AGMT 22-195]**

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



VI.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

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

1. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Justice for the Electronic Recording Delivery System. **[AGMT 22-196]**

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

**B. Administration - Edward Hill/Domingo Cruz  
Public Guardian/Veteran's Services Office – Scott Holwell**

1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution in support of Operation Green Light for veterans from November 7, 2022, through November 13, 2022. **[RESO 22-067]**

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

**C. Administration - Edward Hill/Melissa Scheffel**

1. Consider approving the revised cemetery district American Rescue Plan Act funding project.

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

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

1. Consider adopting a resolution proclaiming October 2022 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Kings County. **[RESO 22-068]**

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

2. a. Consider reducing the frequency of Board of Supervisor Public Health updates regarding COVID-19 and other communicable disease within the county;
- b. Take other action as deemed necessary.

**ACTION: THE BOARD BY CONSENSUS STATED THAT ONCE A MONTH UPDATES WOULD BE SUFFICIENT UNLESS THE NEED ARISES FOR ADDITIONAL UPDATES.**

**E. Information Technology Department – John Devlin**

1. a. Receive information on Senate Bill 156 and the potential impact for Kings County;
- a. Directing staff to take actions as deemed necessary for the implementation of Senate Bill 156;
- c. Approve a Letter of Support for any project or action necessary for implementation;
- d. Authorizing the Chief Information Officer to sign any paperwork required to implement any Board-approved Senate Bill 156 project pending County Counsel approval.
- e. ***Include non-populated areas or non-census designated areas in plans to expand access to internet service.***

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

VII. 10:00 AM

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Esam Abed**

1. a. Conduct a public hearing to receive comment on the Plan that outlines how Permanent Local Housing Allocation funds will be used;
- b. Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Kings County Human Services Agency to apply for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation program with the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

**Chairman Neves opened the public hearing, no testimony was received, and the public hearing was closed.**

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



**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 Pedersen stated that he attended the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting.**

**Supervisor Verboon stated that he was in Arizona with family over the weekend.**

**Supervisor Valle thanked Bobbie Wartson, Kings Commission on Aging Director for reopening the Avenal Senior center and hosting the "Elvis" show for everyone to enjoy.**

**Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Kings Commission on Aging meeting**

**Supervisor Neves stated that he announced the Lemoore High School volleyball games, attended the Pink Passion picnic, attended the Kings View facility tour, attended the Master Plan for Aging meeting, attended the CalViva meeting, attended the Kings Partnership for Prevention meeting, attended the South Fork Kings meeting, attended the Kings County Friends of the Library book sale, cooked at the Stratford Portuguese Hall fundraiser, attended the Behavioral Health Advisory committee, attended the Kings County Historical Society meeting and the Kings County Sheriff Dave Robinson was the guest speaker.**

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Board received correspondence from Paul J. Yoder & Karen Lange of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange dated October 17, 2022, regarding CMSP Governing Board County Supervisor Position for Group 2 Counties. The Board received correspondence from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration regarding services offered by this organization. The Board received correspondence from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control regarding a community survey about their facility. The Board received correspondence regarding the California Forest Stewardship Program. He stated that Administration received correspondence from the Department of Water Resources approving our Request for an Exemption to the single-year limit on Transfers or Exchanges of Article 56 Carryover Water Supply for the Kettleman City water purchase from the Mojave Water Agency which your Board approved on October 11, 2022.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Edward Hill stated that the Rock the Purple Luncheon will be held at First Baptist Hanford on October 27, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Speakers will include a survivor of Domestic Violence and a therapist will briefly discuss self-care for both survivors and service providers. This is a FREE event that is hosted by Kings County District Attorney Victim Witness. The Kings County Economic Development Corporation & Job Training Office "Annual Dinner" will take place on Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The event will have a Kentucky Derby theme and take place at The Fairgrounds in Hanford. The City of Avenal will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" on October 28, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Vets Hall Parking Lot in Avenal. There will also be a Halloween Dance. Kings County Animal Services will be hosting a Halloween Spooktacular on October 29, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 10909 Bonneyview Lane in Hanford. This is a free family friendly event with food vendors, booths and much more. The Animal Shelter will be providing Free microchips. Personalized pet tags will also be available for \$5. Dogs are welcome however must be on a leash. The Kings County Board of Realtors will host its Annual Golf Tournament on November 7, 2022, at the Kings Country Club in Hanford with proceeds benefitting the Kings County Sheriff's K-9 Unit. There will be a shotgun start at 10am and the format is a 4-man scramble. Team registration is \$1,000. There will be Food, drinks and raffles & prizes. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Rosa Rancheria Charity Golf Tournament in support of SRR Youth Services will take place on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the Lemoore Golf Course. There will be a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. and the format is a 4-man**



scramble. Team registration is \$2,000. Hanford Parks and Recreation is hosting the Holiday Boutique at the Hanford Civic Auditorium on November 19 & 20, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be handmade crafts and commercial vendors.

- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration – Agreement with Kofile Technologies, Inc for Board of Supervisors Archival Book project; Assessor/Clerk-Recorder – Joint Exercise Of Powers Agreement of the California County Assessors' Information Technology Authority; Behavioral Health – Agreement with iHeartmedia, Inc. for media marketing services; Human Resources – County Service Awards.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally: Title:**  
Waggle v. County of Kings, et. al. 21C-0282  
**[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)]**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

November 1	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 8	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 15	-	Regular Meeting Canceled - Board members participating in CSAC Annual Meeting

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