

**Board Members**

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



**Staff**

Kyria Martinez, County Administrative Officer  
Diane Freeman, County Counsel  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

## Board of Supervisors

### Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** MULTI PURPOSE ROOM, Administration Building 1, 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 Tyler Jones - 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.*

**Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that at the meeting on September 19, 2023 a member of the public spoke during unscheduled appearances regarding his campaign for office. The Chairman requested County Counsel to look into whether that was allowed, it was determined that campaign speech during Board of Supervisors meetings is not permitted as it is not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors.**

**Ivette Chaidez Villareal, Valley Voices representative stated that for the record this is the fourth meeting that she has attended to request simultaneous interpretation services be provided of the Board meetings for not English dominant residents and requested a meeting with Supervisor Valle regarding American Recue Plan Act funding committee and project funding.**

**Richard Valle, Chairman stated that he sent an email to meet with Valley Voice representatives and didn't get a response so he offered to meet with them today after closed session.**

**Jeff Mora, Kings County resident and John Birch Society representative stated that the people hold the power and explained that nullification of federal laws can be completed by the State.**

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for September 19, 2023.**

**REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their September 19, 2023 meeting.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for September 19, 2023.**

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

## IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

### **A. Agricultural Department:**

1. Consider approving a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Asian Citrus Psyllid Detection Program effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-150]**
2. Consider approving a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Nursery Inspection Program retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-151]**
3. Consider approving a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Asian Citrus Psyllid Bulk Citrus Program effective October 1, 2023 through September 20, 2024. **[AGMT 23-152]**

### **B. Behavioral Health Department:**

1. a. Consider approving the first Amendment to Agreement No. 22-140 with California Mental Health Services Authority for the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program retroactively effective from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;
- b. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health, or their designee, to complete and approve the required workorders for the flexible spending account services added within the Agreement. **[AGMT 22-140.1]**



2. a. Consider approving the Agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority for participation in the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program effective upon execution through March 31, 2025; **[AGMT 23-153]**
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

**C. Community Development Agency:**

1. a. Consider finding that the Notices of Partial Non-Renewals are Exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15317, and that none of the circumstances in Section 15300.2 apply;
- b. Approve the Notices of Partial Non-Renewal for the following Land Conservation "Williamson" Act contracts numbers: 34, 196, 210, 643, 834, 872, 892, 1000, 1612, and 2031.

**D. County Counsel:**

1. Consider appointing R. Patrick McCarthy to a four-year term as Director of the Green Valley Water District to qualify, take office, and serve as if elected at a general District election.
2. Consider appointing Danny Newton as Director for Division 1, Gabe Cooper as Director for Division 2, and Ralph Gilkey as Director for Division 5 of the Tulare Lake Drainage District.
3. Consider appointing Michael Boyett as Director of Division 1, Matt Gilkey as Director of Division 3, and Beau Howard as Director of Division 4 of the Corcoran Irrigation District effective December 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

**E. District Attorney's Office:**

1. a. Consider authorizing the purchase of a midsize sport utility vehicle;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

**F. Administration:**

1. a. Consider receiving a report regarding the local health emergency caused by floodwater contamination and vector borne illness;
- b. Continue to find that conditions of local emergency exist, and that the declaration of local health emergency remains in effect.
2. Consider appointing one new member to the Kings County Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

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

**V.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Fire Department – William Lynch**

1. a. Consider authorizing the purchase of a Dexter T-400 washer/extractor retroactively effective September 11, 2023;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

2. a. Consider authorizing the purchase of one Rescue 42 CTC Strut Kit;
- b. Authorize the purchase of one Rescue 42 Combination Kit;
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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



**B. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera**

1. Consider awarding the construction contract to Kroeker Incorporated for the Stratford Levee Construction project. [AGMT 23-154]

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

2. Consider approving an Agreement with Aspire Homes CA, Inc. for the Tract 936 Phase 8 & 9 Subdivision Improvement. Effective from September 12, 2023 to end of construction and approval of county. [AGMT 23-155]

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

**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 Neves stated that he continues to monitor Tulare Lake flood waters and stated that they are receding at a rate of 3-4" per week, he stated that he attended the County Oversight Board meeting, attended the Kings Federal Credit Union meeting, barbecued for Native American day at Santa Rosa Rancheria and thanked everyone who assisted with that event, thanked the Kings County Public Works/Parks and Grounds staff for their assistance with the Seniors in the Park event at Burriss Park, attended the South Fork Kings Groundwater Surface Authority meeting, attended the American Legion Post breakfast, attended the appreciation luncheon at Stratford Hall for all volunteers who helped for the Portuguese Celebration event and attended the Kings County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee meeting.**

**Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the Rural County Representatives of California conference in Monterey, attended the annual DeCampos Dinner hosted by St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School fundraiser event and stated that he would be attending the San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties conference hosted by Madera County at Bass Lake.**

**Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the Rural County Representatives of California conference in Monterey, attended the annual DeCampos Dinner hosted by St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School fundraiser event and stated that he would be attending the San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties conference hosted by Madera County at Bass Lake.**

**Supervisor Valle stated that he participated in a levee check with the Kings County Sheriff's Office staff on the new fan boat and discussed the challenges with the flood water receding and thanked staff for taking him on the tour. He stated that he attended a meeting with Home Garden Community Services District members and staff.**

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received correspondence regarding an Application for Alcoholic Beverage License on September 25, 2023, and received correspondence from Attorney Alex Dominguez regarding the Dudley Ridge Water District Election dated September 21, 2023.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that there will be a Resource Fair on September 28, 2023<sup>h</sup> at the Reef-Sunset Middle School in Avenal from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. There will be giveaways, free food and entertainment, and information regarding grants. The Sarah Mooney Museum will host the Legends of Lemoore Cemetery Walk on September 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There will be a free Smog Repair Event on September 30, 2023 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Avenal High School. There will be free smog repairs for valley residents. For more information contact [www.valleycan.org](http://www.valleycan.org) There will be a Links for Life Pink Passion Picnic on Tuesday, October**



**17, 2023 at the Hanford Civic Auditorium. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and tickets are \$35.00 and must be purchased in advance by calling 559-786-4632. 100% of the proceeds stay in Kings County and provide direct services. There will be a Male Fashion show, opportunity drawing, and picnic lunches will be catered by Pardini's of Fresno. There will be a free Kings County Public Safety Event on Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Kettleman City Park. There will be BBQ and information on many services that Kings County Offers.**

- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Amendment with Home Garden Community Service District for Utility Arrearages; a Presentation to the Employee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2023; Chemical Waste Quarterly Update; and 11 Claims for Damages and an update regarding Flooding and Vector Borne Illness Local Health Emergency; Behavioral Health – Memorandum Of Understanding with Medication Assisted Treatment in jails and drug court; Community Development Agency - Property Owner-Initiated Notice of Partial Non-Renewals of Land Conservation "Williamson" Act Contracts; Human Resources - Side letter Agreements (one with the Detentions Deputy Association and the other with CLOCEA), and an update on the Salary Resolution; Human Services Agency - Kings County's Five-Year System Improvement Plan for child Welfare Services and Probation; Job Training Office - Agreement with Economic Development Department for Telephone Service; Probation Department - discharge from accountability of delinquent court ordered accounts deemed uncollectible; Sheriff's Office - Advanced Step Hire and approval of a firearms purchase.**

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ **Workers Compensation: (1 Case) [Govt. Code Section 54956.95]**
- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (2 Cases)  
 [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(3)]  
 Receipt of Tort Claim or other written threat of litigation  
 Additional Info: Noma Law Firm, Claim for Damages  
 Additional Info: Allied World National Assurance Company et al, Notice of Claim**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.**

<b>FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>		
October 3	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 10	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 10	2:00 PM	Regular Meeting – Board of Equalization
October 17	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 24	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 31	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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