

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
January 18, 2023
Microsoft Teams
2:00-3:00 P.M.

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Gary Ananian, Daniel Harrison (Chairperson), David Kadel, and Christopher McGehee (a quorum was met)

Committee Members Not Present

Brian Duhart, Steve Kinsey, Lynnda Martin, and Karen Sanders

2) Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez welcomed all Committee Members, Kern County Public Works staff, County Counsel, and guests present

3) Approval of resolution for Keep Kern Beautiful Committee to hold remote meetings

MOTION: *To approve the resolution for the Committee to hold remote meetings*

Motioned by Christopher McGehee; seconded by Gary Ananian

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on December 21, 2022

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from the December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting*

Motioned by David Kadel; seconded by Gary Ananian

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

5) New Business

A. Update Keep Kern Beautiful Committee Affiliation Report 2023

I. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS UPDATES AND COORDINATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY APPEARANCE INDEX AND LITTER INDEX REPORT IN SPRING 2023**

Committee Members reviewed the 2021 Community Appearance Index Report and the 2020 Litter Index Report and discussed how the first report was conducted. Committee Members who were involved with gathering information for the initial report mentioned that it took five (5) days to complete the five (5) areas throughout Kern County once the locations and group assignments were coordinated.

6) Presentation by Karina Mendez, Public Works Maintenance Worker II on recent and upcoming community cleanup efforts

2022 KCPWD Illegal Dumping & Events Update:

R.A.P.I.D. Stats

Countywide Dump Sites Cleared = 4,745

Countywide Tonnage = 1,087 tons

Mattresses Collected Countywide = 1,224

Recycled: 1,071

Encampments Cleared = 465

Household Hazardous Waste/Temporary Collection Events

Upcoming Collection events will be:

- Saturday, January 21, 2023 – Tehachapi Landfill
- Saturday, January 28, 2023 – Ridgecrest SWF
- Saturday, February 4, 2023 – Tehachapi Landfill
- Saturday, February 11, 2023 – Shafter & Wasco Landfill & Ridgecrest SWF
- Saturday, February 18, 2023 – Tehachapi Landfill

Bulky Waste Collection Event

Lamont – February 25, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Department of Human Services – 8300 Segrue Road
- Partners: Cesar Chavez Environmental Corps. & Varner and Son, Inc.

Tire Amnesty Day

Eastern Kern (Caltrans District 9) – December 10, 2022, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

- Boron, Kern Valley, Mojave, Rosamond, Ridgecrest, and Tehachapi
- Results TBD

Western Kern (Caltrans District 6) – March 25, 2023, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

- Shafter-Wasco, Taft, and Bena

Eastern Kern (Caltrans District 9) – April 22, 2023, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

- Boron, Kern Valley, Mojave, Rosamond, Ridgecrest, and Tehachapi

7) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

Committee Member Gary Ananian mentioned an upcoming graffiti cleanup on a County bridge hoping to take place in March 2023. He asked for help in coordinating with graffiti removal supplies (25-30 gallons of paint, trays, rollers, etc.)

8) Staff Comment

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez mentioned new Committee Member Olivia Franzen, representing District 3, would be joining the Keep Kern Beautiful Committee as soon as her Oath was administered.

She mentioned to Committee Members that their two-year term appointments were to expire on February 9, 2023, and that they would continue to serve on the Committee until reappointed or replaced. She encouraged each of the Committee Members to reach out to their respective Supervisors/Districts directly if they had an interest in reappointment.

She also mentioned that she would be sending the draft Sponsorship Letter/Form to County Counsel for their review and approval.

9) Public Comment

Ray Scott mentioned a clean-up event taking place on April 22, 2023 at Yokuts Park. He also invited Keep Kern Beautiful Committee Members to participate in an event recognizing Keep America Beautiful at Edwards Air Force Base in November 2023.

10) Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 from 2-3 p.m.

11) ADJOURN

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

Motioned by David Kadel; seconded by Christopher McGehee

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.