

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
February 15, 2023
Microsoft Teams
2:00-3:00 P.M.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Gary Ananian, Olivia Franzen, Christopher McGehee, and Karen Sanders (a quorum was met)

Committee Members Not Present

Brian Duhart, Daniel Harrison (Chairperson), David Kadel, Steve Kinsey, and Lynnda Martin

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 Karen Sanders; seconded by Christopher McGehee

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on January 18, 2023**

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting*

Motioned by Olivia Franzen; seconded by Karen Sanders

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

5) **New Business**

A. Discuss Future Keep Kern Beautiful Committee Meeting Protocol

I. THE CALIFORNIA CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY DECLARATION THAT ALLOWS FOR REMOTE MEETINGS IS SET TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023. COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez discussed the option of meeting in person at the Public Services Building's Public Meeting Room: 2700 'M' Street, Bakersfield 93301, 1st Floor for the March 15, 2023 meeting.

Committee Member Olivia Franzen also recommended the Kern Economic Development Foundation's conference room in Suite 200, as an option to hold the in-person meeting.

B. Welcome and Introduce new District 3 Keep Kern Beautiful Committee Member Olivia Franzen

I. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee Members and guests welcomed new Committee Member Olivia Franzen to the Committee and each shared their background during introductions.

C. Update Keep Kern Beautiful Committee Affiliation Report 2023

I. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON COORDINATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY APPEARANCE INDEX AND LITTER INDEX REPORT IN SPRING 2023**

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez continued the discussion of coordinating the Community Appearance Index and Litter Index Report and let Committee Members know that she would be sending out a follow-up email with more details.

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

2023 KCPWD Illegal Dumping & Events Update:

Household Hazardous Waste/Temporary Collection Events

- Saturday, February 18, 2023 – Tehachapi Landfill
- Saturday, February 25, 2023 – Kern Valley Transfer Station & Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- Saturday, March 4, 2023 – Mojave Special Waste Facility & Tehachapi Landfill
- Saturday, March 11, 2023 – McFarland-Delano Transfer Station & Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility

Bulky Waste Collection Event

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

- Department of Human Services – 8300 Segreue Road

Lost Hills – March 11, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- North of Lost Hills Park

Mojave – March 18, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Mojave Jr./Sr. High School

Clean CA Tire Drop Off Day

Eastern Kern (Caltrans District 9)

December 10, 2022, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

- Boron, Kern Valley, Mojave, Ridgecrest, and Tehachapi
- Results: 779 tires collected

Western Kern (Caltrans District 6)

February 18, 2023, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

- Shafter-Wasco & Taft

March 18, 2023, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

- Bena

March 25, 2023, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

- Shafter-Wasco & Taft

April 15, 2023, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

- Bena

Eastern Kern (Caltrans District 9)

April 22, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

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

Committee Member Christopher McGehee had a question regarding if bicycle tires were accepted at the Clean CA Tire Drop Off Days. Karina Mendez stated she would find out and provide an update.

7) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

No announcements or reports from Committee Members.

8) Staff Comment

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez reminded Committee Members about reaching out to their Supervisor District representatives/staff members to learn about areas that need clean-ups and organizing a clean-up.

She also reminded Committee Members that she and staff would be reaching out to them monthly to gather event recap and upcoming clean-up event information to log into the Keep America Beautiful volunteer portal.

9) Public Comment

No comment from the public.

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

11) ADJOURN

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

Motioned by Karen Sanders; seconded by Christopher McGehee

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.