

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
January 19, 2022
Microsoft Teams
2:00-3:00 P.M.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Gary Ananian, Lynn Black, and Lynnda Martin (a quorum was met)

Committee Members Not Present

David Duckett, Daniel Harrison (Chairperson), David Kadel, Steve Kinsey, Andrea Medina (Vice Chairperson), Christopher McGehee, and Karen Sanders

2) **Welcome and Roll Call**

The Committee Coordinator, Alicia A. Gutierrez, welcomed all Committee Members, Kern County Public Works staff, County Counsel's Stephanie Bouey, and guests present

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

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

Motioned by Lynnda Martin; seconded by Gary Ananian

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting and Special Meeting on December 15, 2021**

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from the December 15, 2021 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting*

Motioned by Lynnda Martin; seconded by Gary Ananian

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

5) **New Business**

A. Upcoming Keep Kern Beautiful Clean-up Events

- I. Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez reminded the Committee about the upcoming **"Your Neighborhood" Clean-up Event** taking place on Saturday, January 22, 2022, where volunteers can decide the location and time of day to commit to cleaning-up a littered area for 30 minutes. She mentioned a Media Alert had been sent out and Facebook posts scheduled to help promote the event.

- II. Committee Member Christopher McGehee, who was not present at the meeting, asked Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez to share that he and the partnering organizations were ready for the **Taft Community Clean-up Event** scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 8-10 a.m.
- III. Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez asked Committee Members to share a location and any event logistics they had for the **Earth Day/Great American Clean-up Event** scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Committee Member Lynnda Martin had a suggestion of coordinating a Bulky Waste Collection Event around the April 23 date in the Shafter/Wasco area. Committee Member Gary Ananian mentioned picking up illegal dumping in the Lake Isabella area with partner organizations. Committee Vice Chairperson Andrea Medina, who was not present at the meeting, asked Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez to share that she had reached out to Nicole Villaruz for location suggestions for Earth Day but had not heard back yet. Once she has the logistics set, she plans to contact Union Pacific asking for their commitment to join the clean-up efforts.
- IV. Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez provided a location update for the **Taft Bulky Waste Collection Event** taking place on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The event is taking place at Westside Waste Management Offices: 274 E. Cedar Street instead of the Taft Veterans Hall

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

Highlights:

RAPID Stats

Countywide Dump Sites Cleared = 3,557
Countywide Tonnage = 918.17 tons
Mattresses Collected Countywide = 976
Recycled: 546 – 55.94%
Encampments Cleared = 360

Household Hazardous Waste/Temporary Collection Events

We've already completed three events: Ridgecrest and Tehachapi on January 8 and Mojave on January 15.

- January 22 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- January 29 – Tehachapi Landfill

Bulky Waste Collection Event

In 2021, we held eight (8) events in seven (7) communities. Our goal this year is to host more events and expand to northern and eastern Kern communities! We've partnered with the Cesar Chavez Environmental Corps, that'll consist of not only having them at our Bulky Waste Collection Events accepting E-Waste that Salvation Army doesn't want and tires, but also scheduling them for only E-waste and tire events.

Completed Event:

Bakersfield – January 8, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Meadows Field Airport, Kern County Fairgrounds, Kern Medical
- Total Traffic Count – 586
- Still gathering Tonnage Reports

Upcoming Events:

Taft – January 22, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Westside Waste Management Offices: 274 E. Cedar Street

Lamont – February 5, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- David Head Center: 10300 San Diego Street

Mojave – February 19, 2022 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Mojave Jr/Sr High School: 15732 O Street

7) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

No Committee Member announcements or reports.

8) Staff Comment

Kern County Public Works Staff Michelle Burns-Lusich informed the Committee that Nicole Villaruz may be out on maternity leave. She had a suggestion for a clean-up effort within District 5 that could serve as a potential clean-up location for the Earth Day/Great American Clean-up Event taking place on April 23. She mentioned a highly littered area with graffiti at Center Street/Pass underneath Mt. Vernon Avenue, over Edison Highway – a quarter mile long stretch.

9) Public Comment

No comment from the public.

10) ADJOURN

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

Motioned by Gary Ananian; seconded by Lynnda Martin

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.