

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

January 17, 2024

PSB Public Meeting Room: 2700 'M' Street, Bakersfield 93301, 1st Floor

2:00-3:00 P.M.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Not Present

Brian Duhart and Steve Kinsey

2) **Welcome and Roll Call**

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

3) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on September 20, 2023**

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from the September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting*

Motioned by Christopher McGehee; seconded by Olivia Franzen

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) **New Business**

A. Keep Kern Beautiful Meetings to Quarterly

I. **APPROVAL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON A NEW MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024**

MOTION: *To approve a new meeting schedule for 2024 and vote on meeting in-person, quarterly on the third Wednesday of the month from 2-3 p.m. The new 2024 meeting schedule: April 17, July 17, October 16*

Motioned by Olivia Franzen; seconded by Gary Ananian

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

B. Upcoming Community Clean-ups

a. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS ANY UPCOMING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS**

District 3 Committee Member David Kadel shared about an upcoming community clean-up with OCAT taking place on March 23 and that he would share the event flyer.

5) Receive and File a Presentation by Committee Coordinator, Alicia A. Gutierrez, on behalf of Karina Mendez, Public Works Maintenance Worker II on recent and upcoming community clean-up efforts

Household Hazardous Waste/Temporary Collection Events

- Friday, January 5, 2024 – Tehachapi Landfill
- Saturday, January 6, 2024 – Tehachapi Landfill
- Saturday, January 6, 2024 – Mojave Special Waste Facility
- Saturday, January 13, 2024 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- Saturday, January 27, 2024 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- Friday, February 2, 2024 – Tehachapi Landfill
- Saturday, February 3, 2024 – Tehachapi Landfill
- Saturday, February 10, 2024 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- Saturday, February 24, 2024 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- Saturday, February 17, 2024 – Shafter-Wasco Landfill
- Saturday, February 24, 2024 – Kern Valley Transfer Station

Bulky Waste Collection Events

Upcoming

Lost Hills – January 20, 2024, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Lost Hills Park

Mojave – February 3, 2024, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Mojave Jr/Sr High School

Clean CA Tire Drop-off Days

We are continuing our partnerships with District 9 & and District 6

- In District 9:
 - Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Eastern Kern Landfills – Ridgecrest, Boron, Mojave-Rosamond & Tehachapi
 - 274 tires collected
 - Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Eastern Kern Landfills – Ridgecrest, Boron, Mojave-Rosamond & Tehachapi
- In District 6:
 - Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Shafter-Wasco Landfill and Taft Landfill
 - 250 tires collected
 - Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bena Landfill
 - 64 tires collected
 - Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Shafter-Wasco Landfill and Taft Landfill
 - Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bena Landfill

MOTION: *To receive and file a presentation on recent and upcoming community clean-up efforts*

Motioned by Christopher McGehee; seconded by Daniel Harrison

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

6) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

District 5 Committee Member Christopher McGehee provided an update on a recent community clean-up on December 17 that took place near Alfred Harrell Highway west of Fairfax Road where 60 volunteers collected 18 tons of trash from the foothills up above Hart Park. Participating organizations included Team Action Dad and Kern County Parks & Recreation.

District 1 Committee Member Daniel Harrison inquired about the causes of illegal dumping in the community.

District 1 Committee Member Gary Ananian commented that there is misinformation on illegal dumping and that more education is needed to combat the issue. He suggested making posters with QR codes and information on Disposal Site Gate Fees and distributing the posters throughout the communities.

7) Staff Comment

Committee Coordinator Alicia A. Gutierrez announced that District 2 Committee Member Karen Sanders had resigned from the Keep Kern Beautiful Committee to pursue the position of Field Representative with Supervisor Zack Scrivner's office.

8) Public Comment

No comments from the public

9) Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 2-3 p.m.

10) ADJOURN

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

Motioned by Daniel Harrison; seconded by Christophe McGehee

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.