

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting

*Wednesday, November 19, 2025
6:30 P.M.*

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Commissioners: Ryan Abler, District I;
William Chapman, District II;
Carol Lair, District III;
Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and
Ucedrah Osby, District V

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Salute to the Flag

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

1. This portion of the agenda is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. No response is required from the Commission or staff, and no action can be taken on items not on the agenda; however, Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. Commissioners may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.**
 - I. Public Comments and Requests

CONSENT AGENDA

2. All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Commission or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence.
 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on October 15, 2025; **APPROVE**
 - II. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services Division – This portion of the meeting is reserved for General Services staff to provide a report regarding new and ongoing projects, programs, and plans relating to Kern County Parks
 - I. General Services Division; **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE**
 - II. Kern County Sheriff's Office; **PARK RANGER INFORMATIONAL UPDATE**

NEW, UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

4. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **SET JANUARY 2026 MEETING LOCATION**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. On their own initiative, Commission members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. Commissioners may request that an item be agendaized at a future meeting, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request that staff report back to the Commission at a later meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

6. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for January 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted at the County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301, unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or cancelled by the Commission.

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MINUTES

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Commissioner Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; William Chapman, District II; and Carol Lair, District III

Absent: Commissioner(s): Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Isaac Preston, Deputy Chief General Services Officer

Others: There were 12 others present

Note: Ab, Ch, La, Ce, and Os are abbreviations for Commissioners Abler, Chapman, Lair, Cervantes, and Osby. As an example, Ab-La denotes Commissioner Abler made a motion and Commissioner Lair seconded the motion

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: LEAD BY COMMISSIONER ABLER

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

- I. The Public Presentations, Comments and Requests portion of the meeting was opened and closed with no input from the public

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on September 17, 2025; **Ch:La TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES; 2 ABSENT-CERVANTES; OSBY**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Written Correspondence dated October 7, 2025, submitted by Carol Lair; **Ch:La TO APPROVE THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE; MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES; 2 ABSENT- CHAPMAN; OSBY**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SIERRA CLUB RESPONSE FROM GENERAL SERVICES:** ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO READ A LETTER FROM THE GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION IN RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE DATED OCTOBER 3, 2025, RECEIVED FROM THE SIERRA CLUB. THE LETTER ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS RAISED AND OUTLINED THE DIVISION'S POSITION AND PLANNED ACTIONS REGARDING THE MATTERS DISCUSSED
- II. **LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE EVENT – RESPONSE TO REFERRAL FROM COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN:** ISAAC PRESTON, DEPUTY CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO A REFERRAL FROM COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN REGARDING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE EVENT

Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. **JASON NELSON**, SHERIFF'S LIEUTENANT, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE NOVEMBER 19, 2025, MEETING AT THE KERN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE. 1ST FLOOR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. COMMISSIONER LAIR: COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED COMMENTS REGARDING A TRAFFIC STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
- II. COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE ISSUE OF FISHING LINE REFUSE AND NOTED THAT A FLYER IS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING ISSUE AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 6:54 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for November 19, 2025, at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Ave. 1st Floor, Bakersfield, CA. 93301 unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or canceled by the Commission.



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