

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

October 15, 2025

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 2:00 p.m.

2) Welcome and Roll Call

Chairperson Daniel Harrison welcomed Committee Members, Kern County Public Works staff, Kyle W. Holmes with County Counsel, and guests present.

Committee Members Present

Gary Ananian (1A), Max Goossen (4), Daniel Harrison (Chairperson) (1), Olivia Jones (3), David Kadel (3A), Joel Mackay (2)

Committee Members Not Present

Steven McDaniel (2A), Christopher McGehee (5)

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on July 16, 2025

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2025 Regular Meeting*

Motioned by Max Goossen (4); seconded by David Kadel (3A)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to Serve a One-year Term

MOTION: *To select Joel Mackay as Chairperson*

Motioned by Olivia Jones (3); seconded by Gary Ananian (1A)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

MOTION: *To select Olivia Jones as Vice Chairperson*

Motioned by Max Goossen (4); seconded by David Kadel (3A)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

During the nominations for potential Chairs, Committee Members consulted with County Council regarding the inclusion of alternate Committee Members in these roles. Council noted that if alternate members were to serve as Chairs, it must be explicitly stated in the bylaws. Joel Mackay (2) made a motion to review Committee bylaws in the next meeting as New Business and Olivia Jones (3) seconded.

New Business

A. Discuss Adopt-a-Park Program

I. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARE PARK(S) THEY SELECTED**

Olivia Jones (3) expressed interest in the program and requested the presentation from the last meeting. Joel Mackay (2) was interested in the program as well and was curious to know which parks are included in his district.

Gary Ananian (1A) shared his experience with General Services during the application process and recommended contacting Michelle Burns-Lusich for assistance. He successfully adopted Riverside Park and Circle Park through Kern River Conservancy.

David Kadel (3A) noted the program's value for community service and hours sign-off. Joel Mackay (2) stated that Parks & Recreation can't currently sign off hours for individuals with criminal backgrounds.

Gary Ananian (1A) mentioned that Kern River Conservancy could sign off hours for volunteers. David Kadel (3A) expressed interest in communicating with DHS, Probation, and any other County agency about any collaborative opportunities that would benefit from community service through community clean-ups.

B. Keep Kern Beautiful Committee Fundraising

I. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS SPONSORSHIP FORM/LETTER**

The Committee reviewed the final letter and voted on approving the Sponsorship Form/Letter.

MOTION: *To approve the new Keep Kern Beautiful Sponsorship Form/Letter*

Motioned by Olivia Jones (3); seconded by Joel Mackay (2)
Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

C. Upcoming Community Clean-ups

I. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS ANY UPCOMING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS AND HOW TO GET THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED**

Joel Mackay (2) announced plans for Supervisor Chris Parlier to donate trash grabbers for clean-ups, aiming to address geographic constraints for Committee Members in remote areas.

Gary Ananian (1A) reported that his last pickup through the Kern River Conservancy was successful. He was able to collaborate with Caltrans to close a portion of the 178 to get to problem areas.

Max Goossen (4) reported that the Buttonwillow Bulky Waste Collection Event collected 4 tons of waste in partnership with Kern County Public Works.

5) Receive and File a Presentation by Mayra Chamale, Marketing and Promotions Associate II on behalf of Karina Mendez, Public Works Maintenance Technician II, on recent and upcoming community clean-up efforts

Household Hazardous Waste/Temporary Collection Events

- October 3, 2025 – Tehachapi Landfill
- October 4, 2025 – Tehachapi Landfill
- October 10, 2025 – Kern Valley Transfer Station
- October 11, 2025 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- October 18, 2025 – California City
- October 25, 2025 – Boron Landfill
- October 25, 2025 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- November 1, 2025 – Mojave Special Waste Facility
- November 7, 2025 – Lebec Transfer Station
- November 8, 2025 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- November 14, 2025 – Tehachapi Landfill
- November 15, 2025 – Tehachapi Landfill
- November 22, 2025 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- November 29, 2025 – Kern Valley Transfer Station
- December 5, 2025 – Tehachapi Landfill
- December 6, 2025 – Tehachapi Landfill
- December 13, 2025 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- December 27, 2025 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility

Bulky Waste Collection Events

- October 18, 2025 – Rosamond – WM Yard – 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- November 15, 2025 – Shafter – County Administration Building – 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Motioned by Gary Ananian (1A); seconded by Olivia Jones (3)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

6) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

Joel Mackay (2) expressed his excitement for the upcoming October Rosamond Bulky Waste Collection event. He mentioned being in communication with the Solid Waste Division with Kern County Public Works about bringing more solid waste collection events to the Rosamond community.

Olivia Jones (3) announced the Kern High School District's Annual Career & STEM Expo with 3,800 expected exhibitors and offered to collect emails after the meeting for those interested.

7) Staff Comment

No comments from staff.

8) Public Comment

No comments from the public.

9) **Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

10) **Adjourn**

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

Motioned by Max Goossen (4); seconded by Gary Ananian (1A)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.