

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Special Meeting
February 4, 2026

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 2:02 p.m.

2) Welcome and Roll Call

Chairperson Joel Mackay welcomed Committee Members, Kern County Public Works staff, County Counsel, and guests present.

Committee Members Present

Gary Ananian (1A), Max Goossen (4), Daniel Harrison (1), Joel Mackay (Chairperson) (2)

Committee Members Not Present

Olivia Jones (3), David Kadel (3A), Steven McDaniel (2A), Christopher McGehee (5)

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on October 15, 2025

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2025 Regular Meeting*

Motioned by Daniel Harrison (1); seconded by Max Goossen (4)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) New Business

A. Discuss and Approve Proposed Amendment to Committee Bylaws

I. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS FROM ONE PER DISTRICT, TO A RANGE OF 1-3 PER DISTRICT

Joel Mackay (2) introduced the item of adding a third committee member to one or each district. He emphasized that District 2 is geographically large and would greatly benefit from an additional member to represent its diverse communities.

Gary Ananian (1A) expressed his willingness to support this proposal, if it remained an option for each district rather than a requirement. He believes District 1 does not need an additional member.

County Counsel, Stephanie Bouey outlined the formal pros and cons of introducing a third member. She noted that there could be challenges regarding meeting quorum requirements. After considering the feedback from Committee Members, Joel Mackay (2) stated that he is comfortable maintaining the current bylaws.

MOTION: *To approve Proposed Amendment to Committee Bylaws*

Motioned by Max Goossen (4); seconded by Joel Mackay (2)

Gary Ananian (1A) abstained his vote. Requested redline for reference for removal mechanism.
Quorum was reached.

B. Review and Discuss Committee Bylaws

I. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS BYLAWS AND CONSIDER ADDING AN AMENDMENT ALLOWING ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SERVE AS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Joel Mackay (2) asked County Counsel if this would affect primary votes. County Counsel, Stephanie Bouey answered no. The Committee Members were on board to move forward with.

MOTION: *To approve moving forward with placing this on a future Agenda to vote on*

Motioned by Daniel Harrison (1); seconded by Max Goossen (4)

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**

Max Goossen (4) shared updates on initiatives in Lost Hills and Dustin Acres.

Gary Ananian (1A) revealed that the Kern River Conservancy has recently utilized the MyKern app to address illegal dumping incidents in his district. He encouraged all Committee Members to use this valuable reporting tool.

Joel Mackay (2) informed the Committee that Supervisor Parlier will be present at the upcoming Keep Kern Beautiful Meeting.

Committee Members requested Supervisor Reports to be sent to Committee Members.

Kern County Public Works staff member, Kymberly Baldwin explained content on Supervisor Reports and said it would be ok to send Committee Members the reports.

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

Household Hazardous Waste/Temporary Collection Events

- January 3, 2026 – Mojave Special Waste Facility
- January 10, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- January 16, 2026 – Tehachapi Landfill
- January 17, 2026 – Tehachapi Landfill
- January 24, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- January 31, 2026 – McFarland-Delano Transfer Station
- February 6, 2026 – Tehachapi Landfill

- February 7, 2026 – Tehachapi Landfill
- February 14, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- February 21, 2026 – Kern Valley Transfer Station
- February 28, 2026 – Shafter-Wasco Landfill
- February 28, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- January 31, 2026 – McFarland-Delano Transfer Station
- March 6, 2026 – Tehachapi Landfill
- March 7, 2026 – Tehachapi Landfill
- March 7, 2026 – Mojave Special Waste Facility
- March 14, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- March 21, 2026 – Taft Landfill
- March 28, 2026 – Lebec Transfer Station
- March 28, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility

Bulky Waste Collection Events

14 events were held in 11 cities/towns of Kern County with more than 1,200 customers attending and approximately 100 tons collected. We had to postpone our Shafter event in November 2025 to January 2026 due to weather conditions.

We received 80 vehicles and just over 8 tons. The schedule of events for 2026 is nearly finalized, majority of the events have been added to our website already. Our next event is Lamont, later this month on February 28 and in March we have Mojave event on March 28.

Tire Amnesty Events

We're excited to begin a new program this year, our own Tire Amnesty Events, thanks to grant funding received from CalRecycle. In January we held three (3) events at our McFarland-Delano Transfer Station, Shafter-Wasco Landfill, and Tehachapi Landfill. For February and March, we have six (6) events scheduled:

February

2/7/26 – Taft LF

2/14/26 – Ridgecrest LF

2/21/26 – Bena LF

March

3/7/26 – Mojave-Rosamond LF

3/14/26 – Boron LF

3/21/26 – Roberts Lane TS

For updates on the events, please be on the lookout for the department's press releases, quarterly newsletter or check our Waste & Recycling Events page of our website and follow us on social media.

Kern County Public Works staff member, Kymberly Baldwin clarified that at the tire amnesty events, no more than nine (9) tires, without rims, are permitted at the event. Indicated that if someone brings more than 9 tires it must be reported to the State as you would be marked as an unpermitted tire hauler.

Joel Mackay (2) asked for clarification on recent news regarding the Tehachapi Landfill closure.

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

Motioned by Gary Ananian (1A); seconded by Joel Mackay (2)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

6) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

Gary Ananian (1A) announced the Kern River Conservancy's White-Water Clean-up. He stated that Supervisor Peters' office would be in attendance. He requested Public Works' presence at the clean-up. The clean-up will be scheduled for the 3rd or 10th of June and is deemed necessary due to homeless presence in the area. The clean-up will take place near the embankment along the river.

Committee Members discussed the possibility of creating certificates to acknowledge community members who contribute to the clean-ups.

Gary Ananian (1A) proposed hosting town hall-style meetings in each district, with County Counsel to assess the feasibility of this initiative. While the creation of certificates is permissible, awarding them would require prior notice from the Board of Supervisors and must be approved for inclusion on the agenda.

7) Staff Comment

Committee Coordinator, Alicia A. Gutierrez thanked everyone for their attendance, and provided Committee Members with information letting them know they may reach out for information or additional promotional materials.

Committee Coordinator, Alicia A. Gutierrez explained content of goody bags given to Committee Members.

Question regarding involvement of Code Compliance: must give property owner opportunity to correct issues. Committee Members were referred to Jacob Clayton.

8) Public Comment

No comments from the public.

9) Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

10) Adjourn

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

Motioned by Max Goossen (4); seconded by Joel Mackay (2)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.