

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

April 20, 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 2:04 p.m.

2) **Welcome and Roll Call**

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

Committee Members Present

Gary Ananian (1A), Daniel Harrison (1), Joel Mackay (Chairperson) (2), Steven McDaniel (2A), Christopher McGehee (5)

Committee Members Not Present

Max Goossen (4), Olivia Jones (3), David Kadel (3A)

3) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Special Meeting on February 4, 2026**

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2026 Special Meeting*

Motioned by Steven McDaniel (2A); seconded by Gary Ananian (1A)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) **New Business**

A. Present a Donation to the Keep Kern Beautiful Committee

I. **DISTRICT 2 SUPERVISOR CHRIS PARLIER, WILL BE PRESENTING A DONATION TO THE COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Parlier's office presented a check for \$1,000 to the Keep Kern Beautiful Committee and took a photo with Committee Members.

B. Upcoming Community Clean-ups

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

Gary Ananian (1A) shared his initiative for a Memorial Day Clean-up and highlighted an upcoming docuseries being filmed in Bakersfield and Kernville.

Joel Mackay (2) brought up a potential collaboration with the California Wildlife Foundation (CWF) and sought guidance from the committee.

Community Member Ray Scott inquired whether the committee had considered partnering with Habitat for Humanity as well.

Joel Mackay (2) inquired whether they offer grant opportunities and mentioned that he would look into the organization further if they do.

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

- April 3, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- April 4, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- April 4, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- April 10, 2026 – Kern Valley Transfer Station
- April 18, 2026 – California City
- April 25, 2026 – Rosamond (Hummell Hall)
- April 25, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- May 2, 2026 – Mojave Special Waste Facility
- May 8, 2026 – Lebec Transfer Station
- May 9, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- May 15, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- May 16, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- May 30, 2026 – Kern Valley Transfer Station
- May 23, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- June 5, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- June 6, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- June 20, 2026 – Lebec Transfer Station
- June 13, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- June 27, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility

Bulky Waste Collection Events

Past Event Results:

- Lamont = Traffic Count of 60
- Mojave = Traffic Count of 20, 3.45 tons collected

Upcoming Events:

- April 18, 2026 – Shafter
- April 25, 2026 – Wasco
- May 9, 2026 – Lake Isabella
- May 16, 2026 – Bakersfield
- May 30, 2026 – Ridgecrest
- June 27, 2026 – Wofford Heights

Tire Amnesty Events

Past Event Results:

January:

McFarland-Delano TS = 29 tires

Shafter-Wasco LF = 104 tires

Tehachapi LF = 199 tires.

February:

Taft LF = 259 tires

Ridgecrest LF = 177 tires

Bena LF = 119 tires.

March:

Mojave-Rosamond LF = 53 tires

Boron LF = 256 tires

Roberts Lane TS = 291 tires

First Quarter Total Tires Collected = 1,487

Upcoming Events:

- April 11, 2026 – McFarland-Delano Transfer Station
- April 18, 2026 – Lebec Transfer Station
- April 25, 2026 – Shafter-Wasco Landfill
- May 9, 2026 – Taft Landfill
- May 16, 2026 – Kern Valley Transfer Station
- May 23, 2026 – Bena Landfill
- June 6, 2026 – Mojave-Rosamond Landfill
- June 20, 2026 – Roberts Lane Transfer Station.

New Grant Project – Community Cleanup & Employment Pathway Grant from Caltrans

Kern County Public Works' Solid Waste division submitted a proposal for an Oildale Clean-up Alliance project and were awarded \$1,000,000. In this project, the Solid Waste division will be working together with Open Door Network to provide an additional 3 clean-up crews who will be focused on removal of illegally dumped waste and litter from public rights-of-way, alleyways, historically vacant public lots, and other high-impact areas.

The program will also install new public trash receptacles in strategic locations throughout Oildale to reduce future dumping and promote responsible waste disposal. Kern County's Public Works will commit to providing services to ensure that these waste receptacles are emptied routinely and kept in good shape during the program year and future years as matching funding.

These infrastructure improvements will be paired with community outreach and education efforts to raise awareness about the environmental and public health impacts of illegal dumping.

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

Daniel Harrison (1) asked about mattress collection and Karina Mendez referred him to the Bulky Waste Collection Event schedule.

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

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

6) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

No comments from Committee Members.

7) Staff Comment

8) No comments from staff.

9) Public Comment

Community member Tony Martinez, the Board President of the Arts Council of Kern, shared that there are currently grants available for murals and other art-related projects.

Community member Ray Scott mentioned that the utility boxes in downtown were painted through the initiative of the Arts Council of Kern.

Community member Tony Martinez noted that the Arts Council of Kern has traveled as far as Boron to support various projects.

Christopher McGehee (5) endorsed the Arts Council of Kern, highlighting his six-year tenure on the board before being termed out. He also participated in a project in Rosamond with the Arts Council of Kern.

For those interested in further details, community member Tony Matinez left additional information and business cards near the entrance for anyone interested.

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

11) Adjourn

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

Motioned by Steven McDaniel (2A); seconded by Christopher McGehee (5)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.