

MEETING MINUTES

KEEP KERN BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

July 15, 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 2:13 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), Maxwell Goossen (4), Daniel Harrison (1), David Kadel (3A), Joel Mackay (Chairperson) (2)

Committee Members Not Present

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

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on April 20, 2026

MOTION: *To approve Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting*

Motioned by David Kadel (3A); seconded by Daniel Harrison (1)

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

4) New Business

A. Discuss and Vote on Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

I. AMENDMENT TO UPDATE TELECONFERENCING RULES IN COMPLIANCE WITH SB 707

County Counsel Stephanie Bouey presented the amendment to update teleconferencing rules to be in compliance with SB 707.

Chairperson Joel Mackay (2) inquired about remote meetings and public comments.

II. AMENDMENT TO ALLOW ALTERNATES TO SERVE AS CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR

Stephanie Bouey presented the amendment to allow alternates to serve as Chair or Vice Chair.

Joel Mackay (2) asked County Counsel if there is a trigger to replace committee members who aren't attending meetings.

Stephanie Bouey referred him to the section related to attendance in the bylaws.

Joel Mackay (2) mentioned he would like a mechanism to streamline the process of removing inactive members.

Paul Yanez (District 2 Field Representative) suggested having the Committee Members reach out to their District Supervisors to address committee vacancies. Paul encouraged the committee to nominate or refer applicants to appoint.

MOTION: *To approve proposed amendments to bylaws*

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

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

B. Upcoming Community Clean-ups

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

Maxwell Goossen (4) shared his efforts in the Taft and Maricopa communities.

Joel Mackay (2) shared information on the Rosamond Bulky Waste Collection event taking place on October 24, 2026.

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

- July 11, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- July 11, 2026 – Mojave Special Waste Facility
- July 17, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- July 18, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- July 22, 2026 – Glennville Transfer Station
- July 24, 2026 – Lebec Transfer Station
- July 25, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- August 1, 2026 – Kern Valley Transfer Station
- August 8, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- August 14, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- August 15, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- August 21, 2026 – Shafter-Wasco Landfill
- August 22, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- August 29, 2026 – Lebec Transfer Station
- September 4, 2026 – Taft Landfill
- September 5, 2026 – Mojave Special Waste Facility
- September 12, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility
- September 18, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- September 19, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- September 25, 2026 – McFarland-Delano Transfer Station
- September 19, 2026 – Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility

Bulky Waste Collection Events

Upcoming Events:

- July 25, 2026 – Tehachapi
- August 8, 2026 – Bakersfield
- August 22, 2026 – Lamont
- September 12, 2026 – Taft

Tire Amnesty Events

Upcoming Events:

- July 18, 2026 – Tehachapi Transfer Station (Temporary)
- July 25, 2026 – Shafter-Wasco Landfill

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

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

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

6) Committee Member Announcements or Reports

Joel Mackay (2) expressed interest in assisting with efforts to prosecute individuals involved in illegal dumping. He suggested coordinating with Code Compliance to have a representative attend a future meeting for a Q&A session on this topic.

Dave Kadel (3A) noted that prosecuting illegal dumpers falls under the jurisdiction of the Kern County Sheriff's Office. He mentioned that Code Compliance would only address questions related to their process in contacting property owners about cleaning up illegal dumping sites. Dave suggested involving the Board of Supervisors in finding ways to tackle illegal dumping.

Gary Ananian (1A) shared a list of agencies he has collaborated with, stating that he has faced challenges in successfully prosecuting individuals who engage in illegal dumping.

7) Staff Comment

No comments from staff.

8) Public Comment

No comments from the public.

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

10) Adjourn

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting*

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

Approved unanimously by all Committee Members

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.