

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
GREATER BAKERSFIELD SEPARATION OF GRADE DISTRICT

Held: September 9, 2019

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on September 9, 2019, at 1800 30th Street, Suite 260, Bakersfield, California.

CALL TO ORDER:)
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President, Mark J. Smith, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL:)
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The following Commissioners were present:

Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

W. Patrick Marchbanks was absent.

Also present was Sheila K. Plane and John D. Schuler, District Engineers; and Bernard C. Barmann, Jr., District Legal Counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETINGS OF)
AUGUST 12, 2019:)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2019, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Mr. Barmann had no new developments to report on.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S)
REPORT:)
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Mr. Schuler reported as follows:

Project Funding Sources. Regarding federal funding, the Initiative for Rebuilding America (INFRA) has \$250 million available for rail consolidation projects. The County and Kern COG are taking the lead on a \$60 million project for Morning Drive and pursuing 50% of the funding from the federal government. Mr. Schuler presented a proposal for High Speed Rail participation on Morning Drive project to Brian Kelly and Diana Gomez. Mr. Schuler continues to work with Kern COG on local funding sources. Kern County Public Works Department may be able to use oil and gas funds for Morning Drive.

High Speed Rail Project. Mr. Schuler met with CEO Brian Kelly and Diana Gomez and presented a request for HSR participation in Morning Drive.

Specific Plan Lines. Mr. Schuler will be meeting with the City of Bakersfield next week.

Morning Drive Project. A presentation was made to High Speed Rail for participation and Mr. Schuler is working with the County on an INFRA grant application.

Baker/Truxtun/Beale @ BNSF & UPRR. Mr. Schuler's office is updating and revising plans.

Rosedale Highway at Landco. No changes to report.

CPUC Nominations 2020-2022 – Crossing data collection. Mr. Schuler's office is putting together the applications for the next cycle and scheduling meetings with Shafter, Bakersfield and Kern County.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for August, 2019, which was revised to add payment to SDRMA for 2019-20 property liability renewal, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers, and unanimously carried, the report was approved and ordered filed, vouchers to pay the bills from the District Expense Fund as noted in part A(1) of the report and were ordered to be drawn and presented to the County Controller for payment.

AYES: Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

NOES: None

ABSENT: W. Patrick Marchbanks

ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS)
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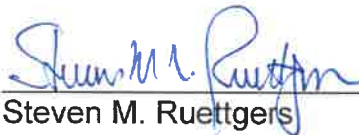
Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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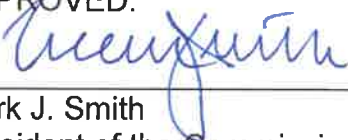
On motion of Commissioner Spaulding, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the DPV&B Audit Arrangement Letter was approved, and the President and Assistant Secretary were authorized to execute the letter.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Ruetters, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:26 p.m. The Commission will next meet at its regular meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruetters
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED:


Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 2019

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - August 2019	\$	100.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - August 2019	\$	100.00
Patrick Marchbanks	Commissioner Expense - August 2019	\$	100.00
John Spaulding	Commissioner Expense - August 2019	\$	100.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - July 2019	\$	2,675.06
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - August 2019 - General	\$	12,552.50
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - August 2019 - HSR	\$	310.00
SDRMA	2019-20 Property Liability Renewal Inv.	\$	8,671.24
City Count, LLC	Railroad Crossing Counts	\$	5,865.00
Kern County Auditor	Vouchers or Accounts Payable warrants	\$	153.52
		\$	<u>30,627.32</u>