

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

Held: October 14, 2019

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on October 14, 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
W. Patrick Marchbanks
Steven M. Ruettgers
John Spaulding

Terry A. Murray was absent.

Also present was Emma Stubbs, for a Bakersfield College Civic Engagement course; Sheila K. Plane and John D. Schuler, District Engineers; and Bernard C. Barmann, Jr., District Legal Counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETINGS OF)
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019:)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Marchbanks, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2019, were approved.

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

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

Project Funding Sources. Regarding federal funding, the County and Kern COG are pursuing \$40 million from the Initiative for Rebuilding America (INFRA) for a \$60 million project for Morning Drive; the application will be submitted by October 18, 2019. The Governor is shifting gas tax funds from road to rail, which may impact the conversations with the County and CalTrans on funding. Regarding local funding sources, Mr. Schuler is working with the County and Kern COG on funding for advance preliminary design on Morning Drive and with the City for specific plan lines for Kratzmeyer and the West Beltway; County Public Works is working with the Planning Department on the applicability of oil and gas permit fees to grade separation projects. Mr. Schuler is also working with the County on possible use of the regional transportation impact fees as matching funds for Morning Drive.

High Speed Rail Project. Mr. Schuler continues to push for use of HSR funds for Morning Drive.

Specific Plan Lines. The City of Bakersfield is reviewing and processing the plans for Renfro-Jenkins at BNSF. The City is willing to pursue a joint agencies agreement with the District for shared funding for preliminary plans for Kratzmeyer and West Beltway at the BNSF; Mr. Schuler met with the City in September to discuss those two projects.

Morning Drive Project. Mr. Schuler is assisting with the federal INFRA grant application.

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

Rosedale Highway at Landco. No changes to report.

CPUC Nominations 2020-2022 – Crossing data collection. Train volumes are down. Mr. Schuler has met with the City of Bakersfield and needs to meet with Shafter. Nominations are due October 25, 2019.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for September, 2019, which was revised to add payment to California Special District Association for RMS-Regular Member, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Spaulding, seconded by Commissioner Ruetters, 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
W. Patrick Marchbanks
Steven M. Ruetters
John Spaulding

NOES: None

ABSENT: Terry A. Murray

ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS)
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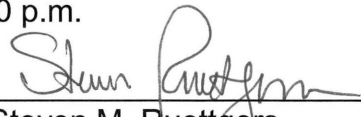
Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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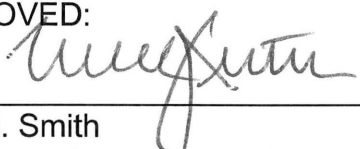
No correspondence to report on.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Marchbanks, seconded by Commissioner Ruetters, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:14 p.m. The Commission will next meet at an adjourned regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruetters
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: 

Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 2019

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - September 2019	\$	100.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - September 2019	\$	100.00
John Spaulding	Commissioner Expense - September 2019	\$	100.00
Terry Murray	Commissioner Expense - September 2019	\$	100.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - August 2019	\$	1,095.50
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - September 2019	\$	18,965.00
California Special District Association	RMS - Regular Member	\$	1,024.00
		\$	21,484.50