

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
GREATER BAKERSFIELD SEPARATION OF GRADE DISTRICT

Held: November 18, 2019

Pursuant to the order of adjournment of the regular meeting of the Commission held on November 11, 2019, an adjourned regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on November 18, 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
Terry A. Murray

John Spaulding was absent.

Also present were 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.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Reappointment of Commissioner Steven M. Ruettgers - Mr. Barmann reported that Commissioner Ruettgers's term expires in January 2020 and proposed that the Commission authorize his office to send a letter to the Kern County Board of Supervisors requesting reappointment of Commissioner Steven M. Ruettgers to the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District. Following discussion, the President of the Commission directed Mr. Barmann to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

SB 929. Mr. Barmann reported that SB 929 requires all independent special districts to have a Website that includes contact information and other requirements by January 2020. Following discussion, District counsel was directed to work with the District Engineers, their respective staffs and the County to ensure that the District's page on the County website complies with SB 929 by January 2020.

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

Project Funding Sources. Regarding federal funding, in October, the County and Kern COG submitted their request for \$40 million from the Initiative for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program for a \$60 million project for Morning Drive. There were no new developments regarding state funding. Locally, Mr. Schuler has continued his discussions with the County and Kern COG.

High Speed Rail Project. The environmental document for the Wasco to Bakersfield segment of the project has been approved. There are discussions at the state level about diverting funds to other projects in northern and southern California.

Specific Plan Lines. Mr. Schuler is coordinating with the City of Bakersfield Planning Department regarding the plans for Renfro-Jenkins at BNSF. The City continues to be willing to pursue a joint agencies agreement with the District for shared funding for preliminary plans for Kratzmeyer at the BNSF.

Morning Drive Project. Design alternatives are being considered in light of High Speed Rail, including an alternative with Edison depressed below grade.

Baker/Truxtun/Beale @ BNSF & UPRR. No new developments to report.

Rosedale Highway at Landco. No changes to report.

CPUC Nominations 2020-2022. Nominations were submitted on October 23, 2019. Mr. Schuler is coordinating with the County, City of Bakersfield and City of Shafter on the nominated projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETINGS OF)
OCTOBER 14, 2019 AND)
NOVEMBER 11, 2019:)
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On motion of Commissioner Marchbanks, seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meetings of October 14, 2019, and November 11, 2019, were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for October, 2019, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Marchbanks, 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. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Spaulding

ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS)
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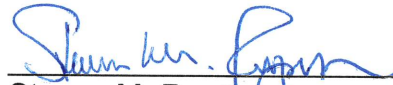
Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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No correspondence upon which to report.

ADJOURNMENT: _____)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Ruettgers, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The Commission will next meet at a regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: _____



Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - October 2019	\$	100.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - October 2019	\$	100.00
Patrick Marchbanks	Commissioner Expense - October 2019	\$	100.00
John Spaulding	Commissioner Expense - October 2019	\$	100.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - September 2019	\$	321.60
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - October 2019	\$	26,591.03
Kern County Auditor	Vouchers or Accounts Payable warrants	\$	141.80
		\$	27,454.43