

Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission Virtual Meeting Protocol and Instructions for Providing Public Comment during Virtual Meetings due to Coronavirus Pandemic

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>), which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring the physical presence of the Commission members or the public to attend and participate at Commission meetings in light of the COVID- 19 pandemic. Consistent with the Executive Order, Commission members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.

Instructions to the public:

How to watch/attend a Wildlife Resources Commission meeting:

- Until further notice, the Wildlife Resources Commission meetings will not be ***physically open*** to the public.
- Virtual or remote meetings will be held on the following platform:
 - Microsoft Teams (links and call in information to be provided on Kern County website).
 - Meetings will be recorded for future access and reviewing capability.

Instructions for providing public comment via Microsoft Teams DURING Commission meetings:

How to participate in a Wildlife Resources Commission meeting:

The public has the right to comment on a specific agenda item or provide general public comment under Public Presentations.

- During the Microsoft Teams meeting, when using the application, use the “Raise Your Hand” feature/and wait to be called upon to provide public comment.
- To maintain order and effectiveness, please only enable your device microphone if you are called upon for public comment.
- When using the call in line through Microsoft Teams, press *6 to unmute your phone to request to speak.
- Anyone who intends to introduce documents at the time of the meeting should send them in an electronic format so they may be shared with members joining remotely. The documents may be sent to prestoni@kerncounty.com.