

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

Held: December 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on December 14, 2020, via video and teleconference as authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Orders issued during the state of emergency as a result of COVID-19.

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
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding (By phone)

Steven M. Ruetters was absent.

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS)
& COMMENTS:)
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None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING OF)
NOVEMBER 9, 2020:)
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On motion of Commissioner Spaulding, seconded by Commissioner Marchbanks, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2020, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Mr. Barmann reported that he has been appointed to serve as a Judge of the Kern County Superior Court. Kuhs & Parker and Robert Kuhs will continue as counsel for the District.

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

Project Funding Sources. There are no changes to report regarding federal or state funding sources. Locally, under the RTIF program the County is looking at updating the funding levels for all District projects on the list within the unincorporated County areas.

High Speed Rail Project. 2020 Business Plan dates have been extended into 2021.

Specific Plan Lines. Mr. Schuler received a memorandum from the City Public Works regarding Renfro/BNSF. The Kratzmeyer alignment is still connected to the Kern COG KARGO study.

Morning Drive Project. The project is still being considered by the County. Mr. Schuler plans to resume discussion with Caltrans and High Speed Rail soon.

Baker/Truxtun/Beale @ BNSF & UPRR. No change.

Rosedale Highway at Landco. Mr. Schuler recently received inquiries regarding possible funding and rail activity.

Cherry Ave. & Los Angeles St./Beech Ave. @ BNSF. The project is included in the Kern COG KARGO study.

Sunset Branch @ Panama Lane and Berkshire Road. This is a City widening project in which the UPRR has requested a grade separation rather than widening. Further input from the CPUC is anticipated.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for November, 2020, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, 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
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

NOES: None
ABSENT: Steven M. Ruettgers
ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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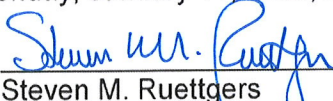
None.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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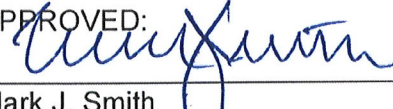
Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 5:12 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: 

Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

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