

Good afternoon,

The Kern County Board of Supervisors met today as scheduled for Tuesday's February 23 board meeting. Chairman Phillip Peters (District 1), Supervisor Zack Scrivner (District 2), Supervisor Mike Maggard (District 3), Supervisor David Couch (District 4), and Supervisor Leticia Perez (District 5) attended in-person.

Each member followed all COVID-19 safety protocols, including social distancing and the wearing of face coverings.

Meeting Highlights:

- **Item No. 4 AM session:**
 - Public Health Director Brynn Carrigan presented an update on the County's progress in combating COVID-19.
 - The state's MyTurn system is now accepting vaccination appointments for residents in Phase 1B at the Kern County Fairgrounds Mass Vaccination Clinic. To sign-up, or get notified when you're eligible to be vaccinated, please visit MyTurn.ca.gov or call 833-422-4255.
- **Item No. 10 AM session:**
 - The Board voted on consent to approve a proposed agreement with Kern County Superintendent of Schools to support access to mental health services to students and their families through Mental Health Student Services grant funding awarded by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.
- **Item No. 13 AM session:**
 - Kern County staff provided the Board of Supervisors with an update on the M Street Navigation Center.
 - So far, 43 Kern County residents have successfully completed the program and have been placed into permanent housing.
- **Item No. 14 AM session:**
 - Kern County will undergo redistricting this year. The 2020 Census data will be released in September, and the final redistricting plan will be due in December. Kern County residents will be invited to public hearings to share their input. More details to follow.
- **Item No. 17 AM session:**
 - The Board voted 5-0 to receive and file today's Bitwise Kern County Innovation Lab presentation.
 - Bitwise will help support local entrepreneurs in the tech industry and bring diverse job opportunity to Kern County.
 - The first cohort is set to begin in June of 2021, which is designed to be a "learn and earn" opportunity for participants.
 - The County is working with Bitwise on the SEED Grant through the State's ETP program to provide each student with \$7,500 toward the start-up and implementation of their individual businesses.

The Board also announced they will hold a Special Meeting to conduct Public Hearing on March 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to consider revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance and Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report to reconsider implementation of a land use approval process for oil and gas exploration, extraction, operations, and production activities. A separate mailed and posted public

notice has been provided as required by law. Following this Special Meeting, the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.