

Good afternoon,

The Kern County Board of Supervisors met today as scheduled for Tuesday's April 13, 2021 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. 12 AM session:**
 - Public Health Director Brynn Carrigan updated the Board on Kern County's current standing regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic and local vaccination distribution.
 - Kern County will move to the Orange Tier beginning tomorrow, April 14, 2021.
 - Watch the announcement here: <https://youtu.be/WKSgCurHh0U>
- **Item No. 37 AM session:**
 - A Better Bakersfield and Boundless Kern (B3K) Regional Action for Economic Prosperity presented a Market Assessment to the Board.
 - B3K is a long-term collaboration among business, government, and civic stakeholders dedicated to regional economic growth through job creation that is accessible to all residents.
 - B3K provided insight on strategies Kern County can implement to advance Kern's education and workforce development opportunities.
 - Over the next few months, locally led Work Groups will translate this assessment into a tangible action plan for development in education and career opportunities in energy, aerospace, advanced manufacturing, "second office" business services, and business ecosystem and entrepreneurship.
- **Item No. 8 – Item No. 11 PM session:**
 - The Board dedicated nearly \$400,000 to outreach and services for Kern County's homeless population dispersed among Bethany Services, Inc., The Mission at Kern County, Flood Bakersfield Ministries, and Women's Center-High Desert, showing their deep investment in creating solutions for Kern County's homeless population.
- **Item No. 20 PM session:**
 - The Board approved a resolution to authorize funding with the State Water Resources Control Board to enter Phase 1 of the Caliente Creek Flood Mitigation Project.
 - This is a tremendous commitment to protecting the safety of residents by creating preventive measures to combat future storms and protect the County from potential flooding and related damages.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.