

Good afternoon,

The Kern County Board of Supervisors met today as scheduled for Tuesday's May 11, 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. Supervisor Leticia Perez (District 5) was absent for the 2 p.m. session. Each member followed all COVID-19 safety protocols, including social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. Today's meeting also resumed modified in-person attendance, allowing 65 people in the Board Chambers with face coverings and social distancing.

Meeting Highlights:

- **Item No. 3 AM session:**
 - The Board proclaimed May 2021 as Community Action Month in Kern County.
- **Item No. 5 AM session:**
 - The Board proclaimed May as Foster Care Awareness Month in Kern County.
- **Item No. 13 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 remain in the Orange Tier for the following week.
 - Watch the announcement here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFkWCtrjc>
- **Item No. 25 – Item No. 40 AM session:**
 - The Board approved more than \$35 million (state and federal funding) in behavioral health and recovery services for Kern County residents including outpatient substance use treatment, medication assisted treatment, outpatient drug free and school based adolescent treatment, outpatient drug free treatment services for adults and adolescents, adult outpatient mental health services, behavioral health and recovery services for minors incarcerated at juvenile detention facilities, outpatient psychiatric services for mental health clients, psychiatric services for mental health clients, physician review of treatment authorization requests, substance use disorder crisis services, and children and adolescent outpatient mental health services.
- **Item No. 56 AM session:**
 - The Board approved an agreement with Community Action Partnership of Kern to extend Housing for the Harvest program services through December 31, 2021 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- **Item No. 59 AM session:**
 - The Board approved an agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County for participation in their Summer Jobs Program from June 14, 2021 through July 16, 2021.
- **Item No. 2 PM session:**
 - The Board proclaimed May 16, 2021 – May 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week in Kern County.
- **Item No. 8 PM session:**
 - Public Works Director Craig Pope updated the Board on strategies to mitigate illegal dumping in Kern County.
- **Item No. 23 PM session:**
 - The Board proclaimed a state of local emergency in Kern County caused by a severe water shortage in response to Chairman Phillip Peters asking the County Administrative

Office to draft a proclamation on April 27, 2021, to be considered at today's Board meeting.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.