

Good afternoon,

The Kern County Board of Supervisors met today as scheduled for Tuesday's July 27, 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) were in attendance. Board meetings have resumed in-person attendance at full capacity seating inside the Board Chamber. For more information on how to address the Board on a specific agenda item or provide general public comment, please click [here](#).

Meeting Highlights:

- **Item No. 3 AM session:**
 - The Board proclaimed August 2021 as Child Support Awareness Month in Kern County.
 - Watch the presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1gdAvsbSGY>
- **Item No. 6 AM session:**
 - Public Health Director Brynn Carrigan updated the Board on Kern County's current standing regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, local COVID-19 case numbers, vaccination distribution among the County, and California State guidance regarding vaccination in the workplace of certain sectors.
 - Watch the presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1gdAvsbSGY>
 - Chairman Phillip Peters announced today's meeting will be adjourned in honor of Sheriff's Deputy Phillip Campas who was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, July 25, 2021.
 - Kern County deeply mourns the loss of Deputy Campas and sends heartfelt condolences to his loved ones.
 - The community can support Deputy Campas' family during this difficult time by donating here: <https://porac.org/.../deputy-phillip-campas-memorial-fund/>
- **Items No. 7 – 15 AM session:**
 - The Board approved more than \$260,000 in a combination of federal, state, and county funding for Aging and Adult Services for Kern County seniors including congregate senior nutrition services, management and support for the Senior Medicare Patrol Program, training resources for in-home supportive services care providers, homemaker services, and family caregiver support program services.
- **Item No. 18 AM session:**
 - The Board approved nearly \$300,000 in funding for suicide prevention crisis line services for Kern County residents through June of 2022.
- **Item No. 22 AM session:**
 - Kern County received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
 - This award was established in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting to then recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.
 - To earn recognition, budget documents must meet program criteria and excel as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool.
 - Kern County is proud to be recognized for the fifth consecutive year for this achievement.

- **Item No. 23 AM session:**
 - The Board voted 5-0 to adopt the Preliminary Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
 - The Kern County Administrative Office presented details on this preliminary budget, which prioritizes public safety and library services, mitigates homelessness, increases funding for spay/neuter programs, invests in parks and infrastructure throughout the County, and incorporates the County's American Rescue Plan Act funding – \$27 million of ARPA funds will be used to reward County workers for performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency through the distribution of \$3,000 checks to all County employees.
 - Today's Board meeting was the third of four public meetings to discuss the Preliminary Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22. Last night, the Board also held a public budget discussion.
 - The final public budget hearing and adoption of the finalized budget will be held Tuesday, August 31, 2021.
- **Item No. 3 PM session:**
 - The Board voted unanimously to continue consideration to August 24, 2021, for the request from Raceway 2.0 Solar Project by the AES Corporation to change various permitted uses for the construction and operation of six solar photovoltaic power generating facilities.
- **Item No. 14 PM session:**
 - The Board approved the completion of roadway improvements on Mirasol Avenue and Brite Road in Buttonwillow.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.