

Local Agency Formation Commission OF KINGS COUNTY

CITY MEMBERS

Sid Palmerin
Dave Brown
Martin Devine, Alternate

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Doug Verboon
Richard Valle, Alternate

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Greg Gatzka, Executive Officer, (559) 852-2682

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING DATE AND TIME:

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.

KINGS LAFCO PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 on March 12, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively, relating to the convening of public agency meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Kings LAFCO hereby provides notice that it will convene its regularly scheduled public meetings of the Kings LAFCO by teleconference going forward, and will close its Chambers to the public generally, except as described below, until further notice. Pursuant to the Executive Orders, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, Kings LAFCO will allow the Board, LAFCO staff and interested members of the public to attend the meeting telephonically or by the Internet, and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present in the Chambers. Members of the public who choose to attend the meeting virtually, using certain digital or landline phones, may listen to the audio broadcast of the meeting, but will not be able to comment during the meeting. Only those members of the public who cannot participate virtually, due to a need for a special accommodation (vision, hearing, etc.), may attend the meeting in the Chambers where efforts will be made to allow adequate social distancing and to ensure that exposed surfaces are sanitized. No more than 10 individuals will be allowed in the Chambers at a time. To secure the accommodation consistent with the American's with Disabilities Act and to attend in person, interested parties will need to contact the Executive Secretary of Kings LAFCO as directed below no later than 8:30 a.m. the morning of the meeting. Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting virtually can do so one of three ways: Via the worldwide web; by telephone; or by postal or electronic mail. Members of the public, who participate via their computers or through the WebEx app, may provide public comment at the meeting by using the "Raise Your Hand" function. Public comment will be limited to two (2) minutes during the "Unscheduled Appearances" section of the meeting. Public comment will not be available via phone. All others who wish to submit comments may only do so as outlined below.

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app to your smartphone. After opening the app, click on **Join Meeting**, and then enter the meeting information. The **meeting number is 282 642 256** and the **password is KingsLAFCO**.

- If you have trouble logging in through the Internet, you may join the meeting via telephone by calling **(415) 655-0003**, then enter the **access code of 282 642 256#**.
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Executive Secretary of Kings LAFCO, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Chairman

A. Unscheduled Appearances:

Any person may address the Commission on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Commission at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Commission on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Commission. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.

B. Approval of April 22, 2020 Minutes (Voice Vote)

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. LAFCO Budget FY 2020-2021

- 1) Executive Officer's Report
- 2) Continue Public Hearing
- 3) Consider Adoption of FY 2020-2021 Budget

IV. LEGISLATION

None

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence –**
- B. Items from the Commission -**
- C. Staff Comments –**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next Scheduled Meeting – Regular Meeting Date June 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY MEMBERS

Sid Palmerin
Martin Devine
Vacant - Alternate

COUNTY MEMBERS

Joe Neves – Chair
Doug Verboon – Vice Chair
Richard Valle - Alternate

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Dan Chin
Vernon Costa - Alternate

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County was called to order by Chairman, Joe Neves, at 3:00 p.m., on April 22, 2020 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the Kings County Government Center, located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., in Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Joe Neves, Doug Verboon, Martin Devine

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sid Palmerin, Dan Chin

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Freeman – Counsel, Chuck Kinney – Assistant Executive Officer, Terri Yarbrough – Clerk

VISITORS PRESENT: None

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Devine) to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting. Motion carried with three in favor and Palmerin and Chin absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

LAFCO Budget FY 2020-2021

Mr. Kinney presented the budget and provided an overview of the budget.

Chairman Neves opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to give testimony regarding the proposed budget. Seeing none, he continued the Public Hearing until May 27, 2020 with action to be taken at that meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence – None
- B. Items from the Commission – None
- C. Staff Comments – None

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

A. A meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF KINGS COUNTY**



Chuck Kinney, Acting Executive Officer

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Local Agency Formation Commission OF KINGS COUNTY

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TO: LAFCO Commissioners
FROM: Greg Gatzka, Executive Officer
DATE: May 27, 2020
SUBJECT: 2020-2021 Final Draft Budget

I. INTRODUCTION:

Attached is the final draft budget recommended by the Executive Officer for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. This proposed Budget was introduced to the Commission on April 22, 2020 and there have been no changes.

The requested budget of \$75,687 is \$7,098 more than last year's request, a 10.35% increase. The requested amount covers LAFCO's general activities as required by Assembly Bill 2838, the Cortese – Knox – Hertzberg Act, and continued involvement with CALAFCO to keep current on legislative and procedural changes. The largest adjustments in the budget this year are an increase of \$6,424 in CAP charges and increases of \$627 in administrative allocation. The net result of all of the budget changes resulted in the budget with an increase of \$7,098.

II. Overview of Budget Process

California Government Code Section 56381(a) states, "The commission shall adopt annually, following noticed public hearings, a proposed budget by May 1 and final budget by June 15. At a minimum, the proposed and final budget shall be equal to the budget adopted for the previous fiscal year unless the commission finds that reduced staffing or program costs will nevertheless allow the commission to fulfill the purposes and programs of this chapter."

The Commission's budget is based on a July 1st to June 30th fiscal year. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides that the operational costs of LAFCo shall be shared one-half by the County and one-half by cities where only the County and cities are represented on the Commission. In the event that special districts choose to be represented on the Commission, LAFCO funding would then be shared one-third by the County, cities, and the special districts or by an alternative method approved pursuant to section 56381(b)(4) of the California Government Code.

The LAFCo budget is also augmented by fees established by the Commission in accordance with section 56383 of the California Government Code for services rendered to process applications for annexations, reorganizations, and detachments, as well as other LAFCO actions.

III. LAFCO 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget will center on continued training for LAFCO staff on operational procedures and processes, timely processing of reorganization and sphere of influence amendment applications, processing of all spheres of influence amendments for the cities, communities, and special districts in Kings County and prepare resources for the next required update. Staff will also review and assist Cities and Districts with the preparation of detailed MSRs for any Sphere of Influence Amendment application submitted to LAFCO to ensure compliance with Government Code Section 56430. As LAFCO staff is often relied upon by Cities to advise their prospective development applicants on annexation processes, staff needs to remain current on LAFCO processes, procedures, issues and implementation strategies. Continuing Legislative changes to LAFCO processes and procedures also necessitates staff's need for continual update through CALAFCO legislative review activities. LAFCO staff has remained actively involved with CALAFCO workshops and other training venues to fulfill that need. The two annual CALAFCO training events are organized by LAFCO volunteers to keep all LAFCOs current on issues and implementation strategies.

IV. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:

The recommended draft budget for FY 2020-2021 will require a budget of approximately \$75,687. After applying the estimated \$3,000 in fee revenue, the County's share is \$36,343. The Cities share is also \$36,343. An estimated summary of individual City shares based on population (not including prison populations) is provided in the chart below. The Executive Officer recommends that the Commission continue the public hearing from April 22, 2020 to receive public comment and testimony on the proposed LAFCO Budget, and then consider adoption of the FY 2020/2021 Budget. A copy of the detailed line item Budget for the proposed LAFCO Expenditures and Revenues is attached.

**2010 City/County Population Percentages for LAFCO Budget
April 10, 2020**

County/City	Population 4/1/2010	Percentage of Population	City Share Percentage	LAFCO Cost
KINGS COUNTY POP.	152982			
AVENAL	9083	5.94%	9.06%	\$3,292.68
CORCORAN	12697	8.30%	12.66%	\$4,601.02
HANFORD	53967	35.28%	53.82%	\$19,559.80
LEMOORE	24531	16.04%	24.46%	\$8,889.50
CITY SUB TOTAL	100278	65.55%	100.00%	\$36,343
Prison Population	18538	12.12%		
Federal Territories	7799	5.10%		
UNINCORPORATED	26367	17.24%		\$36,343
		100.00%		\$72,686.00

Prepared by: LAFCO of Kings County, April 10, 2020

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF KINGS CO.

UNIT NUMBER:	280000
UNIT TITLE:	LAFCO
FUNCTION:	Pub. Safety
ACTIVITY:	Other Protect.

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Department: Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County (LAFCO)

Run date:

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		ACCT. NO.	Budget 19-20	To Date 3/6/20	Difference 3/6/20	% of Bud. Expended to Date	3/6/20 Estimated 19-20	DEPT. REQ'T 2020-2021	Change 19-20 to 20-21 19-20	% Change 19-20 to 20-21 19-20
SALARIES & BENEFITS:										
Regular Employees	91000	82-1010	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Extra Help	91001	82-1020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Overtime	91002	82-1030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
O.A.S.D.I.	91005	82-1100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Retirement	91007	82-1110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Health Insurance	91008	82-1120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Unemployment Insurance	91010	82-1122	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Insurance-Work Comp.	91011	82-1123	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Management Benefits	91012	82-1140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
TOTAL LABOR:			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A

SERVICES & SUPPLIES:										
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		ACCT. NO.	Budget 19-20	To Date 3/6/20	Difference 3/6/20	% of Bud. Expended to Date	3/6/20 Estimated 19-20	DEPT. REQ'T 2020-2021	Change 19-20 to 20-21 19-20	% Change 19-20 to 20-21 19-20
Communications	92006	82-212000	\$ 80	\$ 47	\$ 33	58.49%	\$ 69	\$ 80	\$ -	0.00%
Office Expenses	92018	82-222000	\$ 250	\$ 14	\$ 236	5.60%	\$ 21	\$ 250	\$ -	0.00%
Memberships	92027	82-220000	\$ 2,805	\$ 3,261	\$ (456)	116.26%	\$ 3,261	\$ 3,133	\$ 328	11.69%
Record Storage Charges	92032	82-222015	\$ 444	\$ 207	\$ 237	46.67%	\$ 316	\$ 360	\$ (84)	-18.92%
Postage & Freight	92033	82-222030	\$ 73	\$ 7	\$ 66	9.97%	\$ 400	\$ 86	\$ 13	17.81%
Offset Printing/Stores	92035	82-222040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Legal Expenses	92038	82-223005	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0.00%
Publi. and Legal Notices	92056	82-224000	\$ 360	\$ -	\$ 360	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 360	\$ -	0.00%
Rents & Leases - Equipment	92057	82-225000	\$ 1,286	\$ 664	\$ 622	51.63%	\$ 973	\$ 1,229	\$ (57)	-4.42%
Purchasing Charges	92068	82-228200	\$ 113	\$ 68	\$ 45	60.46%	\$ 100	\$ 121	\$ 8	7.08%
Bd. & Comm. Mem. Expenses	92069	82-228205	\$ 3,064	\$ -	\$ 3,064	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 3,064	\$ -	0.00%
Travel & Expenses	92069	82-229010	\$ 6,700	\$ 1,665	\$ 5,035	24.86%	\$ 2,441	\$ 6,700	\$ -	0.00%
Motor Pool Serv.	92089	82-229000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Utilities	92094	82-230000	\$ 550	\$ 293	\$ 257	53.22%	\$ 429	\$ 550	\$ -	0.00%
CAP Charges	93038	82-314060	\$ (2,662)	\$ (1,997)	\$ (666)	75.00%	\$ (2,927)	\$ 3,762	\$ 6,424	-241.32%
Information Tech Services	93048	82-314050	\$ 1,219	\$ -	\$ 1,219	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 1,137	\$ (82)	
Administrative Allocation	93057	82-314000	\$ 45,881	\$ 5,453	\$ 40,428	11.89%	\$ 7,993	\$ 46,508	\$ 627	1.37%
Utility Bond	98001	82-8100010	\$ 426	\$ 323	\$ 103	75.88%	\$ 474	\$ 347	\$ (79)	-18.54%
Consultant Expense		82-223060	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL SERV/SUPP:			\$ 68,589	\$ 10,006	\$ 58,583	14.59%	\$ 13,550	\$ 75,687	\$ 7,098	10.35%

REVENUE:										
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		ACCT. NO.	Budget 19-20	To Date 3/6/20	Difference 3/6/20	% of Bud. Expended to Date	3/6/20 Estimated 19-20	DEPT. REQ'T 2020-2021	Change 19-20 to 20-21 19-20	% Change 19-20 to 20-21 19-20
INTERGOV'T REVENUE										
Cities-LAFCO Shares		81-540012	\$ 29,887	\$ -	\$ (29,887)	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 36,343	\$ 6,456	21.60%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES										
LAFCO Fees	87095	81607025	\$ 3,000	\$ 818	\$ (2,182)	27.27%	\$ 1,199	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
LAFCO MSR/SOI Fees			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUE:			\$ 32,887	\$ 818	\$ (32,069)	2.49%	\$ 1,199	\$ 39,343	\$ 6,456	19.6%

TOTALS										
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		ACCT. NO.	Budget 19-20	To Date 3/6/20	Difference 3/6/20	% of Bud. Expended to Date	3/6/20 Estimated 19-20	DEPT. REQ'T 2020-2021	Change 19-20 to 20-21 19-20	% Change 19-20 to 20-21 19-20
SALARIES & BENEFITS:			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
SERVICES & SUPPLIES:			\$ 68,589	\$ 25,470	\$ 43,119	14.59%	\$ 13,550	\$ 75,687	\$ 7,098	10.35%
FIXED ASSETS:		824500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
GROSS EXPENDITURES:			\$ 68,589	\$ 25,470	\$ 43,119	37.13%	\$ 13,550	\$ 75,687	\$ 7,098	10.35%
REVENUE:			\$ 32,887	\$ 818	\$ 32,069	2.49%	\$ 1,199	\$ 39,343	\$ 6,456	19.63%
COST APPLIED:	98000	825380	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
GEN. FUND CONTRIBUTION:			\$ (35,702)	\$ (24,652)	\$ (11,050)	69.05%	\$ (12,351)	\$ (36,343)	\$ (641)	1.80%



**COUNTY OF KINGS
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May 13, 2020

Kings County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
1400 W. Lacey Blvd
Hanford, CA 93230

Attn: Greg Gatzka, Executive Director

Dear LAFCO Commissioners:

Members of the 2019-2020 Kings County Grand Jury have attended the Home Garden Community Services District (HGCS D) recent board meetings. We have requested and received budget information from HGCS D for the years of 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Information provided to us indicates that HGCS D is operating in a deficit of over \$50,000 per year due to the maintenance of the new park. Any ongoing structural deficit of a public agency is cause for serious concern and review.

Further, at a Kings County Board of Supervisors meeting on October 22, 2019, Supervisor Valle, who represents that district, announced that HGCS D was being asked to return approximately 95 percent (\$1.7 million dollars) of a State of California Community Grant Fund. This fund was provided for the construction of a park within the district. We understand that the district is currently working with the State to lower its refund demand, but it is concerning that – given the annual, structural budget deficit – the HGCS D will have no ability to pay back any amount of money to be returned.

Our question to you is: Do you anticipate this special district surviving in light of the annual budget deficit and the potential reimbursement to the State grant fund? We as the Grand Jury request LAFCO investigate the financial sustainability of Home Garden Community Services District.

Sincerely,

Anita Lizotte
Grand Jury Foreperson

