

# Local Agency Formation Commission OF KINGS COUNTY

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**CITY MEMBERS**

Patricia Matthews

Alvaro Preciado

Kimber Regan, Alternate**COUNTY MEMBERS**

Joe Neves

Doug Verboon

Richard Valle, Alternate**PUBLIC MEMBERS**

Cheyne Strawn

Robert Ramos, Alternate

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Chuck Kinney, Executive Officer, (559) 852-2674

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## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County Special Meeting will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Administration Building (Bldg. No. 1) of the Kings County Government Center located at 1400 West Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA.

Members of the public who wish to comment may submit written comments on any matter within LAFCO's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for Commission consideration or action, and those comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting. To submit written comments by U.S. Mail or email for inclusion in the meeting record, they must be received by the Secretary of LAFCO no later than 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to [Maryann.Sanchez@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:Maryann.Sanchez@co.kings.ca.us). To submit such comments by U.S. Mail, please forward them to: Kings LAFCO, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd. Building #6, 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. **Election of Officers – Chairman and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2026**

##### C. **Approval of April 22, 2026 Minutes**

**II. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. LAFCO Budget FY 2026-2027**

- 1) Executive Officer's Report**
- 2) Public Hearing**
- 3) Continue Hearing to May 27, 2026**

**IV. LEGISLATION**

None

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Next Scheduled Meeting – June 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.**

# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

## CITY MEMBERS

Patricia Matthews  
Alvaro Preciado  
Kimber Regan - Alternate

## COUNTY MEMBERS

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

## PUBLIC MEMBERS

Cheyne Strawn  
Robert Ramos - Alternate

**CALL TO ORDER:** A special meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County was called to order by Chairman Joe Neves, at 1:00 p.m., on April 22, 2026, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Administration Building (Bldg. No. 1) of the Kings County Government Center located at 1400 West Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA.

## COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Joe Neves, Doug Verboon, Cheyne Strawn

## COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Patricia Matthews, Alvaro Preciado

## STAFF PRESENT:

Chuck Kinney – Executive Officer  
Alejandro Hernandez – Assistant Executive Officer  
Mary Ann Sanchez – Clerk  
Jennifer Thompson – Legal Counsel

## VISITORS PRESENT:

None

## UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

Chairman Neves acknowledged and thanked the Kings County Grand Jury for their attendance.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Discussion took place and it was decided to table the election of officers until the next regular meeting due to only three regular members being present.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon, Strawn) to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2026 meeting. Motion carried with three in favor and two absent (Matthews, Preciado).

## OLD BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS

**A. LAFCO Budget FY 2026-2027** – Mr. Kinney provided a brief overview of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The requested budget of \$97,524 is an increase of \$8,592 more than last year's request, which equates to a 9.66% increase. He also stated 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. He stated within the Agenda Packet, there is a table which breaks out the cost of the budget to each of the four cities, as well as the County's portion. These were mailed to each City Manager, as well as the County CEO, to make them aware and no comments were received in response. He stated the largest increase to the budget this year resides within the travel and expense as it was requested to allow for two Commissioners to be able to attend the annual conference and also to adjust that cost due to increasing costs associated with inflation. Mr. Kinney recommended that the Commission

open the public hearing to receive public comment and testimony on the proposed LAFCO Budget and continue the public hearing to the May 27, 2026, Commission meeting.

Chairman Neves asked if there were any questions or comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Strawn shared his positive experience attending the conference last year and spoke in favor of allowing one or two Commissioners to attend. Commissioner Verboon also shared his experience attending a conference.

Chairman Neves opened the public hearing. Chairman Neves wanted to point out that this was one of the lowest budgets in the State of California and commended staff for being efficient. Seeing no further comments or anyone wishing to speak, he continued the public hearing to the May 27, 2026 meeting.

**B. Grand Jury Report Findings** – Mr. Kinney provided a summary of the Grand Jury Report received by the Executive Officer from the Kings County Grand Jury. He stated the Kings County Grand Jury recently completed a follow up report on their 2024 Findings. He briefed the Commission on the recommendations of the Grand Jury and the draft response letter to be forwarded to the Grand Jury. Mr. Kinney recommended the Commission consider the response letter, provide recommended changes and direct the Executive Officer to send the response letter to the Superior Court, Grand Jury and County Administration.

Chairman Neves asked if there were any questions or comments from the Commissioners. Chairman Verboon asked for clarification regarding the status of the website updates. Mr. Kinney provided clarification.

A motion was made and seconded (Strawn, Verboon) to approve the response letter and to authorize the Executive Officer to send the response letter to the Superior Court, Grand Jury and County Administration. Motion carried with three in favor, two absent (Matthews, Preciado).

## LEGISLATION

**A. Assembly Bill 2083** – Mr. Kinney provided the Commissioners information on Assembly Bill 2083. The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) recently submitted a letter in opposition to Assembly Bill 2083, which would create the Moreno Valley-Perris Childcare Special District as a five year pilot program. CALAFCO's concern is that this would establish a new special district outside of the provisions as outlined within the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act which thereby lacks the processes which include stakeholder involvement, fiscal studies, analysis of service needs and voter approval. CALAFCO believes that this Assembly Bill could set a precedence where special districts bypass going through their local LAFCo and instead choose a process which does not look into whether the services are needed or financially viable. He stated this is being brought as an informational item.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**A. Correspondence** – None

**B. Items from the Commission** – Commissioner Strawn wanted to recap his positive experience attending last year's conference and wanted to encourage Commissioners to attend.

**C. Staff Comments** – Mr. Hernandez stated the Kings County Finance Department made Kings LAFCO aware of a vacancy in the Oversight Board for the County and it's made it difficult to have a quorum for meetings. Kings LAFCO has initiated the nomination process and is

accepting nominations from April 6<sup>th</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>. He stated if there is more than one nomination, an election will be held and ballots will be sent to each of the districts. Responses will be tallied and brought back as an official item before the Commission. Mr. Kinney stated future items for the May 27, 2026 meeting will include adoption of the LAFCO Budget FY 2026-2027, potential modification to the LAFCO meeting schedule and the election of officers, if there is a quorum.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**A. The next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF KINGS COUNTY**



Chuck Kinney, Executive Officer

# Local Agency Formation Commission OF KINGS COUNTY

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**TO: LAFCO Commissioners**  
**FROM: Chuck Kinney, Executive Officer**  
**DATE: May 27, 2026**  
**SUBJECT: 2026-2027 Proposed Budget**

## **I. INTRODUCTION:**

The Executive Officer's proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 LAFCO Budget is provided for the Commission's consideration and adoption. This proposed budget was first presented to the Commission as a Preliminary Budget review on March 25, 2026, and presented as the Proposed Budget with the first public hearing on April 22, 2026. This proposed budget of \$97,524 is an increase of \$8,592 more than last year's request, a 9.66% 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. Revenues are projected at \$50,762. This amount includes the estimated LAFCO Application Fees of \$4,000 and City shares for half of the remaining LAFCO budget. The County covers the remaining half of the LAFCO Budget share of \$46,762, which is an increase of \$4,296 from last FY.

## **II. LAFCO 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR OBJECTIVES**

The primary objectives for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget will center on continued training for LAFCO staff on operational procedures and processes, timely processing of reorganization and extension of service applications, processing of all spheres of influence amendments for the cities, communities, and special districts in Kings County, and preparing 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.

### **III. RECOMMENDATION:**

The Executive Officer recommends that the Commission continue the public hearing to receive public comment and testimony on the proposed LAFCO Budget and consider adoption.

**2020 City/County Population Percentages for LAFCO Budget  
May 22, 2026**

<b>County/City</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Percentage of</b>	<b>City Share</b>	<b>LAFCO</b>
	<b>4/1/2020</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>KINGS COUNTY POP.</b>	<b>152486</b>			
AVENAL	8989	5.89%	8.48%	\$3,965.42
CORCORAN	12087	7.93%	11.39%	\$5,326.19
HANFORD	57990	38.03%	54.65%	\$25,555.43
LEMOORE	27038	17.73%	25.48%	\$11,914.96
<b>CITY SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>106104</b>	<b>69.58%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$46,762</b>
Prison Population	14959	9.82%		
<b>Federal Territories</b>	<b>6568</b>	<b>4.31%</b>		
<b>UNINCORPORATED</b>	<b>24855</b>	<b>16.29%</b>		<b>\$46,762</b>
		100.00%		\$93,524.00

Prepared by: LAFCO of Kings County, March 26, 2026

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF KINGS CO.	<b>2700</b>
	LAFCO
	Pub. Safety
	Other Protect.

Fiscal 2026/2027

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Run date:</b>
<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Budget 25-26</b>	<b>26-27</b>
<b>DEPT. REQ'T 26-27</b>	<b>26-27</b>
<b>Change 26-27</b>	<b>% Change 26-27</b>

<b>SERVICES &amp; SUPPLIES:</b>					
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		Budget 25-26	DEPT. REQ'T 26-27	Change 26-27	% Change 26-27
Supplies & Materials	92001	\$250.00	\$ 250	\$ -	0.00%
Communications	92006	\$125.00	\$ 132	\$ 7	5.60%
Memberships	92027	\$4,000.00	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	25.00%
Record Storage Charges	92032	\$462.00	\$ 462	\$ -	0.00%
Postage & Freight	92033	\$6,500.00	\$ 6,500	\$ -	0.00%
Offset Printing/Stores	92035	\$250.00	\$ 400	\$ 150	60.00%
Prof & Spec Services	92037	\$1,100.00	\$ 1,100	\$ -	0.00%
Legal Expenses	92038	\$11,000.00	\$ 11,000	\$ -	0.00%
Publi. and Legal Notices	92056	\$1,050.00	\$ 1,050	\$ -	0.00%
Rents & Leases - Equipment	92057	\$1,340.00	\$ 1,340	\$ -	0.00%
Purchasing Charges	92068	\$130.00	\$ 130	\$ -	0.00%
Administration/Board Fees	92049	\$3,064.00	\$ 3,064	\$ -	0.00%
Travel & Expenses	92090	\$8,000.00	\$ 14,000	\$ 6,000	75.00%
Motor Pool Serv.	92089	\$0.00	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	N/A
Utilities	92094	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
CAP Charges	93038	\$1,611.00	\$ 1,611	\$ -	0.00%
Information Tech Services	93048	\$2,400.00	\$ 2,400	\$ -	0.00%
Administrative Allocation	93057	\$46,287.00	\$ 46,287	\$ -	0.00%
Utility Bond	98001	\$363.00	\$ 398	\$ 35	9.64%
Consultant Expense	92048			\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL SERV/SUPP:</b>		<b>\$ 88,932</b>	<b>\$ 97,524</b>	<b>\$ 8,592</b>	<b>9.66%</b>

<b>REVENUE:</b>					
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		Budget 25-26	DEPT. REQ'T 26-27	Change 26-27	% Change 26-27
INTERGOV'T REVENUE				0	0
Cities-LAFCO Shares	80008	\$ 42,466	\$ 46,762	\$ 4,296	10.12%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
LAFCO Fees	87095	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0.00%
LAFCO MSR/SOI Fees				\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>		<b>\$ 46,466</b>	<b>\$ 50,762</b>	<b>\$ 4,296</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

<b>TOTALS</b>					
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		Budget 25-26	DEPT. REQ'T 26-27	Change 26-27	% Change 26-27
SALARIES & BENEFITS:		\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
SERVICES & SUPPLIES:		\$ 88,932	\$ 97,524	\$ 8,592	9.66%
FIXED ASSETS:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
GROSS EXPENDITURES:		\$ 88,932	\$ 97,524	\$ 8,592	9.66%
REVENUE:		\$ 46,466	\$ 50,762	\$ 4,296	9.25%
COST APPLIED:	98000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>GEN. FUND CONTRIBUTION:</b>		<b>\$ (42,466)</b>	<b>\$ (46,762)</b>	<b>\$ (4,296)</b>	<b>10.12%</b>