

Although I would like to use time to reiterate my views that the HSR project and the current Business Plan as proposed are deeply flawed and that because of this, we should stop the project until these serious issues can be resolved.....I also realize that despite the fact that the current business plan shows that we do not have adequate funding, ridership, private investor interest or a majority of citizens buying into the plan, it is imperative at this juncture to focus on where I reside....on the Bakersfield/Kern County alignment which is a topic on today's agenda. I will let the rest of today's audience discuss other aspects of the flawed project.

Previously the HSRA ignored Kern County's request to study an alignment that would have fewer significant environmental impacts. The Red and Blue line alignments were modified into a Hybrid alignment that basically deviated only a few hundred feet from the previous proposals.....not truly a "different alignment". Complaints of adverse impacts on high numbers of homes, businesses, hospital and multiple city/county assets seemed to fall on deaf ears until lawsuits came into the picture.

The Locally Generated Alternative (LGA) with a station at F Street has been developed as a compromise so to speak. To even the uninformed, the LGA appears to have fewer impacts on our County and will have far fewer adverse impacts on our quality of life. If picking between the LGA and the Hybrid alignment, the LGA would win hands down upon initial evaluation.... Neither alignment is great in my opinion, but the LGA is definitely the better choice of the two at this juncture.

Recently the media has been running editorial articles written by 1 or 2 individuals who state that the citizens do not want the LGA. These articles imply that we have had the wool pulled over our eyes...that we really need and want the Hybrid alignment and the Truxtun Station location. I assure you....having been actively involved in this process for 6-7 years now..I know this to be absolutely untrue.

We are very anxious to see the full environmental reports in the Draft EIR and participate in the public hearings and comment sessions to ensure that the LGA is a better fit.

Given that the lawsuits were filed in 2014 and alternatives have been discussed since that time, this process is not viewed as rushed. Anyone involved in the process knows that the EIR reports always come out as a Draft document for the public to review. Today's decision to preliminarily recommend the LGA with an F street alignment is not set in stone, but it is an important step to benefit our community.

Given the hurdles that must be overcome, for all we know, this project may never reach Bakersfield. But having a better alignment will give us the peace of mind that if moneys are eventually found and the project (or a similar project) is built in the future....we will have a set approved alignment to plan around in the meantime. This means that homes and other infrastructure plans can be planned in accordance with a planned concrete alignment. AND if future issues arise for future generations, we will have some teeth to defend the preferred alignment. It is in all of our best interests to support the LGA F Street Alignment and strongly urge the Board to endorse it today.

Issues that need to be addressed in the EIR that will impact Bakersfield.

1. Charts provided by the HSRA seem to show that the LGA will have all nonstop trains go at full speed of 220 mph. We have been assured in the past that the train will slow to 125 mph when traveling through heavily populated areas, including downtown.
2. Ending the initial operation section in Wasco will not provide adequate ridership to entice private investment. Proposition 1A states no public subsidy. Californians do not want to subsidize this project for ANY length of time, while "hoping" that private investors will "eventually" get interested. All indications up to this point seem to show that they will require a revenue "guarantee".
3. There are far too many areas of elevated viaduct in the current plan. These should be minimized as much as possible. Excessive elevated viaducts = blight.
4. Assurances are needed that our AMTRAK trains will remain as part of California's transportation plan far into the future. The average citizen in the Central Valley cannot afford to use HSR on a regular basis. The option to use a combination of Amtrak and bus services to get from the Valley to the LA Basin must remain. Modification of Amtrak services should not be considered until full build out of the ENTIRE HSR system.
5. Mitigation for noise, vibration and air pollution needs to be spelled out more specifically.
6. Valley Fever exposure due to HSR construction needs to be taken more seriously. Coordination with local agencies and clear guidelines to protect both workers and the public need to be specific and in place before further construction. Our health is at risk. Additionally, taxpayers may have to foot the bill if workers/citizens generate lawsuits due to a flawed protection plan, as well as a poor effort to fully educate those in the Valley.
7. If money cannot be found to bring the initial operating segment to Shafter or downtown Bakersfield, there should be significant consideration given to choosing the Wasco site for a HMF. The current site proposal includes a temporary station within the Wasco HMF. Wasco is located approximately mid-way between the fully built out HSR alignment. Building the proposed Wasco HMF would save funds directed toward a newly proposed temporary stand-alone Wasco station.
8. There seems to be a shift in long-held goals. Instead of closing the rail gap between the CV and the LA Basin, the focus seems to be on cheap housing in the CV for those working in the Bay Area. No real benefit to the CV except temporary jobs. Construction will intensify our poor air quality for no net benefit. Once again the CV is exploited....and the "bookends" get improved systems regardless.

Please enter these comments in the official record.

Carol Bender

13340 Smoke Creek Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93314



May 10, 2016

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Kathleen Trinity
4343 Fairlane St.
Acton, CA 9310

May 10, 2015

Board of Directors
California High Speed Rail Authority

Good morning Chairman Richard and Board:

As you proceed with your project with limited funds, please realize that the place to make cuts is not on communities. Healthy communities are the backbone of our state and nation. They take a long time to build and develop. They are more than houses, businesses, schools and church buildings. They are at heart relationships upon which members depend, where young people learn to be citizens, and where we can develop our values.

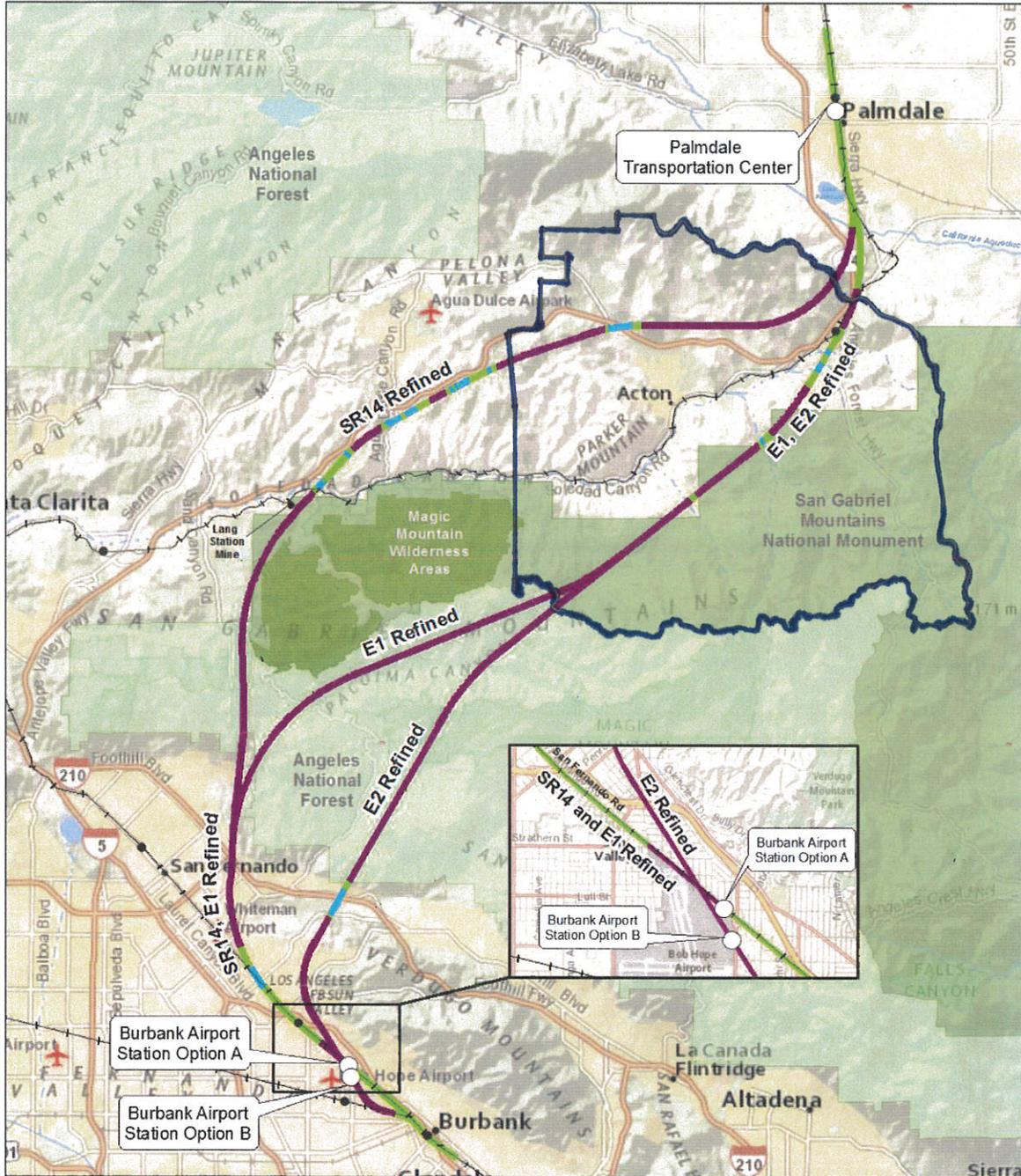
Communities must be treated with attention and respect. Cost cutting at the community level, such as bringing rail to ground level or viaduct rather than going underground, is unfair and unwise in the long run. Driving down the quality of communities to cut costs leads to demographic changes that reach beyond town and city boundaries. In rural communities such as Acton and in the Foothill communities of the San Fernando Valley, this means loss of housing, losses in recreation and equine related businesses and other businesses as well. People outside individual equestrian communities often board their horses or ride trails in Acton and the Foothill communities. Feed and tack stores depend on a healthy horse population. Restaurants serve as meeting spots for horse clubs, and veterinarians care for large animals. Riding lessons provide income, and equestrian events fund charities. Horses are not cows; they are very sensitive to loud, abrupt noises such as a train entering a tunnel. The mass exodus of equestrians and their horses will have far reaching consequences upon our communities.

We have been trying to tell you about the needs of our communities for a long time. We appreciate the progress so far, but two things are required: 1) closer listening with accommodation, and 2) the wellbeing of our communities as a priority. Speaking to engineers and being told that readable maps won't be available for a year is frankly, dismissive and disrespectful. Explaining the needs of an equestrian community and then seeing the planned expansion of at ground and viaduct structures is evidence of not listening. We know our communities and how they work.

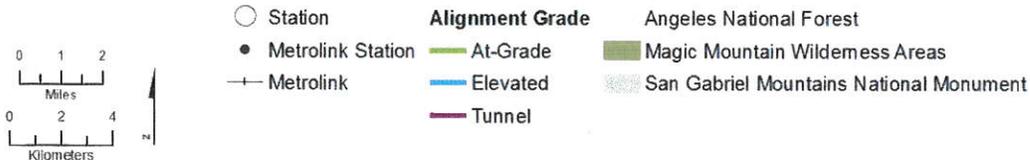
— This was addressed. 5-9-2016 in Acton by your engineers!

You can have all the connectivity in the world, but if you destroy communities, all you've created is an elitist travel route. Ordinary people aren't going to be able to afford a daily round trip ticket to work. In the meantime, you may have destroyed their community. Not to go underground is to treat affected communities cheaply. Please, make routes underground only in the communities from Acton to the San Fernando Valley.

Kathleen Trinity



PRELIMINARY DRAFT/SUBJECT TO CHANGE - HSR ALIGNMENT IS NOT DETERMINED
 Source: CHSR 2015. Image Source: Esri/National Geographic 2016
 April 3, 2016



Refined alternatives reflect feedback from communities, resource agencies, and additional technical information obtained.

Figure ES-6 Alignment and Station Alternatives Carried Forward in this SAA



**KERN COUNTY BLACK CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

May 10, 2016

Chairman Dan Richard
California High-Speed Rail Authority

Dear Chairman Richard:

It is my understanding that today, California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) staff will be making a recommendation to your board to select a preferred alternative through Kern County without the ability for the public to comment on a draft EIR/EIS in advance of this vote. Please table Agenda Item #3.

In accordance with § 15200 of the State CEQA Guidelines, Californians have the right to a public review process that includes: "(a) sharing expertise, (b) disclosing agency analyses, (c) checking for accuracy, (d) detecting omissions, (e) discovering public concerns, and (f) soliciting counter proposals."

I oppose the CHSRA's attempts to skirt the CEQA/NEPA process. I would like to provide comments on BFSSA as part of the statutory environmental processes. My purpose here is to underscore the complete procedural deficiency and to request a new programmatic EIR/EIS approach that includes a complete EIR/EIS before your board takes a position on a preferred alignment. Only then, can the public, other agencies and decision-makers understand the full spectrum of impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures required for the Fresno to Bakersfield segment.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bush
Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development Chairman

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Environmental Justice Frequently Asked Questions

What is Environmental Justice?

The United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines Environmental Justice as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, culture, education, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic groups, should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal environmental programs and policies.”

What are the fundamental concepts of Environmental Justice?

There are three fundamental Environmental Justice principles:

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority populations and low-income populations.

Is Environmental Justice a new requirement?

No. The recipients of Federal-aid have been required to submit assurances of compliance and must ensure nondiscrimination under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and many other laws, regulations and policies. In 1997 the Department issued its U.S. Department of Transportation Order to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations to summarize and expand upon the requirements of Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice.

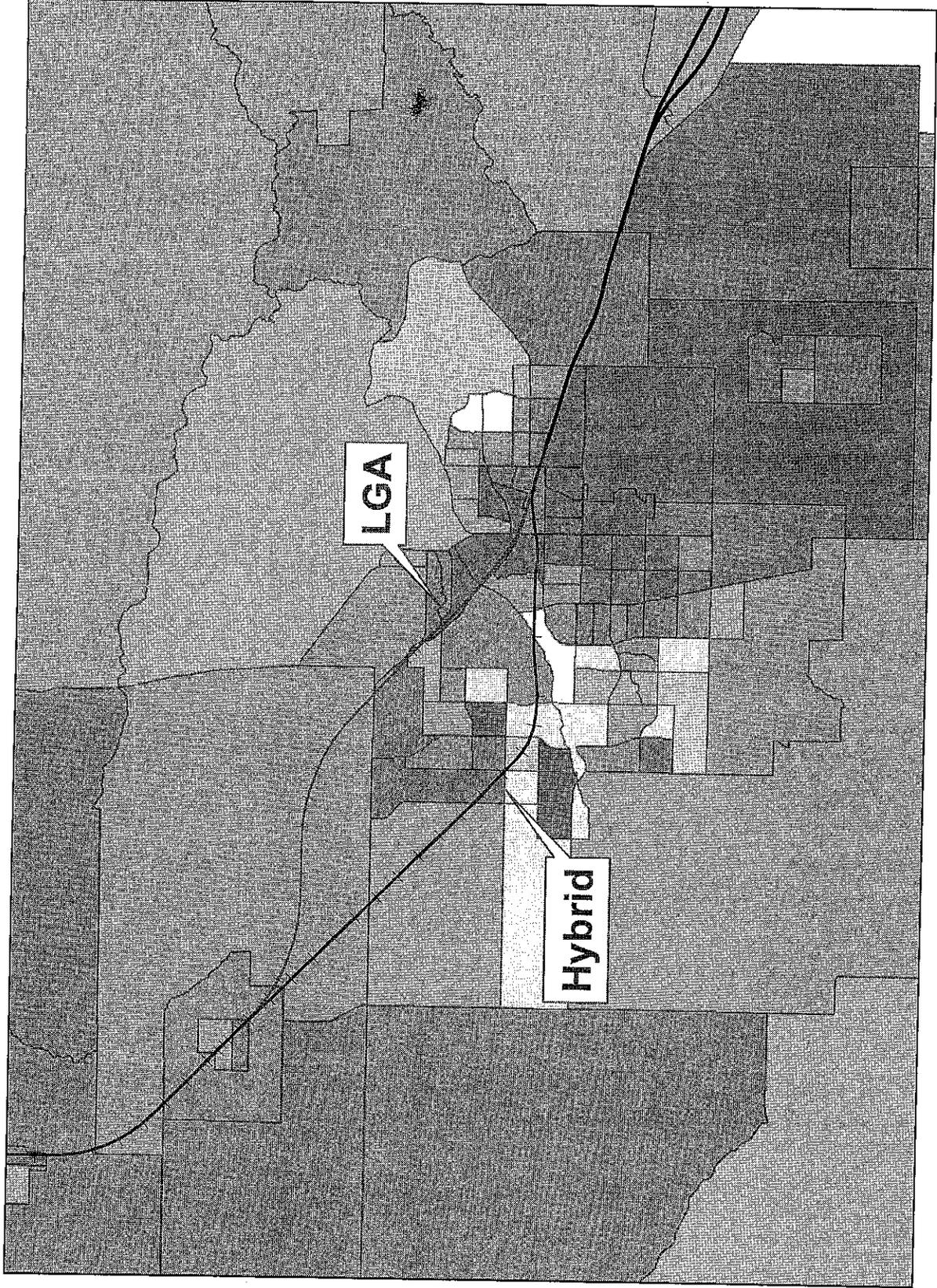
What is a minority population?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander are racial and ethnic minority groups. Read the Federal bulletin about standards for classifying Federal data on race and ethnicity at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/bulletins/b00-02.html>.

What is a low-income population?

“Low-income” is defined as a person whose household income is at or below the Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines (HHS). If a family’s total income falls below the relevant income level, then the family is classified as being below the poverty level. The most current HHS poverty guidelines can be found at HHS’s website: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/12poverty.shtml>.

LGA vs Hybrid Alignments Disadvantaged Communities



Source: CalEnviroScreen v2



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Kevin Bush <2045994@gmail.com>

Thank You for your Comment

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California High-Speed Rail Authority <fresno_bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov>

Fri, Dec 18, 2015 at 11:14 AM

Reply-To: fresno_bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov
To: 2045994@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest in the California High-Speed Rail Program and your attendance at the November 5, 2015 Community Open House in Bakersfield. We appreciate your words of support. We have received your comments regarding your support of the Bakersfield F Street Station Alignment (BFSSA) also known as the Locally Generated Alternative (LGA).

The BFSSA is located between the cities of Shafter and Bakersfield in the Central Valley and is being studied as part of the draft Fresno to Bakersfield supplemental environmental document. As a result of a settlement agreement between the City of Bakersfield and the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), this LGA has been developed in cooperation with the City of Bakersfield and will be studied along with the approved Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative in a supplemental environmental document.

Development of the supplemental environmental document for the BFSSA is advancing and a draft is anticipated for release in the spring of 2016, which will include public hearings, agency and public comment opportunities. The supplemental environmental document will evaluate the potential effects associated with the BFSSA and will provide a comparison of the BFSSA and the Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative. This ongoing planning will continue to include public involvement opportunities.

The Authority has been working with the cities of Bakersfield and Shafter, as well as local residents, stakeholders and regulatory agencies to refine an alignment that includes a station at the intersection of F Street and Golden State Avenue.

Public involvement is an important part of the planning and environmental process and we appreciate and value your input. Materials from the meeting and announcements about future meeting and related information will be posted on the BFSSA Section page of the Authority's website at: http://www.hsr.ca.gov/programs/statewide_rail_modernization/project_sections/bakersfield_f_street_station_alignment.html

For additional project information and to sign up to receive e-mail notification and information from the Authority, please visit www.hsr.ca.gov. We look forward to your continued participation throughout this process.

Best Wishes,

Bakersfield F Street Station Alignment Project Team
California High-Speed Rail Authority
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Kevin Bush <2045994@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 18, 2015 at 11:32 AM

To: fresno_bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov

I am NOT in support of the F Street alignment I am in support of the hybrid alignment

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Kevin Bush <2045994@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 18, 2015 at 11:35 AM

To: fresno_bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov

I am NOT in support of the F Street alignment I am in support of the hybrid Truxton Avenue alignment

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Kevin Bush <2045994@gmail.com>

Thank you for your interest on the California High-Speed Rail Bakersfield F Street Alignment

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California High-Speed Rail Authority <fresno_bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov>

Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 3:11 PM

Reply-To: fresno_bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov

To: 2045994@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Bush,

Thank you for your interest in the California High-Speed Rail Program and your attendance at the Bakersfield F Street Station Alignment (BFSSA) Community Open House in Bakersfield last year. We have received your comment regarding your support of the Bakersfield Fresno to Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative.

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Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 3:33 PM

To: Troy Hightower <thightower@tdhintl.net>

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California High-Speed Rail Authority - response to your station planning inquiry

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California High-Speed Rail Authority <fresno_bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov>

Tue, Mar 8, 2016 at 4:06 PM

Reply-To: fresno_bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov
To: 2045994@gmail.com

We apologize to your late response to a comment you submitted at a public meeting in Fall 2015 regarding station funding. You asked about the \$750,000 that was dedicated to studying a high-speed rail station in Bakersfield.

The Station Area Planning work that is now underway is being directed by the City. Accordingly, your question is best asked of the City, and a series of workshops is tentatively scheduled for this spring. We note, however, that the Authority has not selected or committed to either the F Street location or the Hybrid location. Much of the foundational work necessary for the Station Area Plan, to be done in the next year or two, will be useful and beneficial regardless of whether the station is located at Truxtun or F Street. Both locations will have a profound common beneficial effect on downtown Bakersfield, and work under the Station Area Plan will help the City plan for how to handle and capitalize on that effect.

To this email is attached the press release the Authority released in 2015 about the City of Bakersfield and Authority's station planning agreement. Within it, you can better see the scope of work for this agreement.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Thanks

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Kevin Bush <2045994@gmail.com>
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Tue, Mar 8, 2016 at 6:28 PM

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Mon, Mar 14, 2016 at 9:20 PM

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From: **California High-Speed Rail Authority** <fresno_bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 8, 2016 at 4:06 PM



**Kern Council
of Governments**

July 6, 2011

TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: RONALD E. BRUMMETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BY: Troy Hightower, Planner II *T.H.*
SUBJECT: TTAC AGENDA ITEM: IX
BAKERSFIELD HIGH SPEED TRAIN STATION AREA PLAN

DESCRIPTION:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) has identified the City of Bakersfield to receive funding to support planning for the area around the Bakersfield High-Speed train station. The funding available is from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and Proposition 1A. The Authority has decided that the total amount available for Bakersfield station area planning is \$ 900,000. The City of Bakersfield in collaboration with Kern COG is applying for \$800,000 to fund a two year planning effort.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The Authority and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) have a strong interest in supporting local government planning efforts in cities where high-speed train stations are being considered. Proactive, innovative, comprehensive and thoughtful land use planning and implementation around stations is critical to the success of the high-speed train. On November 17, 2010 Kern COG entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Bakersfield to develop a station area plan for the planned high-speed train station in Bakersfield. The MOU is based on the Authority's "General Principles and Guidelines" for station area development.

Recent Activity

On March 29, 2011 the Authority sent the City of Bakersfield and Kern COG a notice letter stating Bakersfield was eligible for up to \$900,000 and an application package to receive funding. The package explained the funding sources and matching requirements. In collaboration with Kern COG the City of Bakersfield is applying for a total of \$ 800,000 and the table below lists the funding sources. Kern COG has agreed to provide \$100,000 of local matching funds. The funds will come from OWP work element 606.6 Passenger Rail Program

Funding Source Type	
ARRA Funds	\$ 400,000
Prop 1A Funds	\$ 200,000
Local Funds	\$ 100,000
City of Bakersfield In-kind Services	\$ 50,000
Kern COG In-kind Services	\$ 50,000
TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING	\$ 800,000

City of Bakersfield and Kern COG have collaborated on the preparation of the funding application. Kern COG will perform some of the tasks listed in the Scope of Work such as developing 3D visualizations of conceptual designs, potential developments in the vicinity of the proposed station site(s), and the results from the studies that will be performed as part of the station area planning effort.

Next Steps

City of Bakersfield plans to submit the funding application to the Authority by June 30, 2011.

Attachments

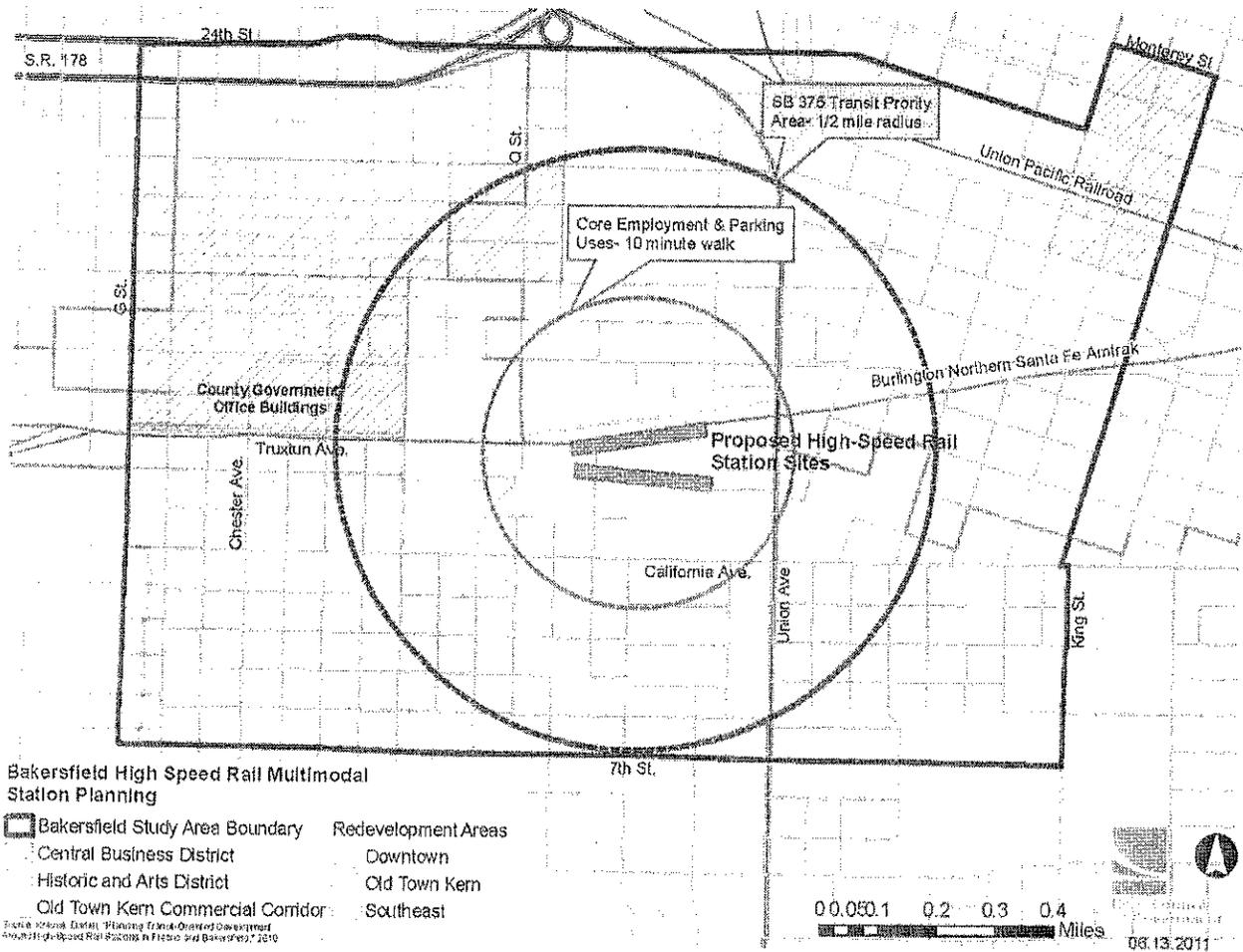
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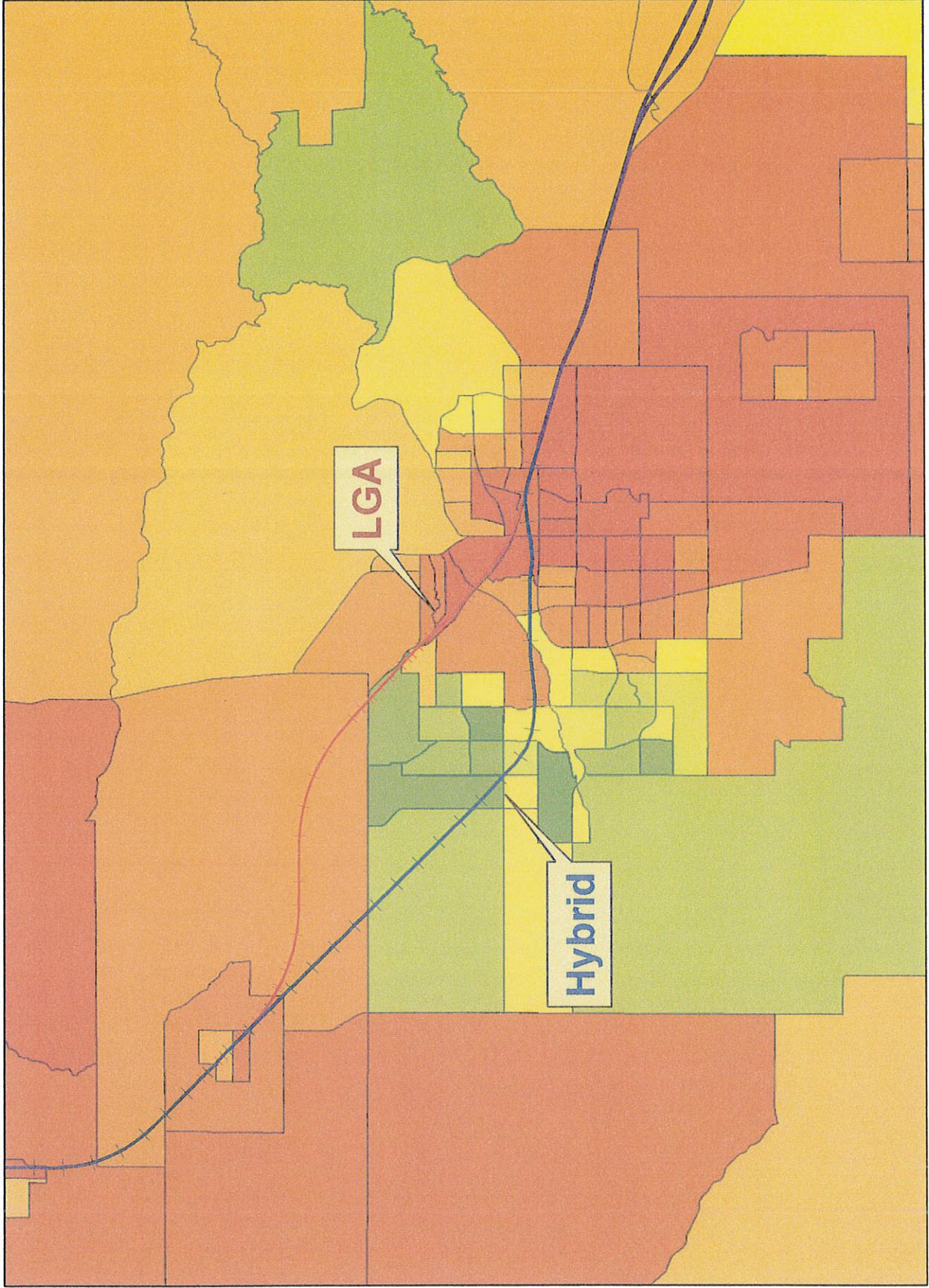
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Attachment 1

High-Speed Train Station Study Area Map



LGA vs Hybrid Alignments Disadvantaged Communities



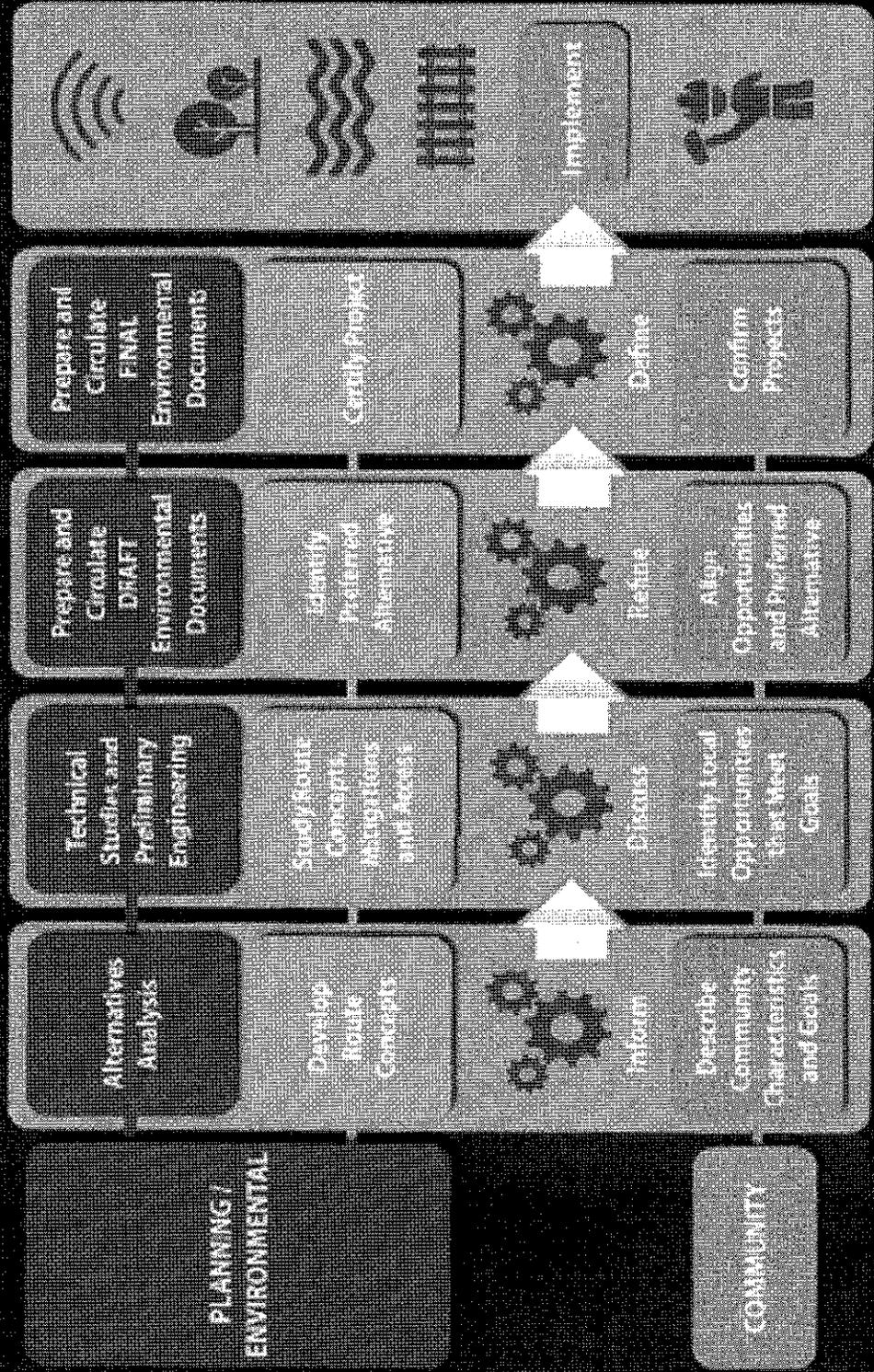
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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS



Source: CAHSR Authority

Adam Cohen

Recipient: Gov. Jerry Brown

Letter: Greetings,

Today, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) board will be meeting in Bakersfield. On the agenda, Bakersfield City Manager and CHSRA staff will ask the high-speed rail board to select a preferred alignment through Western Kern County before the public has had an opportunity to view and comment on an environmental impact report (EIR).

We write to you in opposition of a station at F Street and Golden State Avenue and opposition to the selection of a preferred alignment in Kern County without the ability to view and comment on an EIR.

BFSSA decouples multi-modal connectivity. Multi-modal transportation is an industry best practice recognized by multiple public agencies and industry associations, including the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT); Federal Transit Administration (FTA); Federal Railroad Administration (FRA); American Public Transportation Association (APTA); American Planning Association (APA); and Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. These well-respected public agencies and associations recognize that there is a synergistic multiplier effect that happens when you pair transportation modes together. Decoupling these rail links only increases vehicle miles traveled and vehicular emissions as high-speed rail passengers will be forced into shuttles, taxis, and Ubers to transfer to an Amtrak train (or vice versa). We believe this action will increase traffic and air pollution in downtown Bakersfield and Westchester.

Some key unanswered questions include:

- What parcels and structures are impacted by the revised version of the city's alignment;
- The impacts of Bakersfield's alignment on the 4,500 home Gossamer Grove master planned community;
- The impacts of Bakersfield's alignment on farmers and farm operations along Burbank Avenue;
- The environmental and economic impacts on Old Town Kern;
- The height of the elevated viaducts through central Bakersfield;
- The shadow effects of these viaducts and their impacts on views from the

Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Citizens for Downtown Bakersfield	, United States	2016-04-22
Kevin Bush	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-04-22
Lynn Bennett	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-04-22
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Christopher Ramirez	San Francisco, CA, United States	2016-04-22
Sue Bryan	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-04-23
Rebecca Cohen	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-04-25
Erica Zeimet-Cameron	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-05-06
Cynthia Bush	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-05-06
Chuck Dickson	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-05-06
Harry Wilson	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-05-06
Laura Epps	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-05-06
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Anne and Jerry Seydel	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-05-07
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Steve Epps	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-05-07
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Norman Maynard	Bakersfield, CA, United States	2016-05-07

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HSR Authority Board Meeting – Bakersfield 05-10-16

I'm Bill Descary

Mr. Chairman and Board Members

It is important to briefly recap why Item #3 is on today's agenda (how we got to this point). As a 42 year Bakersfield resident, I've closely followed the HSR Project. When the Draft Fresno to Bakersfield EIR was released in 2011, I was highly critical of the alignment that followed the BNSF tracks along Truxtun Ave. with its 90 foot elevation over the Westside Parkway and the 30 foot elevation through town with massive destruction to residences, schools, churches, businesses, a hospital, and municipal infrastructure such as RaboBank Arena and the City's municipal services yard. Many of us expressed our anger over the alignment with letters to the editor, Community Voice articles and speaking at City Council meetings. Our elected officials listened and in December 2011, the Bakersfield City Council passed on a 6-1 vote a strong resolution opposing the HSR Project as currently planned. Note,

not opposing HSR but opposing the project as it was planned. It destroyed our city. As a result, in 2012, the Authority released a Revised Draft EIR with a Hybrid Alignment that was slightly different but overall wasn't much better. Then, the Authority IGNORED Bakersfield for about two years.

In May 2014 the HSR Board approved the Fresno to Bakersfield EIR excluding the 7th Standard Road to Downtown Bakersfield Portion while directing Authority staff to work with Bakersfield to resolve alignment issues. In the approval, the Authority expressed the Hybrid as its preferred alignment with the provision that with 60 days notice, it could begin constructing this portion. Many, including myself, were outraged with this action and the next logical step was to file a lawsuit which the city did the following month. Separate lawsuits were filed by Kern County, Mercy Hospital and four other impacted entities.

The Authority did work with City staff and the Locally Generated Alternative (LGA) or F Street Alternative was developed and lead to settling the city's lawsuit. The LGA is far superior to the Hybrid Alignment. I respectfully urge the Board to concur with the recommendation in Item #3 which is to include the LGA as the Preferred Alternative Alignment in the Bakersfield Area in the soon to be released Draft Supplemental EIR.

Thank you.

5/10/10

Good Morning Honorable Chairman Richards, & Members of the Authority:

It is my hope that you are successful in constructing and operating the California Bullet Train from San Francisco to Los Angeles. The primary difficulty in achieving this, is the segment from Bakersfield to Los Angeles. Much has been written regarding the cost & time required to traverse and tunnel through the Tehachapi & San Gabriel Mountains, to the point where many feel that Bakersfield may ultimately be the final southern terminus.

To insure that Los Angeles is, in fact, in play, it's time for the Authority to "Think Outside the Box". From a geological, geographical, logistical, and financial standpoint there is an alignment that will enable the completion of the project SOONER THAN EXPECTED & UNDER BUDGET.

Upon study, you will determine that the most logical alignment to Los Angeles is the following SOUTHWEST ROUTE:

Depart Bakersfield to the Southwest through Maricopa and Ventucopa, to the junction of SR33 and Lockwood Valley Road. From here tunnel under the Los Padres National Forest all the way to the SR33 Freeway between Ojai & Ventura (Casitas Springs). The tunneling distance will be approximately 17-20 miles (compared to total of 36 miles of tunnels along the Tehachapi route, one measuring 17 miles in length). With lower elevation gain to deal with than the Tehachapi route, the tunnel (and tracks) under the Los Padres will have decreased percent grade (2.5%) ,allowing for maximum train speeds of 220 mph. Thus, it will take the HSR only about 6 minutes to travel under the Los Padres from Lockwood Valley Road to Casitas Springs. Because the train will not see the light of day under the Forest, it will have no effect on the natural ecosystem above ground (out of sight-out of mind).

The tunnels can be bored under a direct line of canyons running north to south, not under summits, this means shallower tunnels that enable construction of escape routes at reasonable depth along its entirety. The biggest difference & advantage of this route is the geology. The Los Padres consists of Monterey shale, Marine sandstone, chalk, limestone, pebbly conglomerate, and sedimentary rock. This makeup is much more suitable for boring tunnels. Through the Shattered Granite & Fault Zones of the Tehachapi- San Gabriel's the boring rate is only 10-20 feet/day vs. the boring rate of 100-200 feet/day through the Sedimentary Los Padres. This represents a tenfold reduction in the time to bore the tunnel, not to mention that the southwest route requires ½ the number of tunnel miles. The result being greatly reduced construction cost, and decreased construction time.

The fourth advantage of the Southwest Route is the elimination of the Public Outcry and Opposition being voiced from residents in Sylmar, Lakeview Terrace, and San Fernando. The bullet-train allignment from Ventura all the way through Simi Valley, Van Nyes, and Burbank to Union Station will run along an already established Right of Way. Not only will this eliminate the Public Outcry and Litigation, this route will save countless millions by eliminating the need to have Subterranean Tracks from Santa Clarita to Burbank.

Fifth, this route will be much more appealing to the public. Travelers, Commuters, and Tourists will be attracted to the Coastal Route, the result being increased ridership and greater revenues, which in turn will attract & generate outside investment in the system.

The overall mileage from Bakersfield to Los Angeles via the Tehachapi route is 68 miles, via the southwest Los Padres route it is 70 miles. It is negligible.

There are 5 distinct benefits for HSR to look at regarding the Southwest, Los Padres route.

** Because of fewer Tunnel Miles & Favorable Geological Boring, the Southwest Los Padres route will

- (1) Save Billions of Dollars and
- (2) Reduce completion time by many years.

(3) Allow for Reasonable Escape Routes

** The alignment itself will

(4) Eliminate the Public Discourse

(5) Enhance Outside Investment

I urge you to perform an EIR to prove the merits of this alignment.

Thank you,

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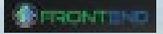
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Kern's recent **No. 2** ranking for millennial job and population growth has piqued the interest of the local and national news outlets. (According to the **Pew Research Center**, millennials—those born between 1981 and 1997—now make up the largest segment of the U.S. labor force.) As a result of these demographic shifts, it is essential that **Kern EDC's** coalition of public and private sector leaders diligently work to attract and retain the workforce of the future.

Indeed, Kern County is well positioned to meet the future needs of the next generation of workers. As the top metro in the U.S. for social mobility, both local and out-of-area millennials will have the opportunity to achieve the California dream.

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Kern EDC has never wavered from its mission of recruiting and retaining hi-value jobs for the region, as we proactively brand Kern County to corporate real estate executives and site selection consultants throughout the U.S.

Kern EDC has significantly bolstered its business development activity in the \$1 trillion Los Angeles and Inland Empire economy. (Even though businesses leaving California are garnering the most media attention, the numbers actually show that the vast majority of relocating companies are moving to an adjacent county or cross county, from a more urban area to a less urban one.) We want the relevant decision-makers to know that Kern County is the optimal West Coast location.

In addition, **Kern EDC's** team conducted over 100 local company visitations that have impacted approximately 4,000 full and part time employees. (Indeed, local businesses create approximately **80%** of the new jobs and capital investment within a community.) **Kern EDC** will continue to encourage local economic growth by strengthening Kern County's competitive position and facilitating business outreach to help our business community thrive.

I invite you to partner with **Kern EDC** on its bold and innovative business development agenda. We truly believe that Kern County is the "best investment a business can make." ■

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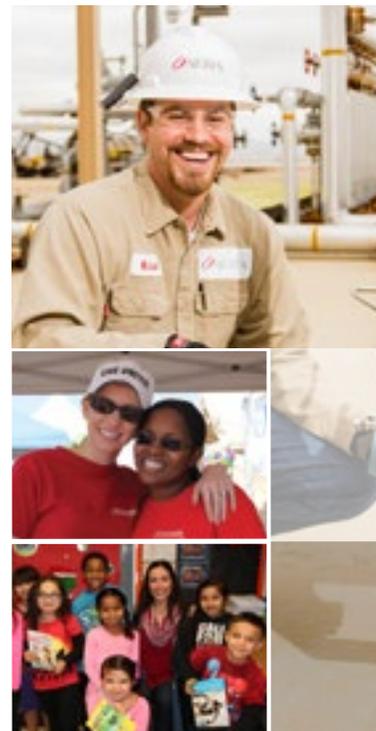
Kern County, California is the location of choice for some of the top renewable, petroleum, agriculture, food processing and manufacturing companies in the country. These are companies that flourish in a community that blends the best of hospitality, family, work and play.

From a supportive business environment and exceptional quality of life, to small-town appeal with big-city amenities, Kern offers businesses and their employees everything they need to build a bright future.

I invite you to learn more about Kern County's appeal in this year's *Market Overview & Investor Directory*. This annual publication showcases the region's vast resources, business climate, demographics, and quality of life, which is important to consider while making your own business development decisions. The directory segment provides contact information needed to help you reach out and create strong relationships with our business partners, all of whom recognize that a strong economic development effort is integral to our county's continued vitality. ■

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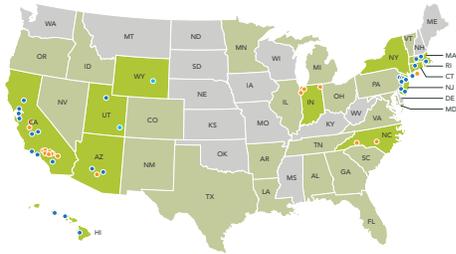
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Helping Companies Grow and Create Jobs

Kern EDC offers a variety of services designed to support our mission. With local industry sector expertise and deep connections in Kern's communities, we work to ensure the region remains a leader of commerce and a hub for innovation.

Kern EDC Services:

SITE SELECTION

Through partnerships with the County of Kern, municipalities and real estate professionals, we can identify available property and buildings that meet your requirements. To ensure a healthy economy and a diverse portfolio, **Kern EDC** targets the industries which will benefit most from what our county has to offer.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

We provide direct access to educational and vocational training organizations, as well as other local training resources, to help businesses recruit, hire and train employees. Our local university, **California State University Bakersfield**, is centrally located in the valley and serves more than 9,000 students, and our local community colleges serve more than 43,000 students.

FINANCING

We help you find and apply for financial incentives, and connect you with grant and loan professionals. Businesses looking to relocate or expand in Kern County can find a wide variety of incentives available. We can direct businesses to federal, state and local economic incentives available to attract new jobs, investment and development.

PRIVATE/PUBLIC SECTOR SYNERGY

Whether we are helping facilitate Kern's already expedient permitting process, or speaking to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of local companies, our strong relationship with the County is invaluable. **Kern EDC's** establishment and past successes are the result of the generosity of engaged stakeholders representing private businesses and government entities.

RESEARCH

We compile labor studies, demographic data, economic vitality updates and other important information you need to objectively evaluate Kern County as a viable option for your growing business. Our website is updated on a nearly daily basis, and an electronic newsletter is sent out weekly to keep investors, partners, and those with a general interest in the county abreast of upcoming events and news. ■



The **Kern Economic Development Corporation (Kern EDC)** is a public private partnership formed in

1988 with the mission of stimulating a diversified and strong economic climate in Kern County. This is accomplished through new business recruitment and assistance with retention and expansion of existing businesses.



In 2007, **Kern Economic Development Foundation (KEDF)** was created to support Kern County businesses and communities in reaching

their full economic potential. **KEDF** is a research and education-based organization which supports career mentoring initiatives in local high schools and economic growth in small communities.

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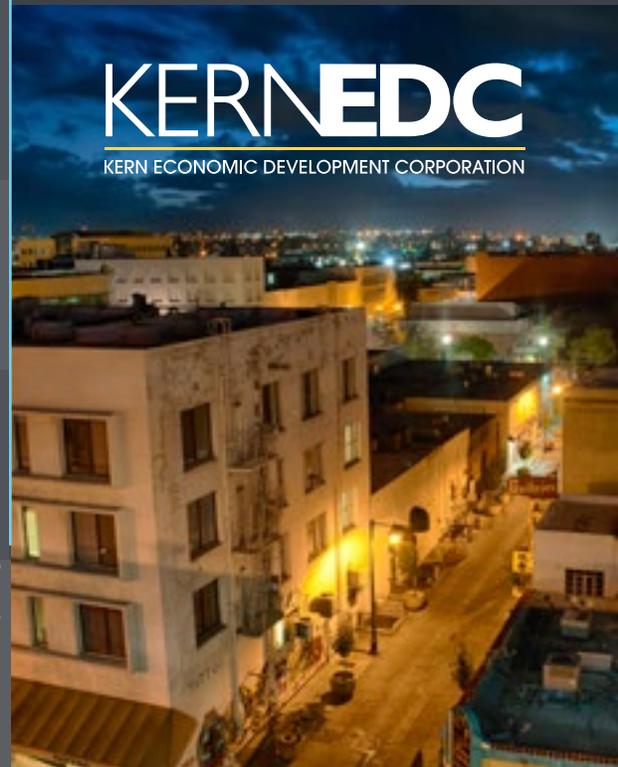


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Top 10 Reasons to Do Business in Kern County



1 | Location, Location, Location!

Kern County is geographically the center of California's population, making it accessible to 38 million consumers.



2 | Top 20 Economic Growth (Brookings Institution)

The Brookings Institution's *Metro Monitor* Kern County #19 in the U.S. for economic growth from 2009-2014. Three indicators were used: jobs, aggregate wages, and output (gross product).



3 | #1 Metro for Fastest-Growing Workforce (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

The Bakersfield MSA (Kern County) ranks #1 for fastest-growing workforce and #4 for most industrial variety, according to **WalletHub's** "2014 Best U.S. Cities To Find A Job" list.



5 | Fastest-Growing Metro GDP (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

Powered by the energy and agriculture industries, Kern County's economy experienced an annual growth rate of 10.4% from 2001-2014.



6 | #4 Most Industrial Variety (WalletHub)

From aerospace to logistics and manufacturing jobs, Kern County has a bountiful job market for the average job seeker, independent of background or industry focus.



7 | #5 Metro in U.S. for Upward Mobility (National Bureau of Economic Research)

Kern County is definitely the land of opportunity because it ranks #1 in U.S. for "Odds of Reaching Top Fifth Starting from the Bottom Fifth." Greater mobility is associated with the following community characteristics: less segregation, less income inequality, better schools, greater social capital, and more stable families.

“... (Kern County) ranks #1 for fastest-growing workforce and #4 for most industrial variety ...”

These are just a few accolades that demonstrate Kern County's stability as an **economic powerhouse.**



4 | **#2 Millennial Job Growth Creation** *(Forbes)*

The Bakersfield-Delano metropolitan area had the second-fastest job growth rate in the nation for millennials from 2007 to 2013, at 11%.



With top rankings making national news, it's easy to see why Kern County is "the land of opportunity."



8 | **Top 20 Best Performing U.S. Metro** *(Milken Institute)*

Kern County has held steady at the #19 spot due to good performance in job and wage growth, despite lagging the state and the nation in educational attainment.



9 | **#9 Engineering Jobs per Capita in U.S.** *(Forbes)*

Over 15,000 people work in the energy industry and engineers make up about 4,680 employees. This translates to 17.1 engineers per 1,000 employees.



10 | **#4 Region for STEM Jobs** *(Brookings Institution)*

The number of local blue-collar technical jobs in the energy industry puts Kern's Bakersfield MSA ahead of Seattle for the prevalence of technical jobs: science, computer technology, engineering and math. ■

“Over 15,000 people work in the energy industry and engineers make up about 4,680 employees.”



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\$39.9B
Gross Domestic Product

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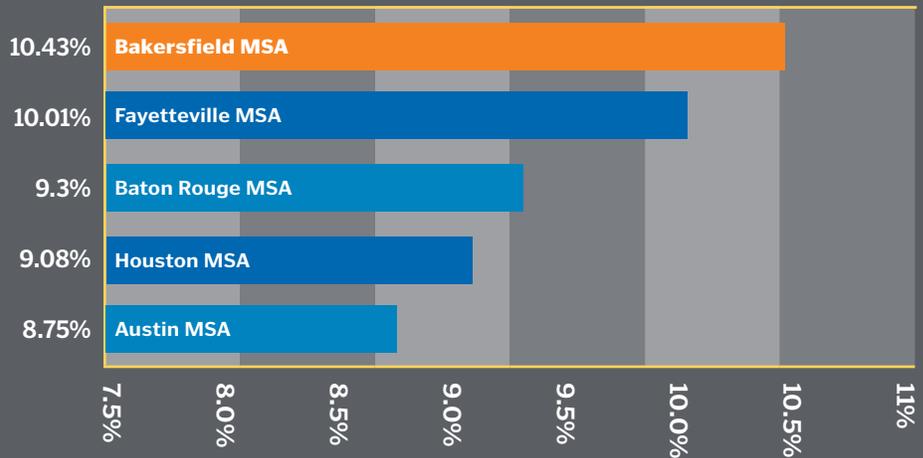
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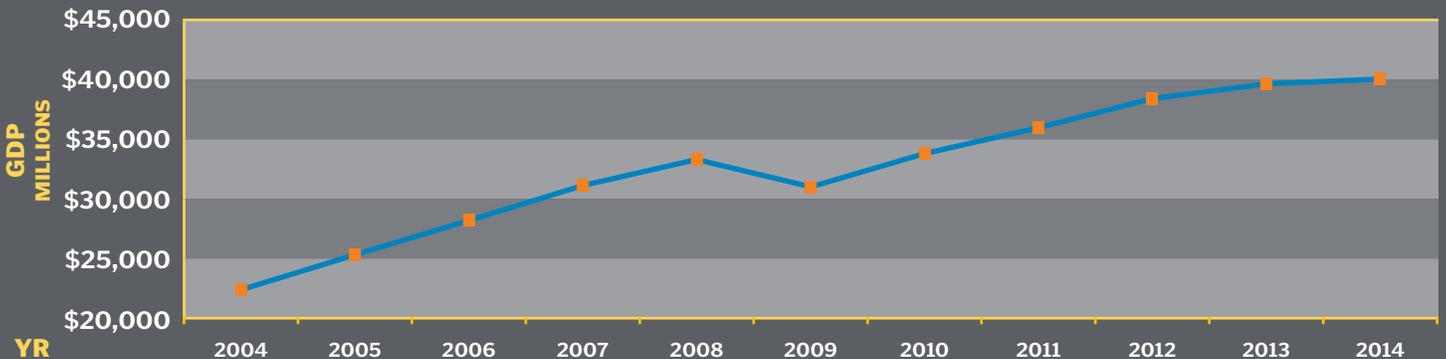
The Fast-Growing U.S. Economy Since 2001

IN 2014, KERN COUNTY'S GDP INCREASED 0.7% bringing its GDP to \$39.9 billion from \$39.5 billion in 2013. Once again, manufacturing and trade industries were the top performers.

TOP METROS-GDP GROWTH (2001-14)



KERN COUNTY GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT GROWTH 2004-14



(U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis)

TOP 20 GDP BY METROPOLITAN AREA IN CA

METROPOLITAN AREA	GDP (\$B)
Los Angeles–Long Beach–Anaheim	\$866.7
San Francisco–Oakland–Hayward	\$411.9
San Jose–Sunnyvale–Santa Clara	\$213.8
San Diego–Carlsbad	\$206.8
Riverside–San Bernardino–Ontario	\$133.9
Sacramento–Roseville–Arden-Arcade	\$112.7
Bakersfield	\$39.9
Fresno	\$37.1
Santa Rosa	\$23.8
Stockton–Lodi	\$23.4
Salinas	\$20.8
Modesto	\$18.1
Vallejo–Fairfield	\$18.1
Visalia–Porterville	\$13.6
San Luis Obispo–Paso Robles–Arroyo Grande	\$13.1
Santa Cruz–Watsonville	\$11.2
Napa	\$8.8
Merced	\$7.2
Chico	\$6.8
El Centro	\$5.6

(U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis)

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“... In 2014, Kern County’s GDP increased **0.7%** bringing its GDP to **\$39.9 billion** ...”

Kern’s Top Ten Major Employers

- EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE**
 Location: Edwards
 Type: Military
 Employees: 9,774
- COUNTY OF KERN**
 Location: Bakersfield
 Type: Government
 Employees: 9,300
- CHINA LAKE NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER**
 Location: China Lake
 Type: Military
 Employees: 7,000
- GRIMMWAY**
 Location: Arvin
 Type: Agriculture
 Employees: 4,130
- DIGNITY HEALTH**
 Location: Bakersfield
 Type: Health Care
 Employees: 3,200
- WM. BOLTHOUSE FARMS**
 Location: Bakersfield
 Type: Agriculture
 Employees: 2,800
- SAN JOAQUIN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**
 Location: Bakersfield
 Type: Health Care
 Employees: 2,100
- SUN WORLD**
 Location: Bakersfield
 Type: Agriculture
 Employees: 1,600
- CHEVRON**
 Location: Bakersfield
 Type: Oil & Gas
 Employees: 1,600
- CITY OF BAKERSFIELD**
 Location: Bakersfield
 Type: Government
 Employees: 1,474

(Kern Economic Development Corporation)

KERN COUNTY GDP (GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT) BY INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY	DOLLARS (M)
All Industry Total	\$39,989
Private Industries	\$33,626
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	\$5,083
Mining	\$6,486
Utilities	\$564
Construction	\$1,724
Manufacturing	\$3,294
Wholesale Trade	\$2,057
Retail Trade	\$2,327
Transportation & Warehousing	\$1,131
Information	\$439
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$3,948
Professional & Business Services	\$2,589
Educational Services, Healthcare & Social Assistance	\$2,137
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation & Food	\$789
Other Services (Except Government)	\$1,059
Government	\$6,364
ADDENDA	
Natural Resources & Mining	\$11,568
Trade	\$4,385
Transportation & Utilities	\$1,695
Private Goods-producing Industries	\$16,585
Private Services-providing Industries	\$17,040

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

TOP 10 TAXPAYERS

 Chevron USA VALUE \$5,749,863,807 TAXES \$62,419,802	 Occidental of Elk Hills VALUE \$4,771,385,285 TAXES \$52,205,684
 Aera Energy VALUE \$2,939,428,572 TAXES \$30,799,924	 Berry Petroleum Company VALUE \$1,401,992,053 TAXES \$15,230,591
 Pacific Gas & Electric VALUE \$901,925,254 TAXES \$12,610,122	 Freeport-McMoRan VALUE \$1,184,726,408 TAXES \$12,300,348
 Southern California Edison VALUE \$757,923,326 TAXES \$10,595,858	 Vintage Petroleum VALUE \$950,341,044 TAXES \$10,555,853
 Linn Energy Holdings VALUE \$565,316,626 TAXES \$5,846,658	 Paramount Farms International VALUE \$505,304,183 TAXES \$5,406,214

County of Kern, Tax Rates & Assessed Valuations 2015-2016

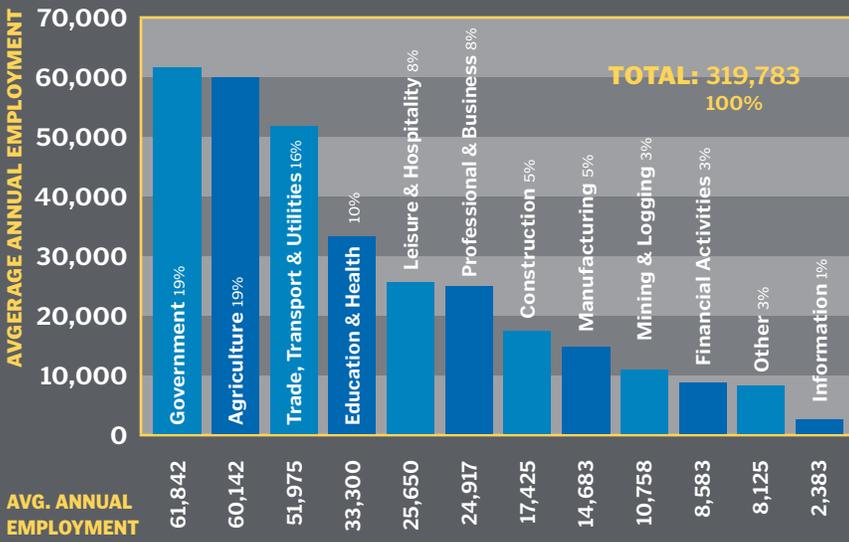
5-YEAR TOP INDUSTRY COUNTY ASSESSMENT VALUES COMPARISON

INDUSTRY	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Oil & Gas	\$19,432,485,186	\$31,505,195,622	\$30,130,518,045	\$31,988,904,594	\$28,705,418,412	\$27,093,826,139
Ag	\$6,446,978,908	\$6,212,206,890	\$6,060,958,882	\$5,725,246,060	\$5,198,355,360	\$4,553,541,774
Wind	\$5,008,346,734	\$5,166,894,377	\$4,638,966,775	\$3,002,670,258	\$1,338,661,227	\$690,752,757
Solar	\$183,040,768	\$4,763,290	\$6,320,967	\$6,561,195	\$151,652	\$150,520

Kern County Assessor's Office

(State of California, Employment Development Dept.)

ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



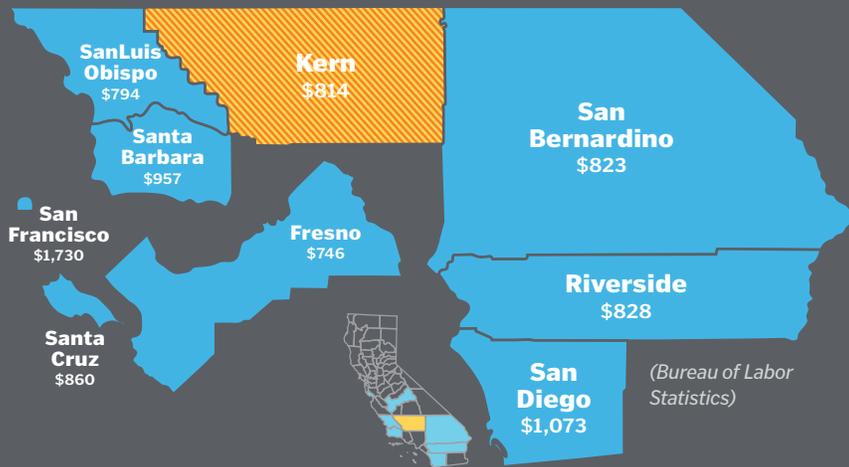
“... industry in Kern County is projected to reach **371,900** by 2022, an increase of **14.7%** over the next ten years.”

LABOR STATISTICS

Labor Force	394,925
Number of Employed	355,650
Number of Unemployed	39,242
Unemployment Rate	10.0%

(State of California Employment Development Dept., '15 average)

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY COUNTY



5-YEAR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE COMPARISON

(State of California Employment Development Department)

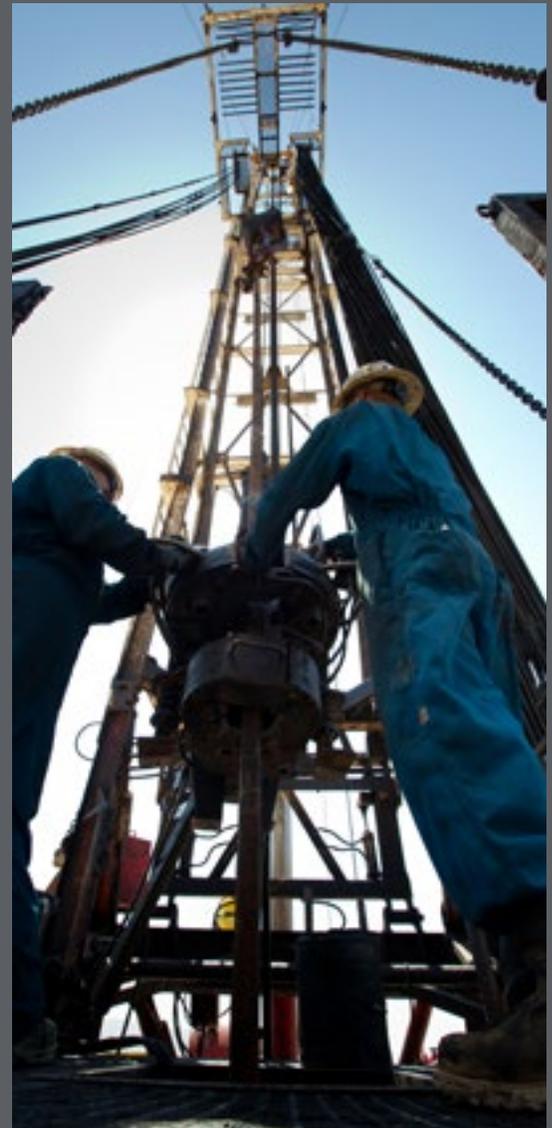
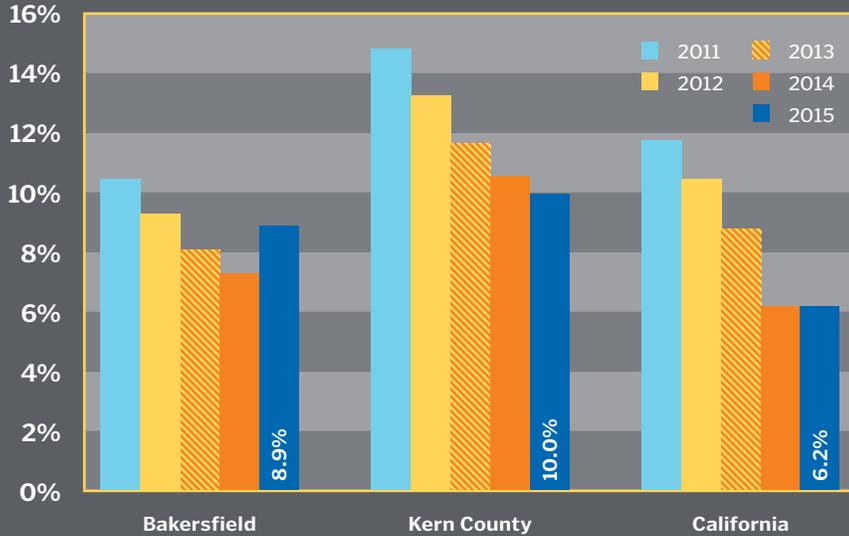
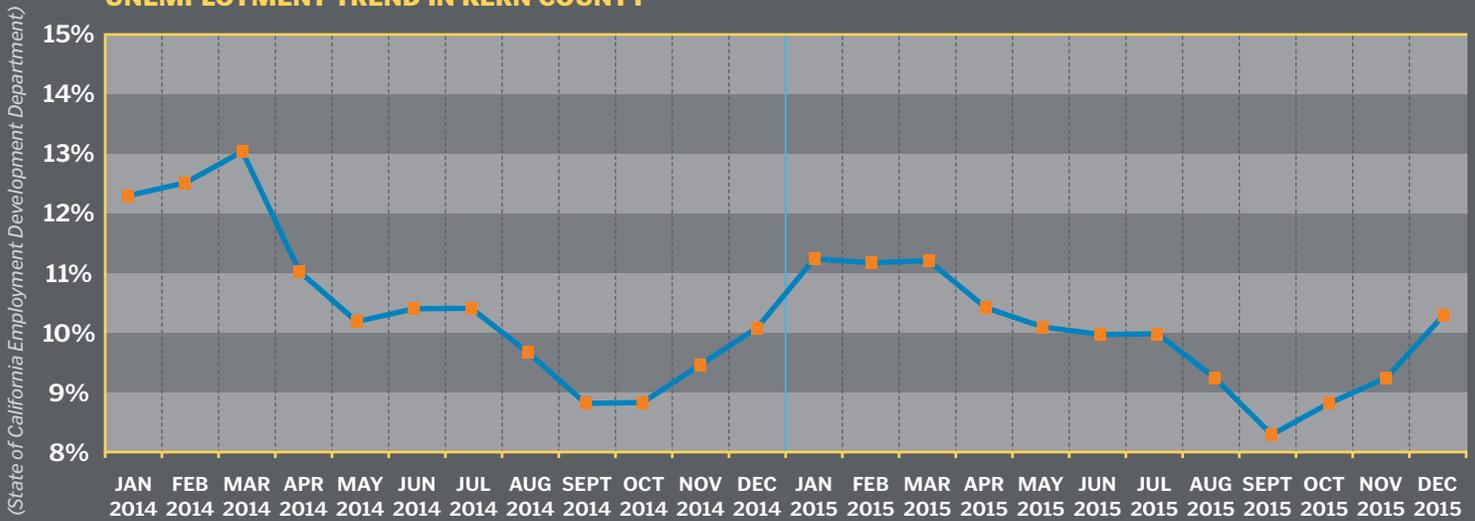


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UNEMPLOYMENT TREND IN KERN COUNTY



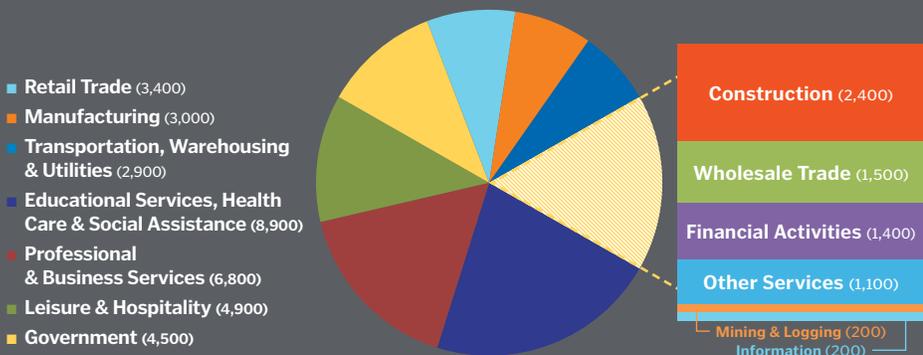
Industry Projections

According to the State of California Employment Development Department, industry employment in Kern County is projected to reach 371,900 by 2022, an increase of 14.7% over the next ten years. Total nonfarm employment is projected to grow by more than 41,000 jobs by 2022.

Fifty percent of all projected nonfarm job growth is concentrated in three industry sectors.

- **Educational services, health care, and social assistance** leads the anticipated growth adding the most jobs at 8,900 jobs. Ambulatory health care services is predicted to bring in 4,400 of these jobs.
- **Professional and business services** is expected to have job gains of 6,800 with an estimated growth of 4,500 jobs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services.
- **Leisure and hospitality** is projected to add 4,900 jobs, the third largest increase, with food services and drinking places increasing by 4,200 jobs.

GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT FROM 2012-22



(State of California, Employment Development Dept., 2015)

Unemployment

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 10.2 percent in December 2015, up from a revised 9.2 percent in November 2015, and above the year-ago estimate of 10.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.8 percent for California and 4.8 percent for the nation during the same period.

Occupational Employment

The fastest growing occupations anticipate an annual growth rate of 2.1% or higher. Twenty-four percent of the fastest growing occupations are in the healthcare field. Occupations range from home health aides that require a high school diploma or less and earn \$10 per hour, to medical and health services managers that require a bachelor's degree and pay median wages of \$53 per hour.

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TOP 20 FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS IN KERN COUNTY

OCCUPATION	ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT 2012*	PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT 2022	PERCENT GROWTH	MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGE	ENTRY LEVEL EDUCATION†
Telecommunications Equipment Installers & Repairers, Except Line Installers	430	750	74.4%	\$42,931	5
Drywall & Ceiling Tile Installers	320	510	59.4%	\$41,246	8
Medical Assistants	1,680	2,480	47.6%	\$25,040	5
Personal Care Aides	4,120	5,960	44.7%	\$18,964	8
Home Health Aides	880	1,240	40.9%	\$21,241	8
Dental Hygienists	350	490	40.0%	\$73,714	4
Phlebotomists	230	320	39.1%	\$34,583	5
Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	500	690	38.0%	\$62,438	3
Rehabilitation Counselors	360	490	36.1%	\$30,746	2
Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	480	650	35.4%	\$38,747	8
Painters, Construction & Maintenance	460	620	34.8%	\$35,792	8
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	320	430	34.4%	\$36,624	4
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	350	470	34.3%	\$29,633	5
Medical Secretaries	1,090	1,460	33.9%	\$33,628	7
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1,270	1,690	33.1%	\$54,869	7
Dental Assistants	770	1,020	32.5%	\$27,267	5
Cooks, Restaurant	1,480	1,950	31.8%	\$21,614	8
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers	6,140	8,070	31.4%	\$23,506	8
Nursing Assistants	1,210	1,590	31.4%	\$24,053	5
First-Line Supervisors of Helpers, Laborers & Material Movers	550	720	30.9%	\$51,340	7

(State of California, Employment Development Department, 2015)

†Entry Level Education

1 - Doctoral or Professional Degree	3 - Bachelor's Degree	5 - Postsecondary Non-degree Award	7 - High School Diploma or Equivalent
2 - Masters Degree	4 - Associate's Degree	6 - Some College, No Degree	8 - Less than High School

*Data sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics (CES) March 2013 benchmark, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) industry employment, and Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) data.

Top 3 Things to Consider for ANY Business...

LOCATION

See why Tehachapi is one of Kern County's most desirable area to grow your business!

- » Low Unemployment
- » Quality Infrastructure
- » Business Friendly Environment
- » Educated Workforce
- » Available Land for Development



LOCATION

Listed in the Top 10 for Retail Growth in California and experiencing a 45% growth in Sales Tax Base since 2004, Tehachapi is a thriving city with a Pro-Business attitude.

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LOCATION



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...Growth



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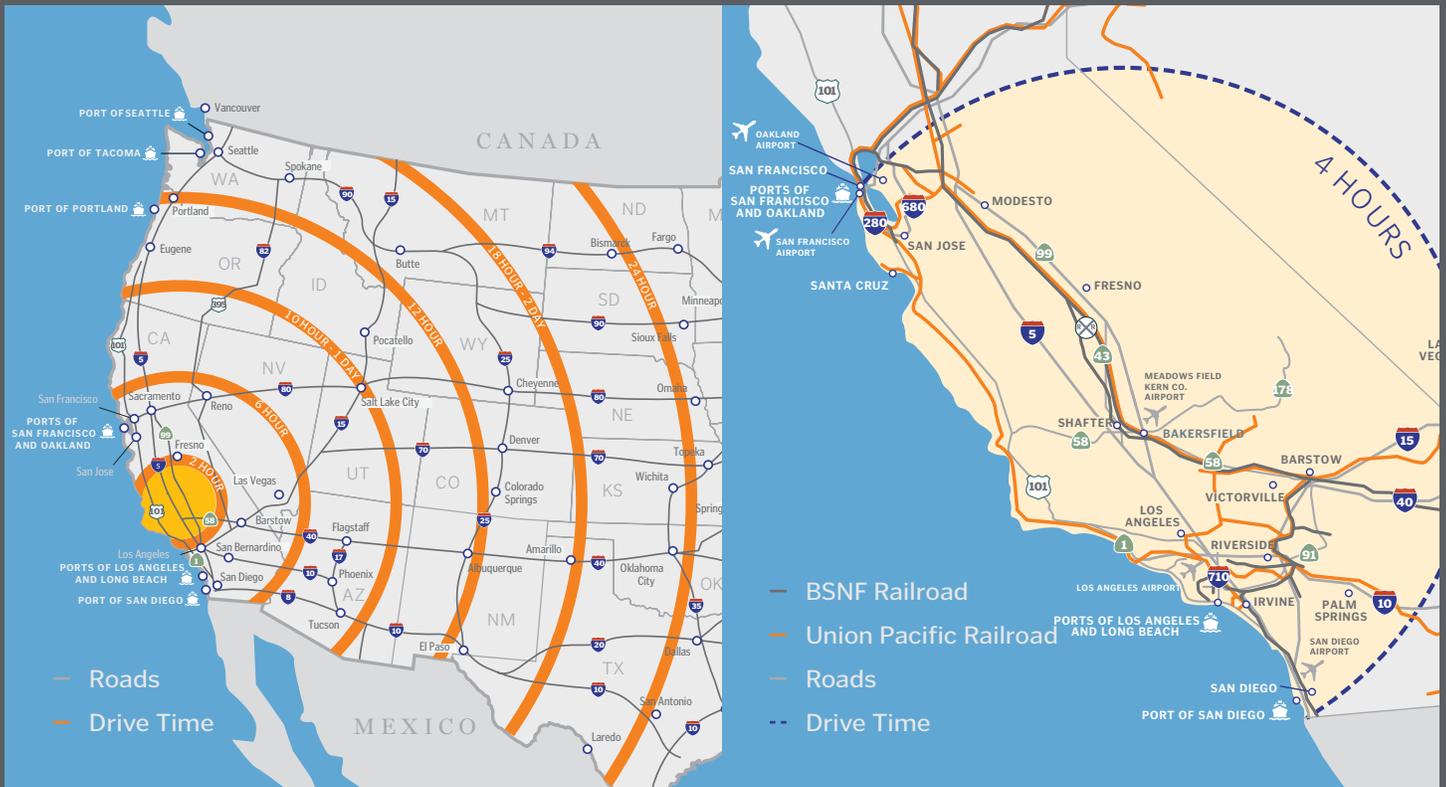
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Kern Business Advantage

Access 14% of the U.S. Population within 300 Miles!

KERN COUNTY'S CENTRALIZED LOCATION cannot be beat when it comes to reaching West Coast destinations. Combine Kern's location with the usual lack of traffic congestion and the road ahead is a painless one.



Industrial Market Snapshot

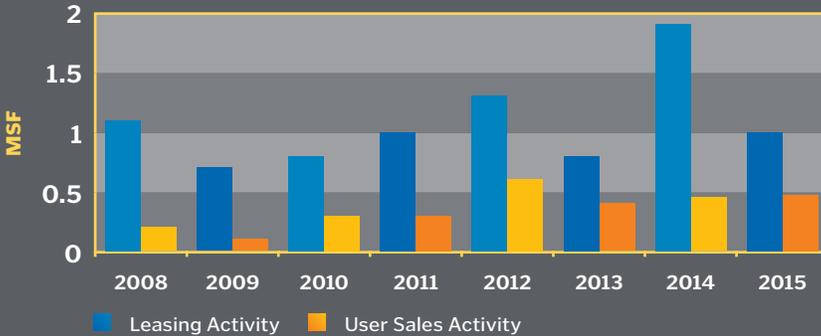
According to **Cushman & Wakefield**, Kern County's industrial market held up remarkably well throughout 2015. Oil started its slide in July 2014, and the Bakersfield MSA entered 2015 with a 6.9% vacancy rate. The oil situation did reduce demand—some—but it did not kill demand. Indeed, the year was marked more by a lack of supply, particularly of finished industrial lots, and rents and sale prices continued an upward trend. Closing out the year, the region ended at a 3.7% vacancy rate.

The market absorbed 1.47 million sf in 2015, down significantly from the 2.5 million sf in 2014. This was more because of lack of supply than lack of demand, a claim that is supported by the increased number of build-to-suits.

What's Coming?

The airport area is becoming ground-zero for industrial growth in the metro area, while the big logistics users will go to either **Paramount Logistics Park** or **Tejon Ranch Commerce Center**. The corridor between Hwy 99 and Airport Drive has two 100+ acre developments under way—the 138-acre Landings Logistics Center across the street from our airport, and an as-yet unnamed 114-acre development next door to the airport. Another 117-acre site is also available for sale.

OVERALL OCCUPIER ACTIVITY



OVERALL RENTAL VS. VACANCY RATES



(Cushman & Wakefield, Pacific Commercial Realty Advisors, Inc.)

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Outlook

OVERALL VACANCY

Q4

2013: 2.8% 2014: 6.9% 2015: 3.7%

Y-O-Y Change: -3.2pp 12-MO FORECAST: ▲

OVERALL RENTS

Q4

2013: \$0.49 2014: \$0.54 2015: \$0.17

Y-T-Y Change: +\$0.17 12-MO FORECAST: ▼

(Cushman & Wakefield, Pacific Commercial Realty Advisors, Inc.)





- 80 acre LEED Campus (pursuing) development for general & medical office, commercial, and retail
- Phase I construction underway (delivery Q3-16') with build-to-suit availability
- For sale or lease



Certified Sites

www.RollRealEstate.com/Crossroads-Business-Park



- 180-acre park with design flexibility
- Premium concrete tilt-up construction warehouses with yards
- For lease, sale or build-to-suit
- Buildings currently available
- Parcels range from 1-12 acres

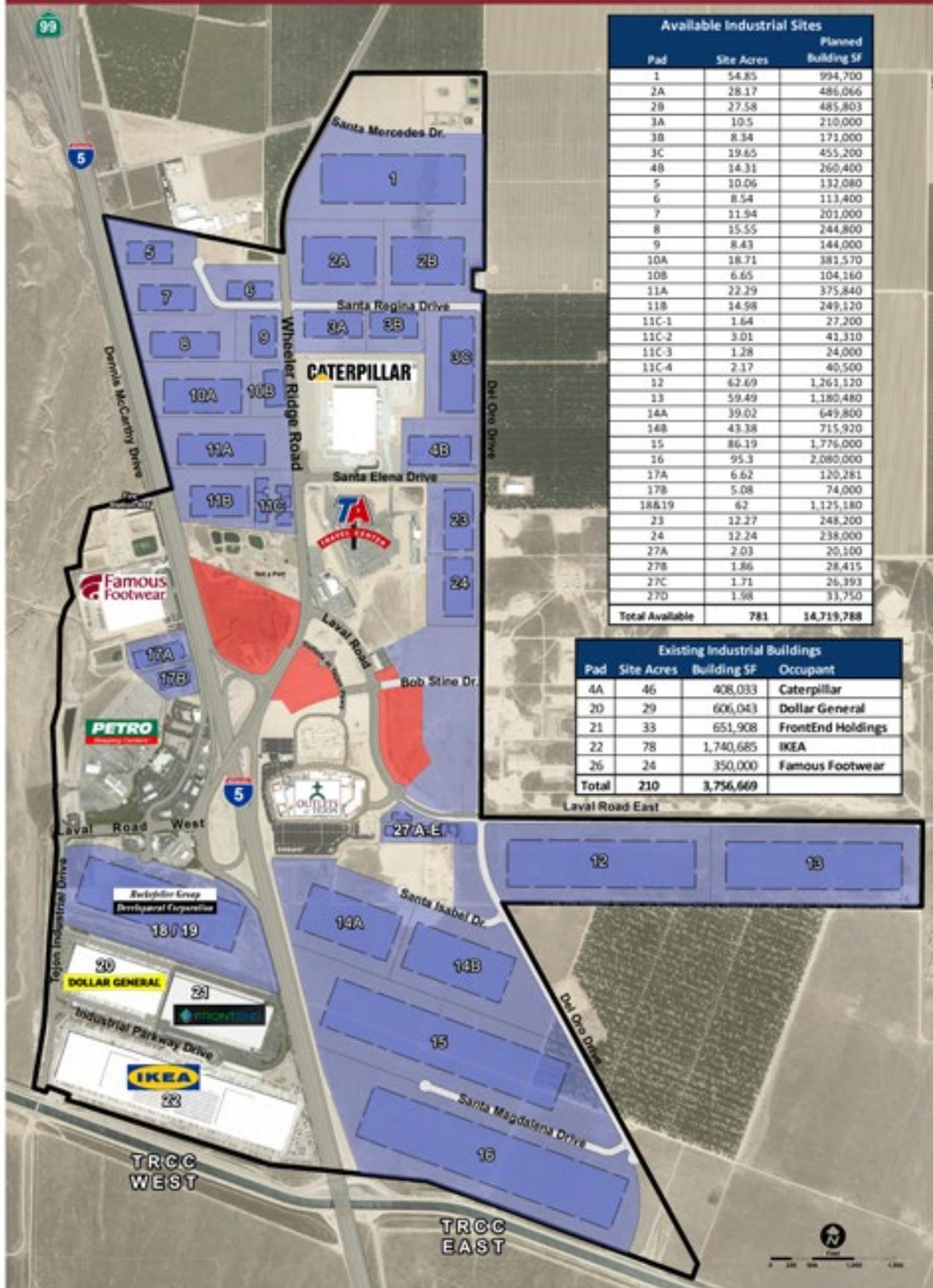


www.RollRealEstate.com/North-Meadows-Business-Park



- 1,625-acre master-planned industrial park
- In-place infrastructure, shovel ready sites
- By-right entitlements for 26M SF of development
- Parcel sizes from 5-300 acres
- Build-to-suit industrial facilities available for up to 2.8M SF
- BNSF rail-served sites for up to 2M SF
- Foreign Trade Zone 276
- High-speed fiber optics network that supports 10Gbps

www.RollRealEstate.com/Paramount-Logistics-Park



Available Industrial Sites		
Pad	Site Acres	Planned Building SF
1	54.85	994,700
2A	28.17	486,066
2B	27.58	485,803
3A	10.5	210,000
3B	8.34	171,000
3C	19.65	455,200
4B	14.31	260,400
5	10.06	132,080
6	8.54	111,400
7	11.94	201,000
8	15.55	244,800
9	8.43	144,000
10A	18.71	381,570
10B	6.65	104,160
11A	22.29	375,840
11B	14.98	249,120
11C-1	1.64	27,200
11C-2	3.01	41,310
11C-3	1.28	24,000
11C-4	2.17	40,500
12	62.69	1,261,120
13	59.49	1,180,480
14A	39.02	649,800
14B	43.38	715,920
15	86.19	1,776,000
16	95.3	2,080,000
17A	6.62	120,281
17B	5.08	74,000
18&19	62	1,125,180
23	12.27	248,200
24	12.24	238,000
27A	2.03	20,100
27B	1.86	28,415
27C	1.71	26,393
27D	1.98	31,750
Total Available	781	14,719,788

Existing Industrial Buildings			
Pad	Site Acres	Building SF	Occupant
4A	46	408,033	Caterpillar
20	29	606,043	Dollar General
21	33	651,908	FrontEnd Holdings
22	78	1,740,685	IKEA
26	24	350,000	Famous Footwear
Total	210	3,756,669	

Legend

- Available Industrial Site
- Available Commercial Site
- Existing Road
- Future Road

Conceptual plan for preliminary planning purposes only. This plan is subject to change and the owner reserves the right to make design or layout changes at any time.
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Business Incentives

Workforce

- **Employment Training Panel (ETP)** — Funds offsetting cost of training
- **America’s Job Center Workforce Investment Act (WIA)** — Free assistance, customized recruitment plans, positions advertising, qualifying applicants and hiring

New California Incentives

- **Manufacturing equipment + sales and use tax exemption**
- **New Employment credit** between Jan 2014 - Jan 2021.
- **California Competes Tax Credit** — Criteria includes number of jobs to be created or retained, extent of property in business development area, minimum compensation limitation, and set job retention period.
- **Research & Development Tax Credit** — Reduces income or franchise tax.
- **Sales & Use Tax Exemption for Manufacturing** — tax exemption of 4.1875% for basic manufacturing equipment.
- **Sales & Use Tax Exemption for Agriculture** — tax exemption for the sale, storage, use, or other consumption of farm equipment, and machinery .



Recycling Market Development Zone

- **Low interest loans and assistance** for manufacturers using recycled materials.

County of Kern Economic Development Incentive Program

Requires the business to meet eligibility criteria and enter into a contract with the County:

- **Rebates** based on Property Tax payments*
- **Rebates** based on Sales and Use Tax payments made to the County.*

- **Assistance in pursuing grant/loan funding** from other public agencies.
- **Other forms of requested assistance** as may be approved by the County.

**Rebates are actually payments of amounts equivalent to property, sales and/or eligible use tax paid by the business, not rebates in fact.*

Kern Microenterprise Opportunity Program (KMOP)

KMOP offers small business loans to eligible, qualified borrowers seeking to start or expand their businesses. Loans from \$2,500-\$50,000 may be available.

Foreign Trade Zone 276

- **California City**
- **County of Kern Department of Airports**
- **Mojave Airport**
- **Rockefeller Group** at Tejon Ranch
- **Paramount Logistics Park** at Shafter



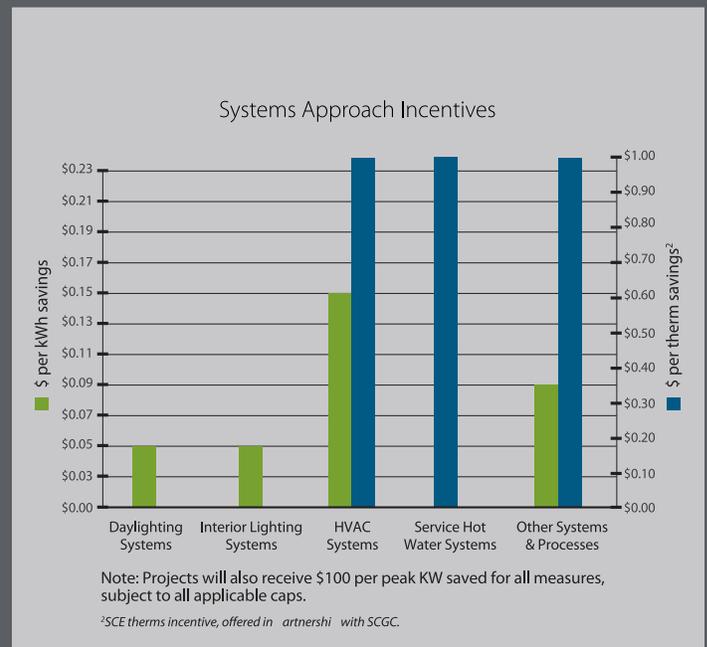
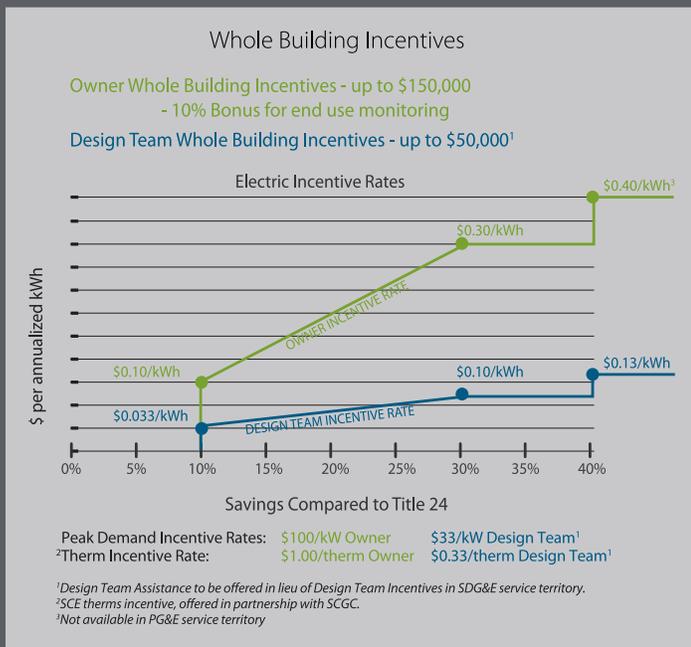
Contact Kern EDC for additional incentive program details or application forms.

Utility Incentives



To encourage business owners to invest in energy efficiency as a major goal in their new buildings, financial incentives are available to owners when the efficiency of their new building exceeds the minimum **Savings By Design** threshold (generally 10% better than *Title 24 Energy Efficiency Standards*).

To date, California has more zero net energy buildings (residential and commercial) than any other state in the nation. The overall goal is to establish a long-term progressive path of higher minimum codes and standards ending with *Zero Net Energy* codes and standards for all new buildings by 2030.



Whole Building Approach

Savings By Design promotes the use of integrated design analysis through the *Whole Building Approach* for large, complex projects or for projects containing innovative energy design features. Analyzing the performance of the building as a whole improves the Design Team's ability to optimize interactive efficiency effects of the various building systems.

Savings By Design, a program administered by California utilities, encourages high-performance, non-residential building design and construction. The program offers a variety of solutions, including owner incentives to help offset the additional costs of energy efficient buildings.

For more information, visit www.savingsbydesign.com. ■

Systems Approach

The *Systems Approach* encourages designers to optimize the energy efficiency of the systems within a building. The *Systems Approach* is most appropriate for less complex projects, those whose systems are designed at different times, and for projects where consideration for energy efficiency occurs late in the design phase.



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Kern County's Target Industries

TARGET INDUSTRIES are groups or clusters of related businesses which export products and services from the county, bringing in new net revenue. *Kern County's Economic Development Strategy* outlines six industry clusters of focus. The **Kern County Board of Trade** develops and markets the large Tourism, Recreation, and Entertainment cluster, while **Kern Economic Development Corporation** recruits and works to retain businesses in the other five:



Aerospace & Defense

Boeing, Virgin Galactic, and Edwards Air Force Base are just a few of the globally recognized names in aerospace and defense. Kern County is at the heart of California's military and defense presence and the industry contributes significantly to the state's economy and workforce.

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Energy & Natural Resources

With national rankings for both traditional energy (*petroleum*) and renewables (*wind and solar*), Kern County is the leading energy provider for the state of California and is connected to the strongest players in the global energy industry. Additionally, Kern County also leads as a producer of natural gas, hydro-electric power, geothermal, and is noted for its mineral wealth, including gold, borate, and kernite.



Health Care Services

Always two steps ahead, Kern County's growing number of health care providers are investing in cutting-edge technology and offering the latest treatment options. With more than 870,000 living in Kern, and over 360,000 in Bakersfield alone, demand for highly skilled and innovative healthcare facilities and personnel continues to increase.

“Kern County is at the heart of California's military and defense presence ...”

Kern County FUELS the World. FEEDS the World. DEFENDS the World. LEADS the World.



Transportation, Logistics & Advanced Manufacturing

Kern County's transportation, logistics and advanced manufacturing industry is strongly united with oil and agriculture, which continue to be the region's strongest assets. With ideal geographic location in California, the area is home to major distribution centers such as IKEA, Target, American Tire, Frito Lay, Nestle, and *many* more.



Value-Added Agriculture

From grapes to livestock, Kern County's agriculture products feed communities around the world and strengthen the local, state, and national economy. As the nation's second leading producer of goods, the Ag industry generates a fifth of the county's gross domestic product and employs up to 20 percent of the workforce. ■

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Aerospace & Defense



“The region’s aerospace programs stand at the forefront of an industry gaining international recognition ...”



Advancing the Future

EASTERN KERN COUNTY is home to some of the most innovative and specialized technologies in the world. The region’s aerospace programs stand at the forefront of an industry gaining international recognition for space tourism and the first-ever privately-funded spaceflight, while the area’s defense and advanced weapons development are fostered by two military installations. The region’s aerospace and defense employment is four times the national average.

California is home to approximately 139,000 aerospace jobs, with over 20,000 of them in Kern County. These high-wage full-time jobs have staying power thanks to vast open land, lack of development encroachment, proximity to Los Angeles, and higher education levels per capita in East Kern than in most other regions in the country.

Launching to New Heights

Kern County is home to the **Mojave Air and Space Port**, one of the country’s ten space launch complexes, where more than 60 companies and 3,000 employees are located. **The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** honored the **Mojave Air and Space Port** as the first facility certified in the U.S. for horizontal launches of reusable spacecraft. Kern County also made history as **Virgin Galactic’s SpaceShipOne** became the first privately funded, built and manned spacecraft to rocket into space and win the \$10 million *Ansari X-Prize*. The spacecraft, designed by famed aerospace engineer **Burt Rutan**, garnered attention from celebrity billionaire, **Sir Richard Branson**, who continues to invest millions in space tourism in eastern Kern County. More than 700 people have already paid up to \$250,000 each to reserve their seat for a suborbital space fight on the aircraft.

*“ (Kern County’s) aerospace and defense employment is **four times** the national average. ”*

Business of Nationwide Importance in Kern's Backyard

Two military installations are based in eastern Kern County: the **Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division at China Lake** and **Edwards Air Force Base**.

China Lake is the Navy's largest single landholding in the world. It represents 85% of the Navy's land for research, development, tests, and evaluations use, and it represents 40% of the Navy's land holdings worldwide. A unique combination of laboratories, ranges, and weapons test squadrons give the team at **China Lake** the ability to provide efficient deployment of new

weapons systems, fleet training and tactics development. Almost 2,000 scientists and engineers are engaged in designing the 21st century battlespace.

Edwards Air Force Base covers roughly 470 square miles in the western portion of the Mojave Desert, 100 miles northeast of Los Angeles, and is ideally located for the base's three core competencies: Developing Airmen, Technology-to-Warfighting and Integrating Operations. Edwards is also home to the **Air Force Flight Test Center**, where virtually every aircraft, weapon system and component the Air Force has ever put in the air, on an aircraft, or in an aircraft has been developed and tested. ■

Companies in Kern County's Aerospace Industry

ASB AVIONICS

BAE SYSTEMS

FIBERSET

FIRESTAR TECHNOLOGIES
(Engineering)

FLIGHT RESEARCH, INC.

FLIGHT TEST ASSOCIATES

MASTEN SPACE

MOJAVE AIR AND SPACE PORT

NATIONAL TEST PILOT SCHOOL

ORBITAL SCIENCES CORP.

ROCKET PROPULSION
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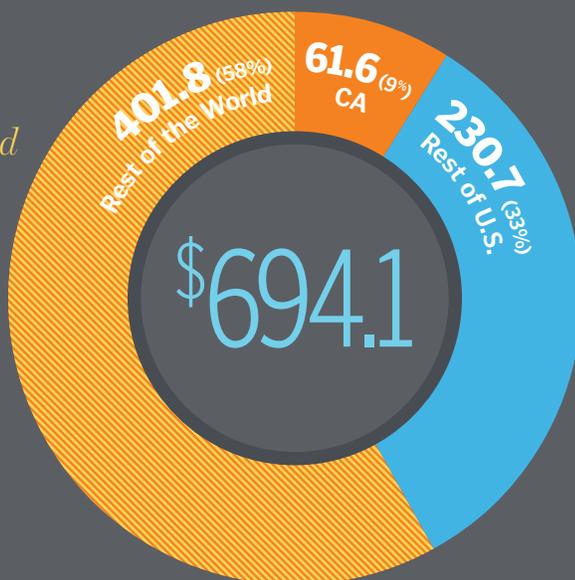
THE SPACESHIP COMPANY

TRANS LUNAR RESEARCH

VIRGIN GALACTIC

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California generated \$62B in aerospace industry revenues, representing 9% of the global aerospace market and 20% of the U.S. industry.

AEROSPACE MARKET INCLUDES:

SPACE INDUSTRY

Launch Services
Satellite Manufacturing
Ground Equipment
Engineering Services
Satellite Services

AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

Aircraft
Engine & Parts
SDNGN Instruments*
MRO†

*Search, Detection, Navigation, and Nautical (SDNGN) Instruments.

†Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul.

(BIS; AIA Global Aerospace Market Outlook and Forecast; 2012 SIA State of the Satellite Industry; company annual reports; OneSource company data; FAA; European GNSS Agency 2012 and 2013; Department of Defense and NASA contract database; A.T. Kearney analysis.



“California is home to approximately **139,000** aerospace jobs, with over **20,000** of them in Kern County.”

“Edwards Air Force Base covers roughly 470 sq. mi.”



Energy & Natural Resources (OIL & GAS)

Fueling the Nation

KERN COUNTY HAS BEEN AN OIL AND GAS POWERHOUSE SINCE THE 1890's, when oil was first discovered on the county's west side. Today, Kern is the **No. 2** oil-producing county in the nation; yielding 145 million bbl of oil and 132 billion CF of gas annually, according to 2014 DOGGR data. These amounts represent **71%** of California's oil production and **10%** of the total U.S. oil production.

KERN COUNTY PRODUCES 66% OF THE STATE'S TOTAL GAS PRODUCTION

Not surprisingly, the O&G industry is the number-one industry in Kern County in terms of gross domestic product and tax contributions. The benefit of the O&G industry, however, is by no means limited to Kern County. The industry generates significant regional economic activity. Extraction, production, refining, and petroleum product manufacturing result in highly tradable products that are consumed domestically and are also exported. These efforts produce high revenues, create high wage jobs, and contribute significant tax revenue to

all levels of government. The impact of the O&G industry is, indeed, very far-reaching.

Petroleum keeps public transportation and public safety fleets moving, gets our kids to school, parents to work and family members to the doctor. Property taxes paid by oil producers and refiners help pay for local schools. The contributions of the petroleum industry are essential to maintaining not only our state's economy but our quality of life.

In crude oil production, California ranks third behind Texas and North Dakota while out-producing such oil-rich states as Alaska, Oklahoma and Louisiana. In terms of refining activity, California ranks third behind Texas and Louisiana. At the end of December 2012, California was producing two million barrels per calendar day, representing 11 percent of total U.S. capacity.

California also produces 876 million cubic feet of natural gas every day, 77 percent of which is produced along with crude oil. Natural gas touches people's lives every day from cooking and bathing to heating

their homes. And it's a key resource used to generate nearly half the electricity we all use.

THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IS A LEADING ECONOMIC DRIVER AND MAJOR EMPLOYER FOR KERN COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA:

- **45,000 jobs** — Kern's petroleum industry provides a substantial amount direct/indirect equating to almost **\$4 billion** in labor income
- **\$17.7 billion output** — The petroleum industry is responsible for roughly 35-40% of Kern's GDP

THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY MAKES SIGNIFICANT FISCAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE REGION:

- **\$1.1 billion** in state and local tax revenues, including:
 - **\$607 million** in sales & excise taxes
 - **\$286 million** in property taxes
 - **\$117 million** in personal income taxes
 - **\$32 million** in corporate income taxes

(Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation)



An Unlikely Ally for Ag

THERE IS A SEEMINGLY UNLIKELY ALLY in the agricultural world to help cope with California's increasingly dry climate. The **North Kern Water Storage District** will receive about 32 acre feet a day of produced water from **California Resources Corporation's Kern Front Field**. The *Reclaimed Water Drought Relief Project* will add up to 21,000 acre feet of water per year—enough water to irrigate 9,000 acres of grapes, 6,400 acres of nuts, or 7,800 acres of cotton. It



will also support up to 250 jobs in the agricultural sector. The project will provide a critical long-term additional water supply to the region by treating produced water for use in irrigation and ground water recharge.” ■

“The contributions of the petroleum industry are essential to maintaining not only our state’s economy but our quality of life.”

Major Oil & Gas Companies in Kern County

- AERA ENERGY LLC
- ALON USA ENERGY, INC.
- BAKER HUGHES
- BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY
- CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORP. LLC
- CANARY, LLC
- CHEVRON CORPORATION
- E&B NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
- FREEMONT-McMORAN
- HALLIBURTON
- HESS CORPORATION
- KERN OIL AND REFINING CO.
- KEY ENERGY SERVICES
- MACPHERSON ENERGY CORPORATION
- NABORS INDUSTRIES
- SAN JOAQUIN REFINING CO., INC.
- SCHLUMBERGER CO.
- SEMPRA U.S. GAS & POWER
- TRICOR REFINING, LLC
- VENOCO INC.
- VINTAGE PRODUCTION CALIFORNIA

(Partial list compiled by Kern EDC)

Photo courtesy Trevor Tallman



Energy & Natural Resources (RENEWABLES)

Renewable Energy

RENEWABLE ENERGY is energy derived from naturally replenished resources such as wind, sunlight, geothermal heat, small hydro, and biomass. In the energy arena, Kern County's renewables industry, with over \$15 billion in recent private investment, has gained national and world-wide attention.

Wind and solar energy creates jobs, supports public works, and boosts local economic activity. In fact, the renewable energy industry has generated over 800 manufacturing jobs, 1,600 professional and indirect permanent local jobs, and wind will pump over \$50 million in property tax revenues into our local economy.

Kern County Energy Goal

In 2011, the **Kern County Board of Supervisors** announced their goal to produce 10,000MW by 2015. Today, we are at 9,782 MW installed and operating in Kern County. When complete, projects will have resulted in 8,000 construction jobs at all skill levels, 1,500 operational jobs, electricity to over 7 million people, and a \$25 billion investment in Kern County (inclusive of wind, solar, geothermal, small hydro and biomass).

Leading the State

Thanks to companies in Kern, California is set to exceed its own legal requirement of generating 50 percent of its electricity from renewables such as wind, solar and biomass by 2030 through a series of private-sector success stories. Leading the charge is **BHE Renewable's "Solar Star projects,"** the largest solar farm in the world (formally known as **MidAmerican Solar**). With over 1.7 million photovoltaic modules, capable of delivering 597 megawatts to the California ISO grid, up to 570,000 tons of CO₂ emissions will be alleviated per year.

A Closer Look at Geothermal

Terra-Gen, established in 2007, owns and/or operates geothermal and wind facilities that support the economy of Kern County.

In Tehachapi and Mojave, **Terra-Gen** operates approximately 1,671 MW's of renewable wind energy.

The **Coso Geothermal Project**, located on the **China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station**, consists of 9 Geothermal Power plants each rated at approximately 30 MW. Generation from the facility commenced in May of 1987. At its peak,



the facility produced enough power to supply over 250,000 homes with clean renewable energy. Geothermal power is produced 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, which assists in the stabilization of the utility's power grid.

In total, **Terra-Gen** employs approximately 200 people who live in Kern County.

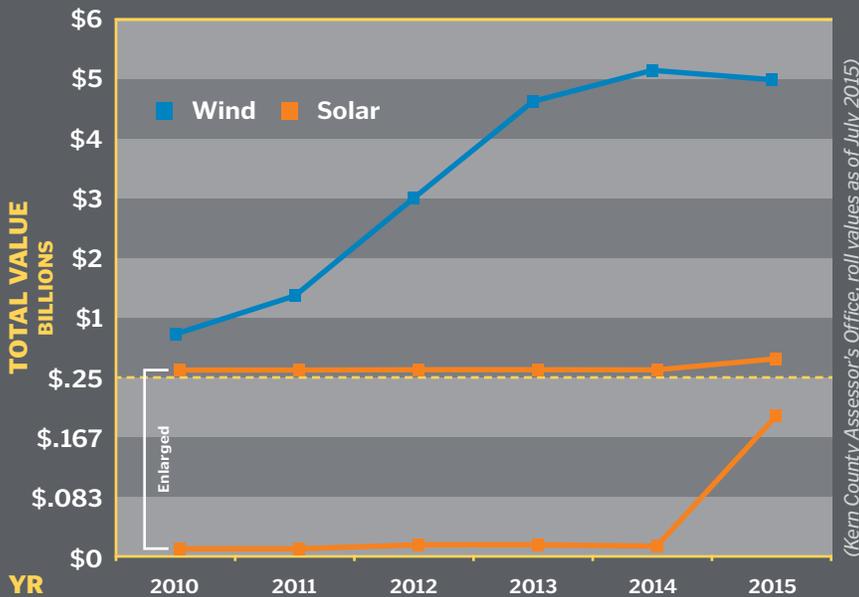
A Note on Energy Storage

The Tehachapi Storage Project (TSP) (see side bar) is one of the largest battery storage systems in the world, with 8MW of power and storage capability of 32MWh of energy. The ability to store large amounts of solar and wind energy will help improve flexibility and reliability of the next-generation grid. **TSP** will also test the storage capability of the lithium-ion battery, expected to provide nearly instantaneous maximum capacity for supply-side ramp rate control to minimize the need for fossil fuel-powered back-up generation. ■

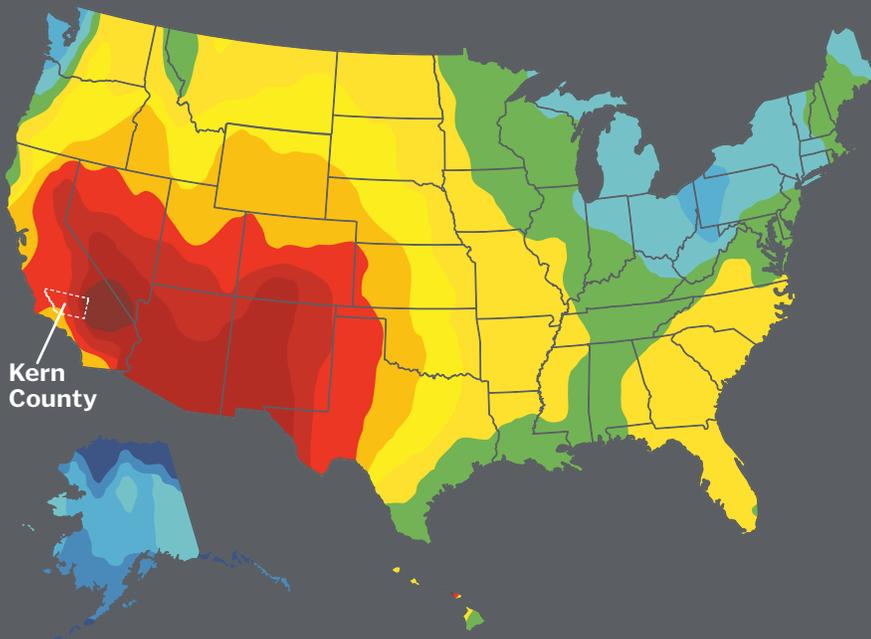
“Like solar, wind energy plays an integral role in CA's electricity portfolio.”

Energy & Natural Resources (Renewables)

GROWING WIND & SOLAR ASSESSMENT VALUES



KERN COUNTY RECEIVES SOME OF THE BEST SOLAR RADIATION IN THE U.S.



WHR/SQ M PER DAY



Major Renewables Companies in Kern

8MINUTENERGY RENEWABLES

BHE RENEWABLES

BROOKFIELD RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP

EDF RENEWABLE ENERGY

EDP RENEWABLES

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PIONEER GREEN ENERGY

RECURRENT ENERGY

SPOWER

SUNEDISON

SUNPOWER

TERRA-GEN

(Partial list compiled by Kern EDC)



Tehachapi Storage Project

BATTERY CONFIGURATION

- 8 MW/32MWh system
- 56 cells per module
- 18 modules per rack
- 604 racks
- 608,832 cells



Health Care Services

Where Technology Meets Humanity

KERN COUNTY RESIDENTS ENJOY AN ARRAY OF MEDICAL SERVICES thanks to passionate and innovative health care providers. Caring for Kern's 873,000 residents is no small task. Each year new facilities, technologies and care options make their way to the region where they are needed most.

As an industry, health care in Kern County will see significant job growth over the next decade. According to the **Bureau of Labor Statistics**, four out of the top five fastest-growing occupations will be related to health care. Occupations will range from home health aides that require a high school diploma or less and earn \$10 per hour, to medical and health services managers that require a bachelor's degree and pay median wages of \$53 per hour.

The **Employment Development Department's** list of fastest growing jobs in Kern County include: Medical Assistants, Personal Care Aides, Home Health Aides, Dental Hygienists, Phlebotomists, Medical Records Technologists, Medical Secretaries, Lab Technicians, Rehabilitation Counselors, and Nursing Assistants. And each is expected to grow over 30 percent (some over **40!**) in the next five years.

In 2014, there were approximately 23,000 medical-related jobs held, and just last year, the number of physician assistants grew by seven percent and nurse practitioners by six and a half percent. Similar growth was also seen in jobs for diagnostic medical sonographers.

At a growth rate of three to five percent, the health care industry is well positioned to care for the growing needs of the region.

RENOWNED HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS IN KERN COUNTY

Advances in medical technology are already being made right here in Kern County.

- **Dignity Health's Lauren Small Children's Medical Center at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital** is the first comprehensive pediatric program in Kern County and includes a 31-bed Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, an eight-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, and a 20-bed Pediatric Unit with 24/7 in-house pediatricians.
- **San Joaquin Community Hospital's AIS Cancer Center's** 60,000-square-foot facility in Bakersfield is affiliated with the **UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center** and offers a comprehensive option for cancer diagnosis and treatment all under one roof.
- **Comprehensive Blood & Cancer Center (CBCC)** in Bakersfield is the largest private cancer center on the West Coast and is a top accrual site for **UCLA & Bristol Myers Squibb**.
- **Memorial Hospital's Sarvanand Heart and Stroke Center** offers a range of cardiovascular services and technology such as the *Bi-plane International Suite* to perform heart procedures on kids, treat stroke-causing clots and blockages and many other lifesaving procedures.
- **HealthSouth Hospital recently expanded their facility by 20 beds**, making it an 86-bed acute medical rehabilitation hospital. The hospital offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. Of the 93 hospitals in the United States system, **HealthSouth Bakersfield** is consistently ranked in the **top 10**.



Transportation, Logistics & Advanced Manufacturing

Transportation and Logistics is a Strong, Emerging Cluster in Kern County

KERN COUNTY'S LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION SECTOR is driven by the availability of shovel-ready sites and accessible workforce. The region is home to 50+ distribution centers with access to key transportation infrastructure, including the Ports of Long Beach/Los Angeles and Oakland, and the major north-south

and east-west highways and interstates in California. Within a four-hour drive from 90% of the state's population, Kern County boasts an extremely low (single-digit) employee turnover rate at most of its centers and complementary workforce development programs.

Kern County has significant strengths in facilities support, specialized freight, trucking and logistics services for road and rail, rental, leasing, and equipment repair. The County's industry cluster is also strong in wholesale trade, which depends on the strong availability of

transportation providers and services across various modes. The Transportation and Logistics cluster's strengths are tied to the County's strengths in energy and agriculture, two export-oriented industries that are heavily dependent on the large-scale transport of materials and final products.

The industry employs over 13,000 people with above-average wages in the key segments of road, air, rail, logistics, warehousing, and wholesale trade. Since 1990, the sector has achieved an annual growth rate of 4%.



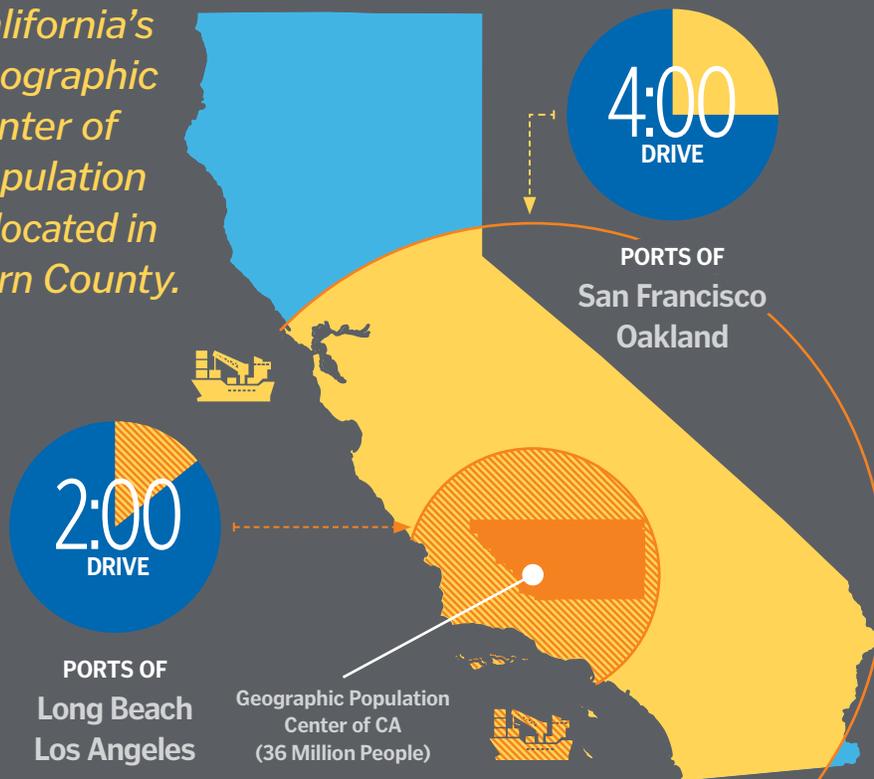
Transportation & Logistics

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Customers within
2-Day Truck Turn



California's geographic center of population is located in Kern County.



LAX Los Angeles
SFO San Francisco

ACCESS TO
OAK Oakland
ONT Ontario

SCLA So. CA Logistics
BFL Meadows Field



FedEx and UPS Hubs in Bakersfield



BSNF Railway

Distribution Centers

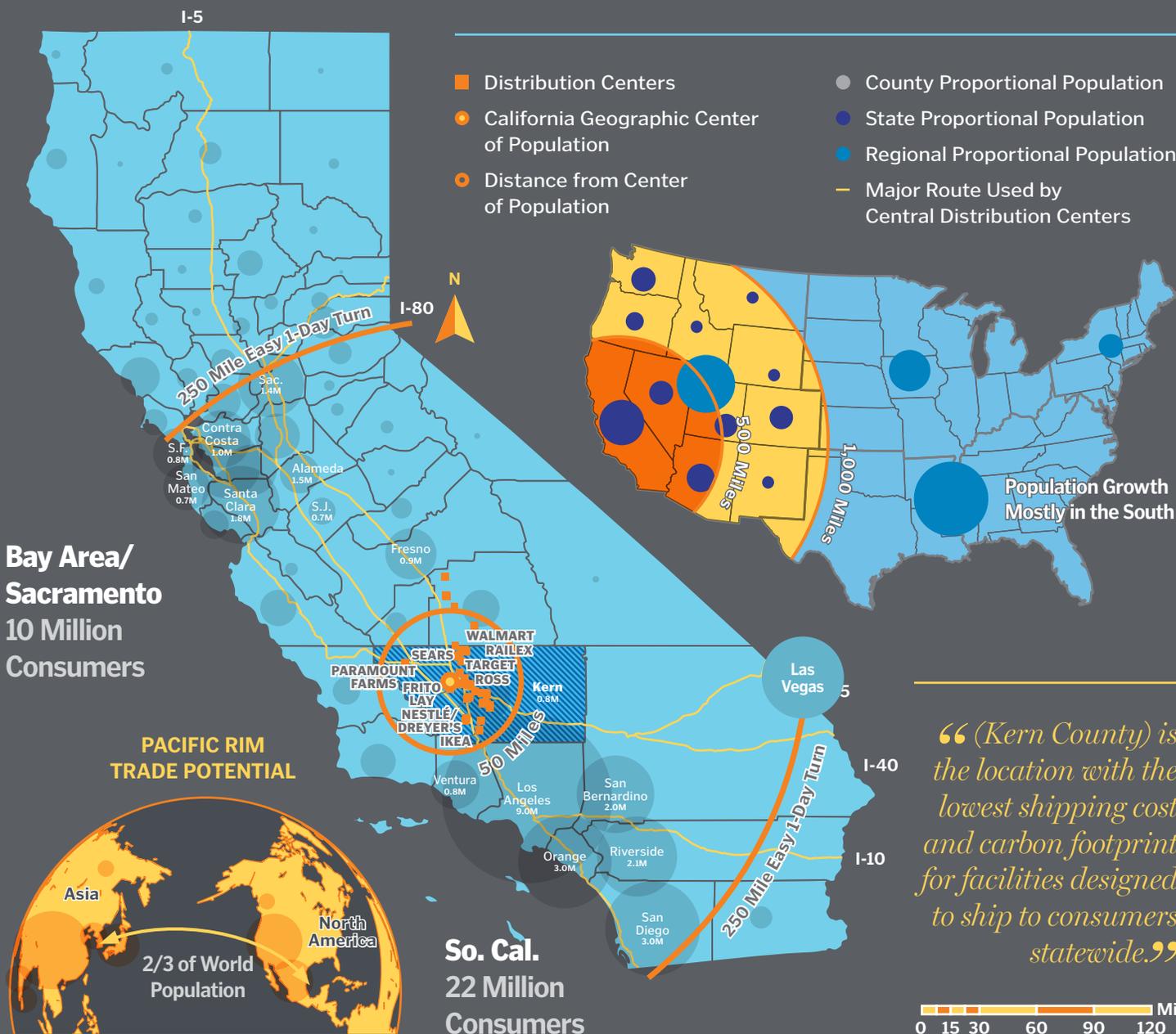
- AMERICAN TIRES DC
- ANDREWS AG INC.
- ANTHONY VINEYARDS
- BOLTHOUSE FARMS
- CAMPING WORLD DC
- CARQUEST DC
- CATERPILLAR
- DELANO FARMS
- DOLLAR GENERAL DC
- FAMOUS FOOTWEAR DC
- FEDEX
- FOUR STAR FRUIT
- FRITO-LAY
- GARCIA FARMING
- GRIMMWAY FARMS
- HILLMAN GROUP DC
- HURE BROTHERS
- IKEA DC
- JOHNSTON FARMS
- KERN RIDGE GROWERS
- KIRSCHENMANN FARMS
- LUCICH FARMS
- M CARATAN
- MEN'S WAREHOUSE
- NESTLE/DREYER'S
- PANDOL BROTHERS
- PARAMOUNT CITRUS
- PARAMOUNT FARMS
- PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUP
- PRIME WEST WAREHOUSING
- RAILEX DC
- REDBANK-MALAGA
- ROSS DRESS FOR LESS DC
- SEARS DC
- SIERRA FARMS
- SUNRIDGE NURSERIES
- SUN PACIFIC
- SUN PACIFIC TULARE
- SUN WORLD
- TARGET DC
- THOMSON INTERNATIONAL
- U.S. COLD STORAGE OF CA
- WAL-MART DC



California Logistics Distribution Center Cluster

Over 50 Distribution Centers Located within 50 Miles of State Center of Population

Located in Kern County approximately five miles west of Bakersfield and Shafter, the geographic center of population is the weighted single point that is closest to all people in California. It is the location with the lowest shipping cost and carbon footprint for facilities designed to ship to consumers statewide. ■



“(Kern County) is the location with the lowest shipping cost and carbon footprint for facilities designed to ship to consumers statewide.”

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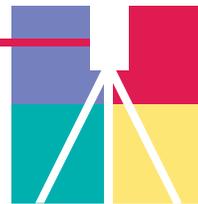
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Value-Added Agriculture

TOP COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM KERN COUNTY



■ Grapes 47% (14,014)	■ Carrots 5% (1,552)
■ Almonds 16% (4,660)	■ Cotton 3% (936)
■ Pistachios 14% (4,133)	■ Lemons 2% (534)
■ Oranges 6% (1,861)	■ Tangelos 1% (336)
■ Potatoes 6% (1,691)	■ Citrus <1% (222)

Kern County Provides the Nation's Food Supply and Beyond

THANKS TO FERTILE SOILS and one of the best climates for fruit and vegetable production, value-added agriculture is a strong economic driver for Kern County's economy. In 2014, the gross value of all agricultural commodities produced in Kern County was *over \$7.5 billion*. Grapes, almonds, milk, citrus and cattle & calves alone account for 78% of agriculture's value, generating more than \$5 billion.

According to the Agriculture Issues Center at UC Davis, for every 100 jobs linked directly to the agricultural industry, an additional 106 jobs are created in the local economy. In addition, every dollar generated by value-added ag leads to an additional \$1.27 generated by the region's non-agriculture economy.

Exports are booming in Kern County with nuts and fruits capturing world markets. The export market is especially important to almond and pistachio growers, with close to 70% of their harvest going straight to international buyers. Demand for Kern's agriculture is currently highest in Mexico, followed closely by China.

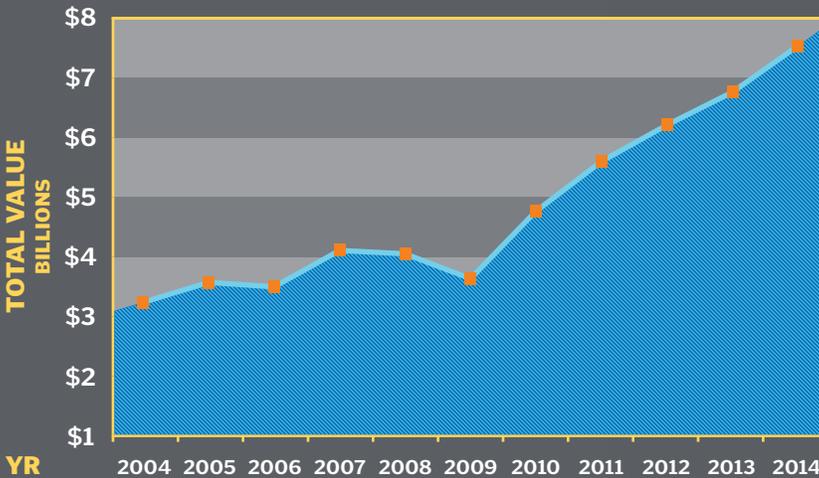
For the second year in a row, Kern County commodities rank **#2** in the United States.

TOP 10 COMMODITIES IN KERN COUNTY

RANK	COMMODITY	VALUE
1	Grapes, all	\$1,718,183,000
2	Almonds, including by-products	\$1,488,182,000
3	Milk, market & manufacturing	\$915,124,000
4	Citrus, fresh & processing	\$892,874,000
5	Cattle & Calves	\$428,854,000
6	Pistachios	\$401,049,000
7	Carrots, fresh & processing	\$288,063,000
8	Hay, Alfalfa	\$227,973,000
9	Cotton, including processed cottonseed	\$117,568,000
10	Pomegranates, fresh & processing	\$87,313,000

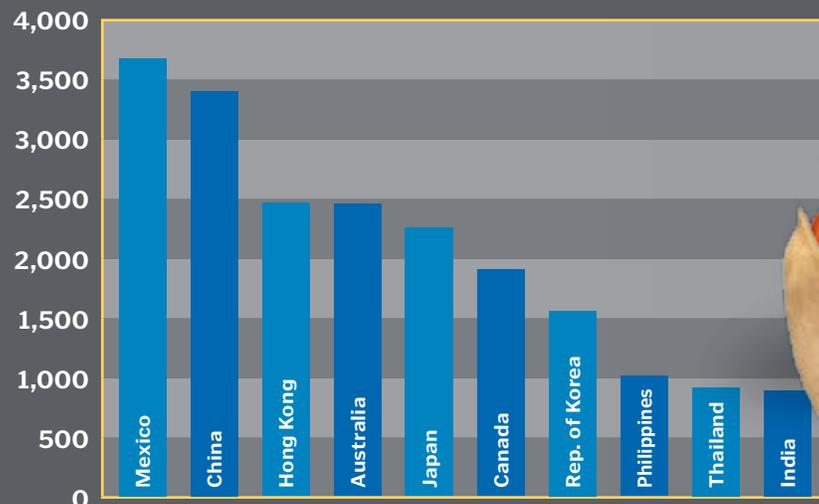
(2014 Kern County Agricultural Crop Report, released August 2015)

AGRICULTURAL CROP VALUE COMPARISON (2004-14)



(2014 Kern County Agricultural Crop Report)

TOP 10 COUNTRIES FOR KERN COUNTY AG EXPORTS



Note: Destination countries ranked by number of Phytosanitary Certificates issued; does not equate to a specific value.

Major Agriculture Companies in Kern

- ASV WINES, INC.
- BIDART BROTHERS
- BOLTHOUSE FARMS, INC.
- CALIFIA FARMS
- CAL-ORGANIC FARMS
- CENTRAL VALLEY ALMOND ASSOCIATION
- CRYSTAL GEYSER
- DELANO GROWERS GRAPE PRODUCTS
- DREYER'S GRAND ICE CREAM
- FAMOSO NUT RIO BRAVO
- FARMERS COOPERATIVE ALMOND HULLER, INC.

CONT. >>

Gross value of Kern's agricultural commodities is over **\$7.5 billion.**



Major Agriculture Companies in Kern

CONT.

- FRITO-LAY, INC
- THE GARLIC COMPANY
- GIUMARRA VINEYARDS CORPORATION
- GOLDEN EMPIRE NUT
- GOLDEN STATE VINTNERS
- GRIMMWAY FARMS
- JOHNSTON FARMS
- KERN-TULARE ALMOND PROCESSING
- KERN RIDGE GROWERS
- LANGER'S JUICE
- MARKO ZANINOVICH, INC.
- PACIFIC ALMONDS PROCESSING
- PALM LLC
- PANDOL & SONS
- PANOCHÉ CREEK PACKING
- PARAMOUNT CITRUS
- PARAMOUNT FARMS
- PRODUCTION PILLSBURY
- PRIMEX FARMS PISTACHIOS
- SARA LEE BAKERY GROUP
- SHAFTER - WASCO
GINNING AND ALMOND HULLING CO.
- SOUTH FAMILY FARMS
- SUN GRO COMMODITIES
- SUN PACIFIC
- SUNNY GEM ALMOND PROCESSING
- THOMSON INTERNATIONAL
- TOMATO COMPANY LLC
- VETCH FARMS ALMOND PROCESSING

2014 average price per ton of all varieties was up **4%** from 2013.

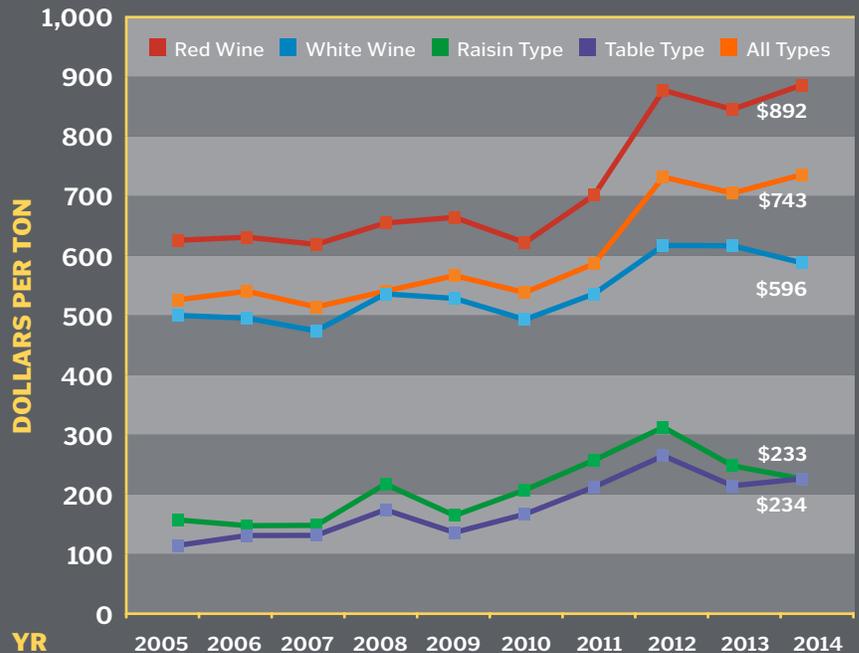
Kern County Crushes: Wine Industry Makes Sweet Impact

SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CRUSH DISTRICT 14 is comprised of Kern County and the southern half of Kings and Tulare County. It's no surprise that Kern's #1 commodity has a major impact on the wine industry. Kern grows a variety of grapes from table grapes to grapes used for wine production. With several white and red wine grape varieties from *Chardonnay* and *French Colombard* to *Merlot* and *Zinfandel*, District 14 supplies low-cost wine grape varieties

with consistent quality for use in everyday wines. This advantage allows growers to provide large volumes of product to the bulk wine market at low prices.

In 2014, *Rubired*, a red wine variety, continued to account for the largest percentage of the total crush volume in District 14 with 18 percent (47,600 tons). In California, the total of grapes crushed was 4,142,934 tons, down 12 percent from the record high 2013 crush of 4,700,377. Final grape crush for District 14 totaled 303,548 tons.

GRAPE CRUSH, DOLLARS PER TON (2005-2014)

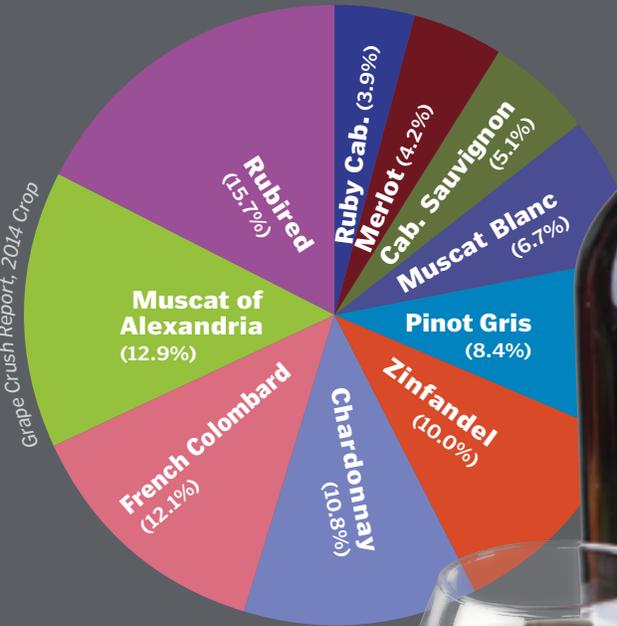


USDA, national Agricultural Statistics Service, Pacific Regional Office - California

The 2014 average price per ton of all varieties was \$743.07, up 4 percent from 2013. Average prices for the 2014 crop by type were as follows: red wine grapes, \$892.06, up 5 percent from 2013; white wine grapes, \$595.61, down 4 percent from 2013; raisin grapes, \$232.79, down 9 percent; and table grapes, \$233.70, up 5 percent. ■

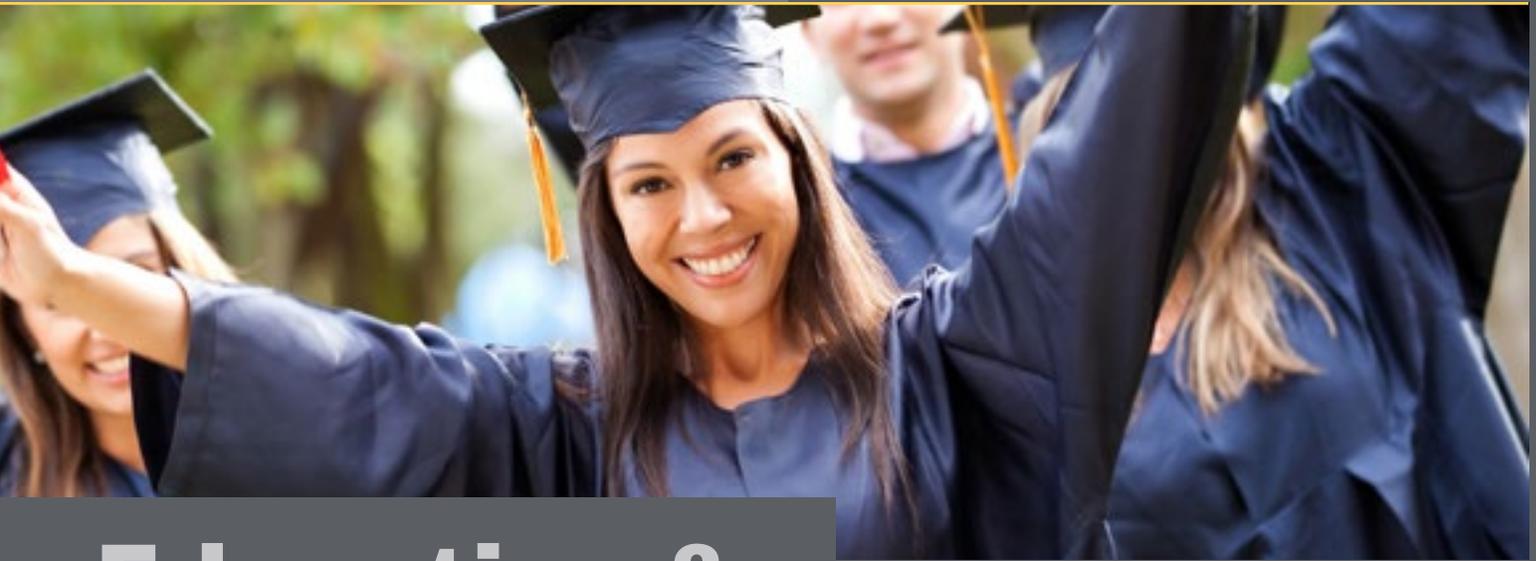
California Grape Pricing Districts

LEADING VARIETIES CRUSHED IN DISTRICT 14 (TONS)



MAP DEFINITIONS

1. Mendocino County
2. Lake County
3. Sonoma & Marin Counties
4. Napa County
5. Solano County
6. Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo, & Santa Cruz Counties
7. Monterey & San Benito Counties
8. San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, & Ventura Counties
9. Yolo County north of Interstate 80 to the junction of Interstate 80 & U.S. 50 and north of U.S. 50; Sacramento County north of U.S. 50; Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, Plumas, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, & Sierra Counties
10. Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne & Mariposa Counties
11. San Joaquin County north of State Highway 4; and Sacramento County south of U.S. 50 and east of Interstate 5
12. San Joaquin County south of State Highway 4; Stanislaus & Merced Counties
13. Madera, Fresno, Alpine, Mono, Inyo; and Kings & Tulare Counties north of Nevada Ave. (Ave. 192)
14. Kings & Tulare Counties south of Nevada Ave. (Ave. 192); and Kern County
15. Los Angeles & San Bernardino Counties
16. Orange, Riverside, San Diego, & Imperial Counties
17. Yolo County south of Interstate 80 from the Solano County line to the Junction of Interstate 80 & U.S. 50 and south of U.S. 50 and Sacramento County south of U.S. 50 and west of Interstate 5.



Education & Workforce Development

Today's Kids are Tomorrow's Workforce

IN RESPONSE TO KERN COUNTY'S STEADY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS GROWTH, **Kern Economic Development Foundation (KEDF)** was established to cultivate top-notch hiring prospects for the benefit of local employers and the community overall. **KEDF's** workforce development mentoring program, with a special emphasis on *STEM* industry (*science, technology, engineering and math*) careers, is helping develop today's youth into tomorrow's skilled workforce.



The mentoring program is housed in local high schools where, each month, over 100 professionals meet with and mentor over 300 students. Mentors provide the benefit of their personal work experience, and they teach lessons from a career skills-based curriculum.

KERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

KEDF'S MENTORING CURRICULUM PROMOTES SOFT SKILLS AND A STRONG WORK ETHIC:

- Creating and pursuing a career action plan
- How to write a resume and promote oneself in job interviews
- Managing time, physical space, and stress levels

CURRICULUM ALSO PROMOTES SELF-CONFIDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE:

- Preparing for transitions from high school to college and/or technical training to career
- Understanding and managing personal finances
- Developing interpersonal communication skills

KEDF's Additional Programs

The **Alliance of Women in Energy (AWE)** is a membership group created for women in Kern County energy industry careers. The group provides local traditional, renewable, and utility industry professionals the opportunity to build relationships with one another and gain knowledge about their industry and community. At **AWE** monthly luncheons and quarterly evening events, members share knowledge about their field and enjoying presentations by community leaders about key energy innovations, legislative challenges, non-profit activities, and women's issues.



The **East Kern Economic Alliance (EKEA)** is a coalition of community and business leaders from the eastern Kern County region who aims to foster economic development collaborations within their cities and unincorporated areas. These relationships result in improved infrastructure, workforce development, and business recruitment/retention/expansion efforts that are beneficial to the entire region.





TODAY'S KIDS

ARE TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

KERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION'S mentoring programs give high school students the soft skills, work ethic, and self-confidence they need to become top prospects for future employers. And with the help of Kern County's business community, we can continue helping local kids reach their full potential.

Whether you are a business owner in need of a better-prepared workforce, or a local professional looking for a way to make a difference, you can help KEDF develop a qualified, productive pool of future hires.

**To learn about how you can help,
visit kedf.org or call (661) 862-5156.**



KEDF is the sister organization to Kern EDC, and a charitable 501(c)(3) focusing on workforce development and research benefitting Kern County businesses and communities.

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CSUB's #10 Rank by the Economist for Economic Value of Degree is Latest in a Series of Quality Accolades



The Economist (October 31, 2015, "The Value of University: Where's Best?") ranking of colleges and universities based on the economic value of attendance places **California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB)** at **#10** out of 1,275 4-year, non vocational U.S. colleges and universities. *The Economist* measured the value added of attending a particular college by calculating the difference in alumni's actual earnings and their predicted earnings, based on students' characteristics and background at the time they enrolled. A range of student and institutional variables from the **U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard** and other sources were used, including: average SAT scores; gender ratio; racial makeup; fields of study; size of enrollment; percentage of Pell

Grant recipients; whether the institution has a ranked undergraduate business school, is a liberal arts college, public or private, or Catholic or Protestant affiliated; the wealth of the state and prevailing wages in the city where the institution is located; and whether an institution's students are not profit-driven. These variables account for 85% of the variation in the salaries between colleges. Isolating the university's contribution from student characteristics provides a measure of the value added solely from aspects of the university. Ten years after enrollment, **CSUB** alumni's actual median earnings were \$48,100 compared to the \$37,028 their backgrounds suggested they would earn. The \$11,072 over-performance places **CSUB** in the 99th (highest) percentile of value-added institutions, not only leading all campuses in the CSU and UC systems, but also all private 4-year institutions except one.

In contrast, popular college rankings published by *U.S. News & World Report* are based on surveys of reputation that tend to focus on the most selective

institutions, and measure qualities of the students who select those institutions, as opposed to the unique difference the university makes to its students' economic success. Some institutions perennially listed at the top of college popularity rankings were lower on this value-added listing, indicating their students' economic success was attributable to the characteristics of the students, who would have fared well irrespective of the institution attended. *The Economist* ranking validates CSUB's commitment to student success and the difference CSUB makes to economic success in our community.

ADDITIONAL CSUB ACCOLADES INCLUDE:

- **Carnegie Community Engagement Classification—Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (2015).** The award of this nationally competitive classification validates our commitment to the strategic goal “strengthening community engagement
- **Ranked #5 among nursing schools in California by College Atlas** based on affordability, academic quality, accessibility, and NCLEX RN board exam passage rates (June 19, 2015)

- **Ranked #39 by TIME Magazine** in its listing of top colleges and universities based on accessibility, affordability, and degree completion (April 24, 2014)
- **Ranked #54 by Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education** (May 18, 2015) in its listing of top 100 colleges for degrees granted to Hispanic students.
- **Ranked #8 Best Bang for the Buck by Washington Monthly** among baccalaureate colleges and universities in the West (2015).
- **Ranked at the 95th percentile by The Brookings Institute** for expected student earnings (October 29, 2015).
- **Ranked in the Top 50—Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education** (November 23, 2015) Publisher’s Pick of the Top 50 colleges and universities nationwide that provide outstanding opportunities for Hispanic students.
- **Ranked #5 among all 23 CSU campuses for STEM-related grant funding** with \$54 million in active grants (behind much larger campuses Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, and San Diego).



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CSUB ACCOLADES

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“#10 BEST ECONOMIC VALUE OF DEGREE” 99TH PERCENTILE”
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Community Colleges & Trade Schools

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Certificate and associates degrees

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EMPLOYERS' TRAINING RESOURCE

KERN COUNTY REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM

*"... Nearly **\$676.4** million of the earnings by alumni from **CSUB** are attributable to their CSU degrees ..."*

K-12 BREAKDOWN

Total Enrollment (K-12)	180,304
School Districts	48
Average Class Size	23
Elementary Schools	158
Middle/Junior High Schools	46
High Schools	35
Charter Schools	11

(Ed-Data, 2014-2015)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

	KERN	BAKERSFIELD
High School Graduate or Higher	74.5%	82.0%
Bachelor's or Higher	15.4%	21.1%

HIGHEST EDUCATION ATTAINMENT LEVEL

	KERN	BAKERSFIELD
No Diploma	11.5%	9.0%
High School Graduate	27.7%	26.4%
Some College	24.7%	27.3%
Associate's Degree	6.7%	7.1%
Bachelor's Degree	10.5%	14.3%
Graduate or Professional Degree	4.9%	6.8%

ANNUAL EARNINGS

HIGHEST EDUCATION ATTAINMENT LEVEL	KERN	BAKERSFIELD
No Diploma	\$16,841	\$18,412
High School Graduate	\$30,435	\$30,023
Some College or Associate's Degree	\$33,927	\$35,631
Bachelor's Degree	\$59,195	\$58,361
Graduate or Professional Degree	\$71,361	\$73,326

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey [1-year estimates])



Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Automation at Bakersfield College

Bakersfield COLLEGE

Building upon more than 100 years of excellence, Bakersfield College (BC) continues to contribute to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality in Kern County. In fall 2015, BC began offering a *Baccalaureate of Applied Science in Industrial Automation*. One of only 15 community college districts in California to offer a degree program, BC is providing much-needed workforce training to Kern County's current and future employers. Courses will prepare students for technical management careers in industries that use automation, including petroleum, manufacturing, logistics and agriculture industry sections—key industries to Kern County's regional economic growth.

LOCAL WORKFORCE NEEDS: DEMAND FOR TECHNICAL MANAGERS & HIGH LEVEL TECHNICIANS IN KERN COUNTY

OCCUPATION	2014 JOBS	ANNUAL OPENINGS 2014-2023	MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE*
Operations Management	3,246	151	\$43
Technicians/Technologist-related	912	37	\$36
Sales Engineers	69	3	\$43
Industrial Electronics Maintenance	189	9	\$28
TOTAL:	4,416	200	\$41

(Economic Modeling Specialists Intl.)



The Future Will Run on Innovation

The demand for skilled workers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is closely linked to global competitiveness and is a leading priority for Kern County educators. To succeed in this new information-based and highly technological society, local businesses, community leaders, and educators have come together to create private-public partnerships, allowing students new

Local Automation Employers



Key to Kern's Economy.

opportunities to study and experience STEM activities and training programs. In the past year, Chevron has dedicated \$30 million to STEM education through project-based learning methods at CSUB, Bakersfield College, Taft College, and a handful of local high schools and middle schools.

Project Lead the Way Pathway (PLTW), a program that serves several high schools in the Kern High School District, offers world-class, activity-, project-, and problem-based curriculum and high-quality teacher professional development model, combined with an engaged network of educators and corporate partners, help students develop the skills needed to succeed in our global economy. ■

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the nation's leading provider of K-12 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs. More than 6,500 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia currently offer PLTW courses to their students. For more information, visit www.pltw.org.



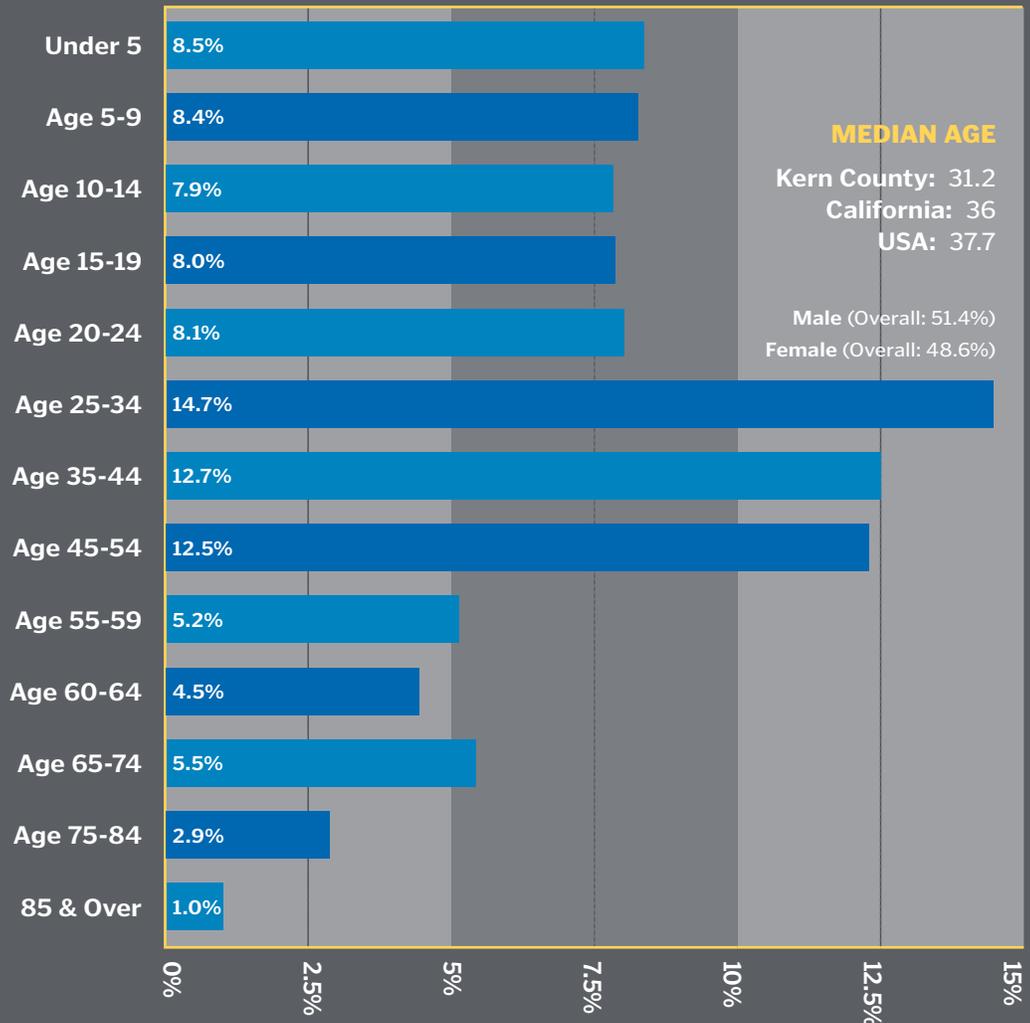
Community Profile

THERE ARE 11 INCORPORATED CITIES IN KERN COUNTY and 48 unincorporated census designated places (CDPs). Bakersfield, the county seat, is home to 42% of Kern County's population.



Photo courtesy Doug Kessler

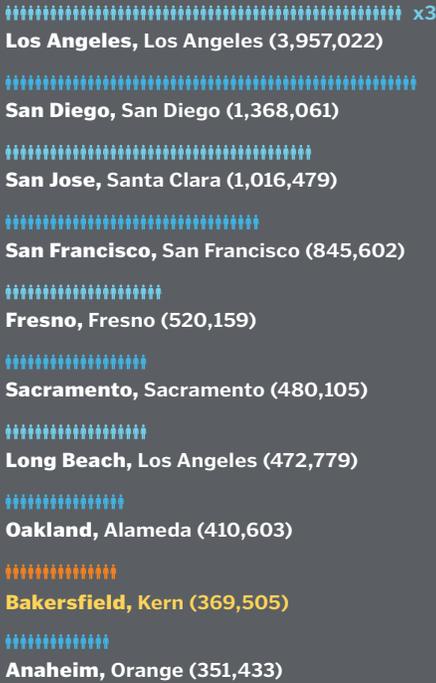
AGE & GENDER DISTRIBUTION



(U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey (5-year estimates))

Bakersfield is the 9th Largest Cities in California

10 LARGEST CITIES IN CALIFORNIA

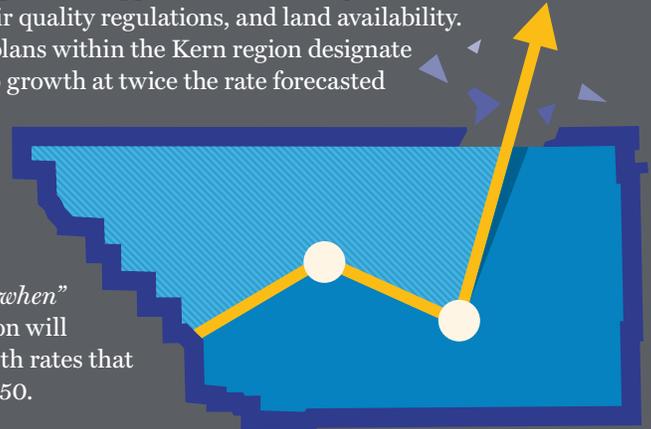


Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

Kern County's Bakersfield MSA is the 10th Fastest Growing City in the Nation

OVER THE NEXT 25 YEARS, growth in Kern County could vary widely based on a host of factors, including spillover from Southern California, water availability, employment opportunities, housing costs, interest rates, high-speed rail, air quality regulations, and land availability. The combined general plans within the Kern region designate sufficient land to absorb growth at twice the rate forecasted by 2035.

Past growth in the region and in Southern California as a whole would indicate that the question is not "if" but "when" Kern County's population will double. At current growth rates that will likely happen by 2050.



State of CA, Dept. of Finance

Over the next decade, natural increases will continue to fuel population growth in Kern County, with a population that will consist of more than 50% Hispanic/Latino ethnicity (Source: US Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey). Concurrently, a huge "baby boomer" population group is retiring and has set the stage for conversion of existing vacation homes in the mountain areas to primary residences.

According to Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), the increase of telecommuting workers will also allow more remote locations to become primary residences. At some point, significant spillover from the Southland will be felt first in the Rosamond and Frazier Park areas. Centennial—a new proposed community of 23,000 housing units on Tejon Ranch in northern Los Angeles County—may siphon some of the anticipated growth from southern Kern as the development comes online; however, this project will likely have growth-inducing effects in the Frazier Park area as well. The most recent forecast assumes that positive and negative growth factors will ultimately cancel each other out, causing long-term growth to reflect historic boom/bust trends.



POPULATION PERCENT BY RACE

CITY	HISPANIC OR LATINO	CAUCASIAN	BLACK	ASIAN	AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	TWO OR MORE RACES	NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	OTHER
Kern County	51.5	36	4.9	4.4	0.4	2.5	0.1	0.1
Bakersfield	49.1	34.8	6.7	6.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey (1-year estimates))

Community Profile

COMMUNITY POPULATION FORECAST

2010-2040
FORECAST GROWTH

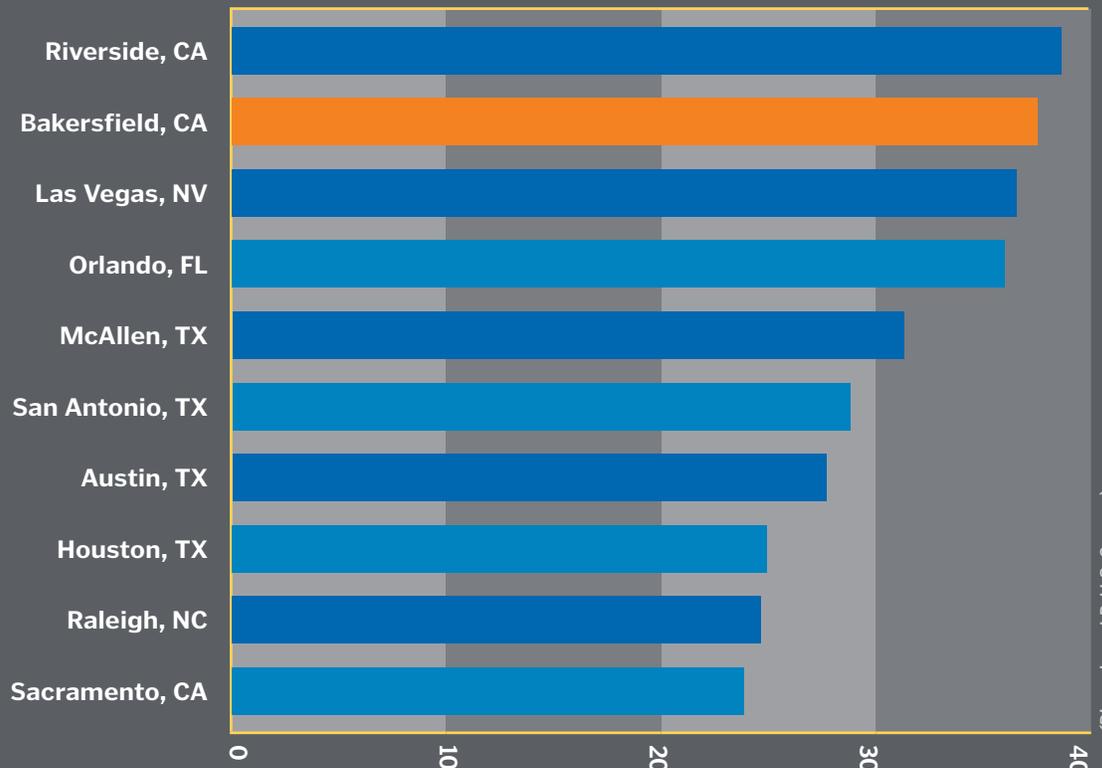
COMMUNITY	ESTIMATE 2015	FORECAST 2020	FORECAST 2030	FORECAST 2040	AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE	INCREASE
Kern County	874,264	1,010,800	1,208,200	1,444,100	1.80%	20,150
Arvin	20,113	23,800	29,300	36,000	2.10%	557
Bakersfield	369,505	443,500	566,000	719,500	2.40%	12,401
California City	13,165	17,300	21,300	26,100	2.00%	399
Delano	52,222	60,100	68,100	77,300	1.20%	809
Maricopa	1,169	1,170	1,190	1,210	0.20%	2
McFarland	14,037	14,600	16,800	19,300	1.40%	220
Ridgecrest	28,419	30,500	33,600	37,600	1.00%	333
Shafter	17,970	23,700	33,100	47,300	3.40%	1,010
Taft	9,456	10,900	12,800	15,300	1.60%	199
Tehachapi	13,028	16,000	17,800	20,100	1.10%	190
Wasco	26,130	31,200	38,100	47,500	2.00%	732
Unincorporated	309,050	338,030	370,110	396,890	1.00%	3,300

(Estimates from State of California, Department of Finance. Projections from Kern Council of Governments)



“Millennials—those born between 1981 & 1997—now make up the largest segment of the U.S. labor force.”

US CITIES WITH GREATEST % INCREASE IN MILLENNIALS (2010-13)



(Bloomberg LP, U.S. Census)

Kern County Evolving into Mecca for Millennials

KERN COUNTY'S RECENT NO. 2 RANKING FOR MILLENNIAL JOB AND POPULATION GROWTH has piqued the interest of the local and national news outlets. According to the **Pew Research Center**, millennials—those born between 1981 and 1997—now make up the largest segment of the U.S. labor force. In 2015, the “Internet generation” (53.5 million) took over the pole position from Gen Xers (52.7 million) and baby boomers (44.6 million). As a result of these demographic shifts in the pecking order, it is essential that **Kern EDC's** coalition of public and private sector leaders diligently work to attract and retain the workforce of the future.

In “*What Your City Should Do to Attract Millennials*,” **Jeff Fromm** highlights key elements for successful regions of the future.

ACCESSIBILITY

Proximity to employment can influence a range of economic and social outcomes, from local fiscal health to the employment prospects of residents. A 2015 **Brookings Institution** report shows that Kern County has the second-highest rate of

job increases within a typical commute distance for the average worker. While the number of jobs within the typical commute distance for residents of the nation's largest metro areas fell by 7 percent between 2000 and 2012, the number of jobs in Kern's Bakersfield MSA increased by 22.7 percent.

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

New and expanding lifestyle centers like **The Shops at River Walk** and **Outlets at Tejon** also help keep and bring in money for the local economy. **Fromm** points out that millennials are ‘foodies’ drawn to communities that offer unique and one-of-a-kind dining experiences. Earlier this year, the **Food Network** highlighted eight restaurants in the area, and in June, the **Noriega Hotel** and the **Padre Hotel** were lauded for *Best in the West* and *California* awards, respectively.

AFFORDABILITY

According to a November 2014 **Trulia** study, the Bakersfield-Delano MSA, which includes the entire county, is the top metro in the state for affordability for millennials (as well as middle-class residents). Almost 50 percent of Gen Yers can afford a 1,400-square-foot home in Kern County.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & TECHNOLOGY

With recent top 10 rankings for STEM jobs and high-tech GDP growth, Kern is emerging as a recognized technology hub across several industry sectors including aerospace/defense, energy, food processing, healthcare and logistics.

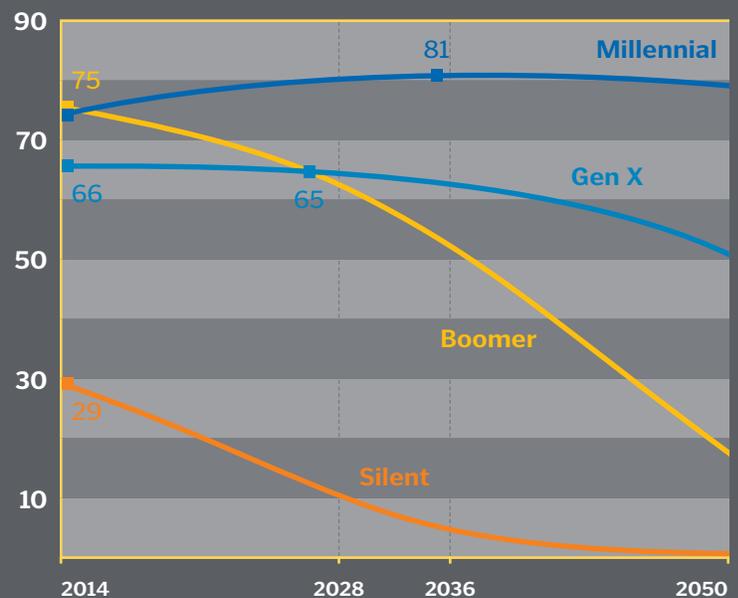
East Kern is home to several technology incubators. **The Mojave Air and Space Port** supports more than 60 companies and 3,000 jobs. Ridgecrest, which is home to the **Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division** laboratories, also claims the title of having the highest per capita percentage of Ph.D.s in the U.S.

Indeed, Kern County is well positioned to meet the future needs of the next generation of workers. As the top metro in the U.S. for social mobility, both local and out-of-area millennials will have the opportunity to achieve the California dream. ■

“... It is essential that Kern EDC's coalition of public and private sector leaders diligently work to attract and retain the workforce of the future.”



PROJECTED POPULATION BY GENERATION (MILLIONS)



(Pew Research Center tabulations of U.S. Census Bureau population projections (Dec. 2014)) *Millennial refers to population ages 18-34 as of '15.



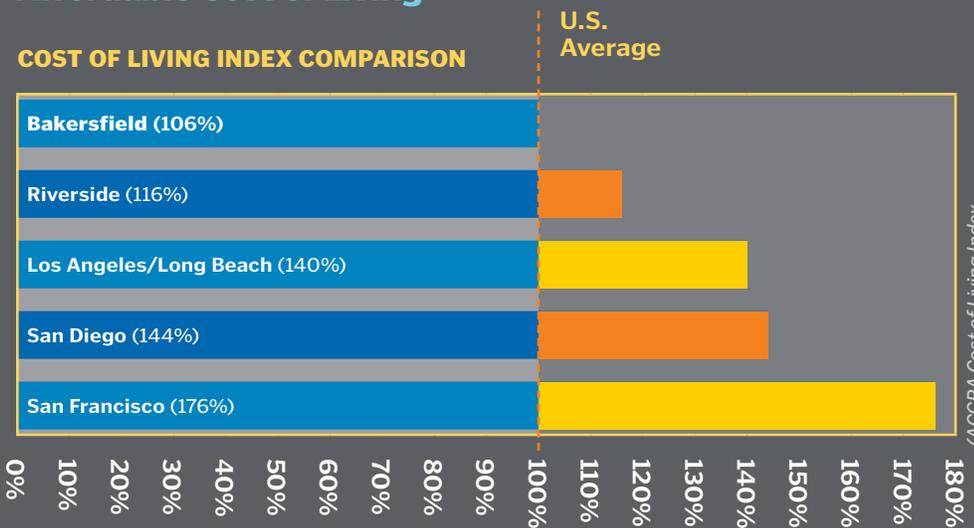
Quality of Life

Food. Fun. Festivals. Family.

FROM FAMILIES TO COLLEGE STUDENTS TO BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS, Kern County has much to offer anyone looking for an affordable and attractive place to live their dreams. Cultural and outdoor activities abound, various professional sports teams offer entertainment and housing prices are more reasonable than anywhere else in California. Kern County's combination of large community opportunity and small town appeal is just right.

Affordable Cost of Living

COST OF LIVING INDEX COMPARISON



(ACCRA Cost of Living Index, 2015 Annual Review)

About the Index: The Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) produces the Cost of Living Index to provide a useful and accurate measure of living cost differences among urban areas. Items on which the Index is based have been carefully chosen to reflect the different categories of consumer expenditures. Weights assigned to relative costs are based on government survey data on expenditure patterns for professional and executive households in the top income quintile. All items are priced in each place at a specified time and according to standardized specifications.



Photo courtesy Doug Kessler

“That spirit of welcoming continues today, as new industry, new residents, and new visitors discover Kern County. Don't believe it? Just look at how our population has grown...”

Salary Comparison

If you make \$60,000 in Kern County, you'll be shocked at how much further your money will go while maintaining the same quality of life.

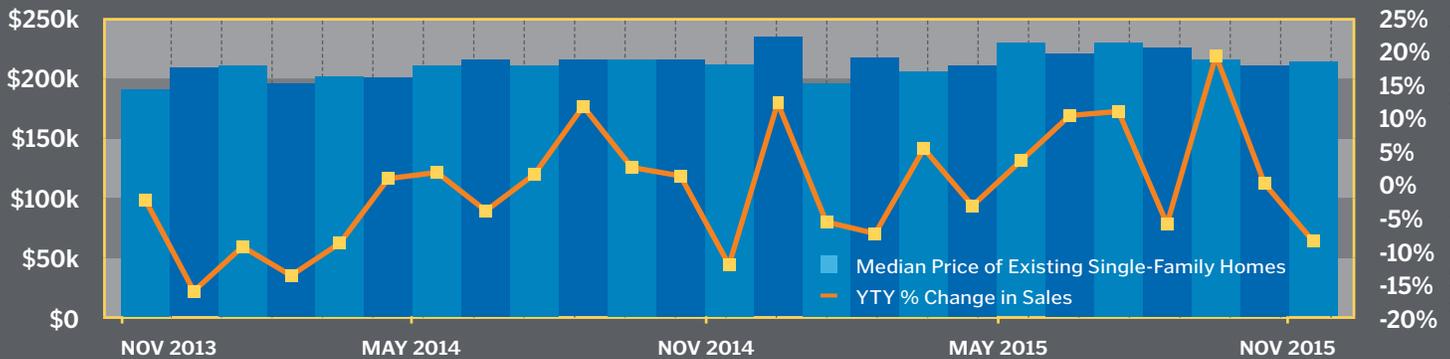


AREA	ANNUAL SALARY NEEDED TO MAINTAIN SAME QUALITY OF LIFE	HOUSING IN KERN COUNTY WILL COST
San Francisco	\$96,748.71	67.7% less
Orange County	\$103,058.35	58.2% less
San Diego	\$104,738.68	54.6% less
Los Angeles	\$106,153.85	51.3% less
Riverside	\$115,297.16	25.3% less
Sacramento	\$115,826.09	21.4% less

(Cost of Living Index Calculator)

Housing Market Update

MEDIAN PRICE OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES



(California Association of Realtors)

Ease of Transportation

ANNUAL COMMUTE COMPARISONS OF CALIFORNIA LOCATIONS

CITY/ URBAN AREA	COMMUTERS PER DAY*	EXCESS FUEL PER COMMUTER	TIME LOST DUE TO TRAFFIC	CONGESTION COST PER COMMUTER
Bakersfield	304,000	9 gal	19 hr	\$512
Fresno	383,000	11 gal	23 hr	\$495
Riverside	1.11 million	18 gal	59 hr	\$1,316
San Diego	1.7 million	11 gal	42 hr	\$887
Los Angeles	7.29 million	25 gal	80 hr	\$1,711

*Number of travelers who begin a trip during the morning or evening peak hours.

(Urban Mobility, FindTheData.com)

HOUSING MARKET UPDATE

SALES ACTIVITY	KERN	CA
YTD% Change in Sales	2.0%	6.0%
YTY% Change in Sales	-8.7%	-1.6%
PRICE ACTIVITY	KERN	CA
Median Home Price (k)	\$213	\$475
YTY% Change in Price	0.8%	6.8%

(CA Association of Realtors)



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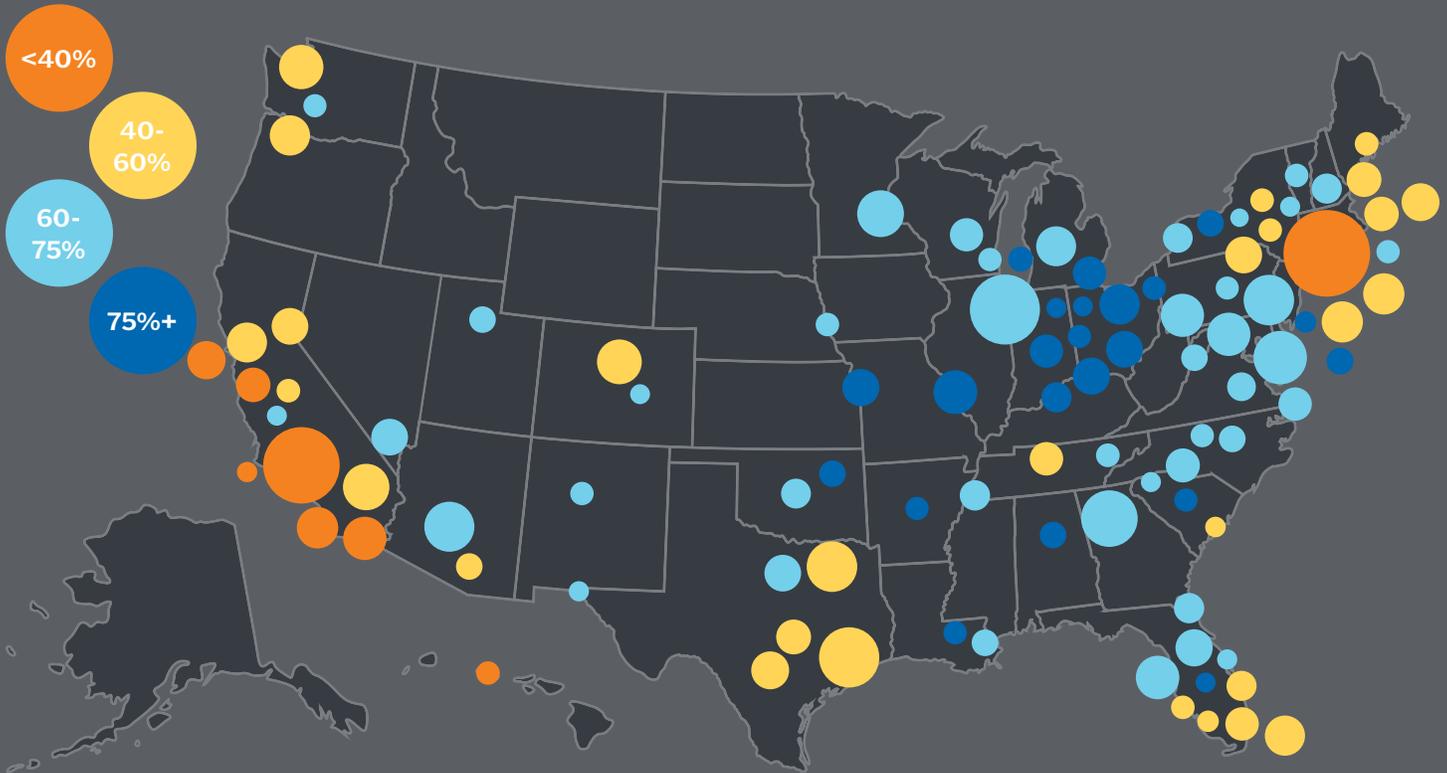
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PERCENT OF FOR-SALE HOMES AFFORDABLE AT METRO MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



Median Home Prices & Affordability

Surprisingly, high-income metros are generally less, not more, affordable. Housing prices tend to be so high in areas with high incomes that affordability ends up being worse than in low-income metros. As a result, high-income

areas such as San Francisco and Orange County are among the least affordable, even after taking income into account. In Kern County it's all good news. High school graduates in Kern earn a higher average income than those in San Francisco (\$34,023 to \$24,641). This makes affording a home a dream come true, especially for millennials. ■



METRO	KERN COUNTY	FRESNO COUNTY	RIVERSIDE COUNTY	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	SAN DIEGO COUNTY	ORANGE COUNTY
MEDIAN HOME PRICE	\$213,000	\$222,970	\$337,200	\$457,870	\$554,440	\$711,030
PERCENTAGE OF HOMES AFFORDABLE TO THE	Middle Class: 61%	Middle Class: 51%	Middle Class: 44%	Middle Class: 22%	Middle Class: 25%	Middle Class: 26%
	Millennials: 47%	Millennials: 32%	Millennials: 34%	Millennials: 17%	Millennials: 18%	Millennials: 17%
MEDIAN SIZE OF HOME AFFORDABLE TO MIDDLE CLASS	1,400 ft²	1,350 ft²	1,400 ft²	1,250 ft²	1,100 ft²	1,100 ft²

(CA Assoc. of Realtors, Trulia Trends)



Arts & Entertainment

Photo by Doug Kessler



Outdoor Activities

Photo by Rivers End Rafting



Community Festivals

Photo by Doug Kessler

Kern County is the Place to Be!

SKY DIVING, ROCK CLIMBING, BIKING, OFF-ROADING, SKIING, KAYAKING, WINDSURFING, RIVER RAFTING, FISHING, GOLFING, AUTO RACING, BIRD-WATCHING. All these, and more, are waiting for you in Kern County. Kern is within easy reach of Los Angeles, San Francisco, the Pacific Coast, Las Vegas, Yosemite, Sequoia, and Death Valley, making it perfect location for travel in California and the West.

The wild and scenic Kern River is a mecca for outdoor activities, where beginners and professionals alike flock to its world-class rapids. The Kern River Valley is home to some of the best fishing and camping in California, with easy access to the Giant Sequoia National Monument. The county's five recreational lakes just add to the water-based fun.

Kern's desert is home to the awe-inspiring Red Rock Canyon State Park and the living ghost town of Randsburg. You can also view the history of flight or developments in military technology at **Edwards Air Force Base**, **Vernon P. Saxon Flight Museum**, or the **U.S. Naval Museum of Armament and Technology** at the **China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station**.

In the southern valley is **Wind Wolves Preserve**, the west coast's largest non-profit preserve, offering birding hikes, full moon and



Photo by Doug Kessler



Photo by Doug Kessler

Photo by Rosemary's Family Creamery



Photo by Belvedere Room



blackout hikes, movies in the canyon, some of the most noteworthy Native American rock art in North America, and a herd of tule elk.

More elk can be found at **Tule Elk State Natural Reserve** where a small herd, once in danger of extinction, is now protected. The nearby **Kern National Wildlife Refuge** provides optimum wintering habitat for migratory birds with an emphasis on waterfowl and water birds.

Kern's largest city, Bakersfield, is a city of festivals, where there always seems to be one going on: from mac and cheese to nuts, bluegrass to jazz, Greek to Scottish, Celtic to Basque, and craft beer to wine. Experience the famous "Bakersfield Sound" at **Buck Owens' Crystal Palace**, regularly nominated as **Nightclub of the Year** by the **Academy of Country Music**. Explore the **Bakersfield Museum Trail**, a driving route that connects four unique and family-friendly museums. Check out Bakersfield's thriving arts scene and **First Friday ArtWalk** downtown. And with more Basque restaurants than any other city in the nation, indulge yourself with Bakersfield's unique and memorable food experiences (**Guy Fieri** visited in 2015 for his "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives" show on the **Food Network**). And don't forget Kern's local microbreweries when you want to cap your unbeatable visit in Kern County. ■

by Bakersfield Convention & Visitors Bureau



Delicious Food

Photo by Bakersfield CVB



Love of Sports

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Auto Racing Mania

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Whatever you enjoy—bird-watching, golfing, hunting and fishing, auto racing, sky diving, rock climbing, biking, off-roading, skiing, kayaking, or windsurfing—Kern County is the place to be!

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May 10, 2016

California High-Speed Rail Authority
770 L St, Ste-620, MS-2
Sacramento, California 95814
Attention: **Board of Directors**

Regarding: **THE RECKLESS HANDLING OF OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND THE DENIAL OF OUR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST**

We respectfully request answers to the following six questions pertaining to our multi-decade Cherry and Almond Agro-Leases that your staff have apparently lost.

- 1- What happened to our lease agreement documentation and our sensitive personal information contained within? Specifically, who has had control of our two leases and when?
- 2- Where are our lease agreements? Specifically, where are they stored today?
- 3- What security measures are being used to prevent any unauthorized access to our personal information under the Authority's control?
- 4- Were our lease agreements destroyed? If so, when and how?
- 5- What is the Authority's approved procedure for maintaining, securing, accessing and destroying sensitive personal information of those being compelled to cooperate in the California High-Speed Train Project (CHSTP) Right of Way acquisition process?
- 6- Who specifically is responsible for monitoring and supervising those security procedures?

The lost leases are associated with our parcels that the Authority is proposing to purchase all or part of for inclusion in the CHSTP.

When we complied with the Authority's Notice of Decision to Appraise our parcels, we advised the Authority's staff, contractors and subcontractors that our six parcels were encumbered with Agro-Leases and we provided the Authority's staff, contractors and subcontractors with copies of the Agro-Leases associated with the parcels as requested.

On February 26, 2016, we became aware that our documents were most likely lost and we began to question the matter.

By March 11, 2016, we formally requested Alan Glen, Authority Chief Real Estate Officer to answer those questions about our missing documents. None of those questions are difficult to answer.

On April 12, 2016, Mr. Glen advised us that he considered the matter closed without providing any detailed answers to our questions about what happened to our personal information or how it was being handled going forward.

On April 12th, it became clear to us that the Authority was just going to dismiss the loss of our personal documentation as insignificant and not investigate the matter.

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On April 13, 2016, we made a California Public Records Act (CPRA) request to the Authority in an effort to reconstruct what happened to our information.

On April 14, 2016, I discussed the matter directly with Mr. Glen following a State Public Works Board meeting. During that meeting we briefly discussed that the reason for the CPRA request was to reconstruct what happened to our missing documents because he had failed to answer our questions.

On April 15, 2016, we emailed Mr. Glen a recap of our conversation on April-14th. We have not heard from Mr. Glen since April-14th. He did not provide us with the courtesy of an acknowledgment of the mail as we had requested.

On May 6, 2016, the Authority denied our CPRA request for records citing exemption from releasing any records pursuant to California Government Code section 6254(h) (GC6254(h)).

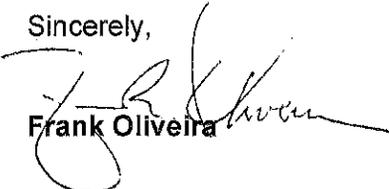
GC6254(h) reads "The contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property, or to prospective public supply and construction contracts, until all of the property has been acquired or all of the contract agreement obtained. However, the law of eminent domain shall not be affected by this provision."

Our denied CPRA was much broader than "the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations" and the Authority's refusal to release the requested records that do not include "the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations" smells of a cover up.

Attached is a new CPRA request that asks for the same information was before but excluding "the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations". For clarification, we are looking for answers to our six question, none of which has anything to do with the "the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations".

In closure, it is things like this that re-enforce that the Authority cannot be trusted to be forthright in any matter. When will the Authority answer our questions?

Sincerely,


Frank Oliveira

Attachment: Lost Lease Log 28-pages
GC6254 7-pages
CPRA Request 5-10-2016 2-pages

Pc: File
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From: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Subject: The reckless handling of our personal information by your agents
Date: March 11, 2016 at 18:09
To: CHSRA-Chief Real Estate Officer Alan.Glen@hsr.ca.gov
Cc: Christine C. Fitzgerald fitzgeraldlaw@sbcglobal.net



Dear Alan Glen, CHSRA-Chief Real Estate Officer,

Thank you for taking an interest in the following matter at the State Public Works Board (SPWB) meeting today. Per your request, here are the details of our complaint and our request.

Your agents have lost control of our family's personal information pertaining to our multi-million dollar lease agreements twice not once.

Background-

On August 13, 2014, the SPWB site selected our parcels of land noted below for acquisition or partial acquisition by the California High-Speed Train Project (CHSTP).

002-150-050 FB-16-0028

002-150-043 FB-16-0027

002-150-027 FB-16-0026

002-190-009 FB-16-0033

002-190-007 FB-16-0031

As a result, we have been compelled by the SPWB's decision to cooperate in the acquisition process by providing the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (Authority) Right Of Way Acquisition Staff information about those parcels and by providing them access to the parcels to determine what "Just Compensation" to us would be in this situation.

The first four parcels are involved in a 20-year lease agreement. The agreement memorializes my family's obligations to the tenant, the tenant's obligations to us as well as compensation to our family. The agreement also memorializes our agreement to fund the tenant's start-up business and the compensation arrangement to us.

The agreement includes what we considered to be very personal information about my parents, my siblings, the tenant and myself.

The first four parcels were appraised by your agent on October 21, 2014 and as part of the process, we provided your agent with a copy of the agreement to be included in the valuation of the parcels.

Recently, the Authority apparently decided to appraise the four parcels again. I asked if the Authority still had a copy of that lease agreement and I was told "No".

No one has explained what happened to our lease agreement and our personal information contained within.

We have provided the Authority with another copy of the lease agreement to forward the process but what happened to our personal information?

In regard to the fifth parcel on the list, the parcel is involved in a different 20-year lease agreement with a different tenant.

The agreement memorializes our trust's obligations to the tenant, the tenant's obligations to our trust as well as our compensation arrangement to our trust.

The agreement includes what we consider to be very personal information about my aunt, my siblings, the tenant and myself.

On September 11, 2015, the fifth parcel was appraised by your agent and as part of the process, we provided your agent with a copy of the agreement to be included in the valuation of the parcels.

During the appraisal inspection of the parcel, we also ensured that the appraiser met with our tenant face to face and discussed the impact of the lease on the parcel.

On February 26, 2016, we received an offer from your agent to purchase parts of the parcel. Oddly the appraiser's report reflects that the parcel is not leased and other documents in the offer package seem to support that flawed Authority appraiser's observation.

Again, what happened to our lease agreement documentation and our sensitive personal information contained within?

Your agents have not once but twice mishandled and apparently lost control of our lease agreements.

Where are our lease agreements?

What security measures are being used to prevent unauthorized access to our personal information under the Authority's control?

Were our lease agreements destroyed? If so, when and how?

What is the Authority's approved procedure for maintaining, securing, accessing and destroying sensitive personal information of those being compelled to cooperate in this CHSTP acquisition process?

Who specifically is responsible for monitoring and supervising those security procedures?

My family respectfully requests that the Authority refer this matter to the California Transportation Office of the Inspector General and to the Office of the State Auditor to investigate where our information is stored, where it has been and what will happen to it in the future as well as who is responsible for these things.

When can we expect answers?

Sincerely,

Frank Oliveira
MEL's Farms & Mike Rosa Family Trust
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From: Glen, Alan@HSR Alan.Glen@hsr.ca.gov
Subject: Re: The reckless handling of our personal information by your agents
Date: March 11, 2016 at 18:28
To: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Cc: Christine C. Fitzgerald fitzgeraldlaw@sbcglobal.net

Mr. Oliveira thanks for providing the details of your concerns. I will prepare a response and respectfully request 4 weeks as I have a scheduled vacation starting next Thursday.

Thank you
Alan Glen

From: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Subject: Re: The reckless handling of our personal information by your agents
Date: March 11, 2016 at 18:30
To: Alan Glen Alan.Glen@hsr.ca.gov
Cc: Herman Fitzgerald fitzgeraldlaw@sbcglobal.net

Mr. Glen,
Thank you.

Frank Oliveira

From: Grebe, Don@HSR don.grebe@hsr.ca.gov
Subject: Lease on Rosa property
Date: March 18, 2016 at 16:21
To: frank.oliveira@me.com



Hi Frank,

I wanted to update you on my investigation into the Rosa Lease with Mr. Dore. His recollection was that he requested the lease at the inspection of the property but did not receive a copy at that time, although one was promised. He has subsequently revisited his field folder and confirmed that no copy of the lease was received by whomever promised to send it.

Should he receive a copy of the lease he can modify the appraisal verbiage to reflect that fact.

Feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Don Grebe
Deputy Director of Real Property
California High Speed Rail Authority
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From: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Subject: Re: Lease on Rosa property
Date: March 21, 2016 at 16:13
To: Don Grebe don.grebe@hsr.ca.gov



Don,

Very weird. You clearly have a larger contractor problem than we thought. Our information is not just misplaced, it is lost based on your email.

That said, thank you for following up on our conversation from last Wednesday, that was prompted by our complaint to the State Public Works Board last week, about the Authority losing control of our personal information.

Based on your email, your right of way appraisal subcontractor, Mr. Doré must be thinking about appraising a different place with different people present, who discussed different things. This I do know, it is not our responsibility to supervise or oversee Mr. Doré or his firm and it is not our job to trouble shoot the Authority's right of way acquisition system problems.

Nothing has changed in this situation, consider the following-

We have several pre-appraisal inspection emails to Mr. Doré where we referenced to Mr. Doré that the parcel is subject to an Ag lease and there is a tenant.

We provided Mr. Doré with an emailed copy of the Ag lease on the parcel several weeks before the appraisal inspection. I will forward you a copy of the email to Mr. Doré that included the lease. It will follow this email.

We introduced Mr. Doré to the Ag tenant on site at the appraisal inspection. The tenant and Mr. Doré discussed the tenant's operation while I was present. Gladys Gusman from the Authority was also there.

I do not recall Mr. Doré asking me for production records or any documents before or after the appraisal inspection. If he did, I would like to see the email requesting the information.

We introduced Mr. Doré to the residential tenant (different from the Ag tenant) on site, at the appraisal inspection. The tenant accompanied Mr. Doré on an inspection of the residence.

I accompanied Mr. Doré on an inspection of the outbuildings, equipment yard and irrigation infrastructure. I delivered him to those sites where he took pictures. We discussed our concerns about how we would access our house and equipment yard post acquisition. I answered all questions that Mr. Doré asked which were few.

Mr. Doré's appraisal report states that the parcel is not leased but it is leased. Mr. Doré was advised of the Ag lease in advance of the inspection and the matter was re-enforced during the inspection. Mr. Doré spoke with the Ag tenant. Even if we had not provided Mr. Doré with the Ag lease, to report that parcel was not leased after speaking with the tenant smacks of malpractice and careless disregard.

I do not believe that Mr. Doré's report states that the residence is rented but it is rented. Mr. Doré was advised of such during the inspection and met the tenant.

Mr. Doré's report states that there is one Ag well and one canal lift station/pump but there are two Ag wells and two canal lift stations. Mr. Doré was delivered to them during the inspection.

Mr. Doré's report reflects that our access to the parcel is not impeded when access to our house, equipment yard and irrigation infrastructure will be eliminated by the project. Our access concerns were discussed with both Mr. Doré and Ms. Gusman during the appraisal inspection on site while standing where the access problems will occur.

According to your email, Mr. Doré states that he requested a copy of the lease and did not receive a copy but was promised one. Mr. Doré was provided preemptive copies of the lease, no one promised to send it to him. Mr. Doré's report states that he requested production records and received none. I don't recall him asking me for any other documentation.

According to your email, Mr. Doré states that he revisited his field folder and confirmed that no lease was receive by whomever promised to send it. If our lease is not in Mr. Doré's field folder it is because he has mismanaged or lost control of our information which was the point of our conversation last Wednesday.

Aside from Mr. Doré's recollection complications and document control defects there are other serious defective statements and defective comparisons noted in the appraisal report. We will address those through our legal counsel when appropriate.

Mr. Doré appeared to us to be pleasant, thorough and professional leading up to us receiving his severely defective appraisal report which opened our eyes to the personal information control problems we are discussing today.

Don, your suggestion that it would be appropriate to have your subcontractor that has lost control of our business information, our tenant's business information, who can't remember who he met on site and what they shared with him could creditably amend his defective appraisal seems ridiculous.

We have no confidence that Mr. Doré or his firm is capable of properly and objectively appraising our property. Mr. Doré has crashed this appraisal.

This poses yet another dilemma, Mr. Doré's firm is schedule at the end of this month to do an appraisal inspection of four more of our parcels, that the Authority has also previously lost control of our leases. Those parcels are leased to a different tenant from the matter discussed above. Again, we have no confidence that Mr. Doré or his firm is capable of properly and objectively appraising our property based on what has happened on 002-190-007.

Back to the original questions for the State Public Works Board and Mr. Alan Glen, CHSRA-Chief Real Estate Officer-
What is the Authority's approved document control procedure for handling the public's private and personal information that must be shared with the Authority in the acquisition process?

Who is responsible for overseeing the control of our personal information that we have provided the Authority and its contractors?

Where have our leases that we provided the Authority regarding parcels 002-190-007, 002-190-009, 002-150-027, 002-150-043 & 002-150-050 been stored?

Under what type of security has and is our leases stored?

Who has had access to our leases and who still has access to our leases?

What will happen to our personal and private information that we have provided the Authority at the end of the acquisition process?

Frank

From: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Subject: Fwd: Lease on Rosa property
Date: March 22, 2016 at 11:38
To: CHSRA-ROW Grebe don.orebe@hsr.ca.gov

Don,

Thank you for deciding to continue to investigate Mr. Doré and his firm's activity in regard the appraisal process of our parcel 002-190-007.

We agree that there is more to look at here but we will reiterate the points that we have already provided you evidence of-

1- Mr. Doré specifically reported in his appraisal report that our 002-190-007 was not leased but we have demonstrated for you that Mr. Doré was given adequate advanced documented knowledge that the parcel was leased and the residence was rented. We have demonstrated that Mr. Doré and I were in regular communication through emails that both he and I received and responded too. Aside from this email thread, I have several others between Mr. Doré and us.

2- In the email chain that we sent you, "John" is referenced, by both Mr. Doré and I, pertaining to scheduling the appraisal inspection. Mr. Doré was aware that Mr. John Tos the tenant would be at the inspection to answer questions about the lease. Mr. Tos met Mr. Doré on site as arranged and he discussed his almond orchard operation with Mr. Doré but Mr. Doré reflects that there is no lease in his report and I guess he has forgotten meeting with the critical parties involved in our parcel. It appears from your email that Mr. Doré has communicated to you that he does not remember what happen on site and that his field folder is incomplete. The parcel is leased or it is not and it is leased and we made a thorough demonstrable good faith effort to provide complete information to the Authority through Mr. Doré pertaining to the valuation of our property.

3- Mr. Doré advised you that "someone" on site promised him documentation and we have no recollection of making him that promise or what documentation he was seeking. Note we had already provided him the lease agreement and he met the tenant and renter.

4- Mr. Doré advised you that he verified that we did not provide him with the lease agreement by searching our field folder where he found nothing but we have already demonstrated that we provided Mr. Doré with the information and that he had a face to face meeting with our tenant and renter. As demonstrated by our documented preemptive efforts to provide Mr. Doré with information, if he would have asked me for more information, we would have provided him with more information.

5- Mr. Doré has a very different memory of what happened than we do and based on what he told you about our field folder he does not have adequate control of our personal information and information that is relevant to the value of our parcel and the establishment of just compensation.

We do not know why Mr. Doré's memory, field folder and documentation is defective. We do know that all three things are defective in regard to 002-190-007 which makes Mr. Doré and his firm defective.

We make no apology for our observation of Mr. Doré and his firm's work product.

In the meantime, Mr. Doré or his firm is scheduled on **March-31st** to do the appraisal inspections on four more of our parcels (002-190-009, 002-150-027, 002-150-043 & 002-150-050).

All things considered, we have no confidence in your subcontractor Mr. Doré or his firm's ability to competently or objectively appraise our property to establish just compensation especially since we have already forwarded a reasonable complaint about Mr. Doré and his firm's competency.

We would be more comfortable working with a different appraisal subcontractor.

What do you want to do Don?

Frank

From: Grebe, Don@HSR don.grebe@hsr.ca.gov
Subject: RE: Lease on Rosa property
Date: March 24, 2016 at 11:13
To: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com

It's been reassigned to a different appraisal firm

From: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Subject: Re: Lease on Rosa property
Date: March 24, 2016 at 16:14
To: Don Grebe don.grebe@hsr.ca.gov

Don,
Thank you.

Frank

From: Grebe, Don@HSR don.grebe@hsr.ca.gov
Subject: Re: Lease on Rosa property
Date: March 24, 2016 at 16:16
To: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com

You're welcome.

From: Glen, Alan@HSR Alan.Glen@hsr.ca.gov 
Subject: RE: The reckless handling of our personal information by your agents
Date: March 30, 2016 at 14:24
To: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Cc: Herman Fitzgerald fitzgeraldlaw@sbcglobal.net

Mr. Oliveira- Please find the enclosed letter in response to your request regarding your lease documents. I appreciate your patience to await my return before completing the review and response.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely

Alan P. Glen
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March 30, 2016

Frank Oliveira
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Lemoore, CA 93245

RE: Lease Documents for Parcels FB-16-0026,-0027,-0028,-0033 and FB-16-0031

Dear Mr. Oliveira:

I share your concern about the need to have documents, particularly sensitive ones, maintained in a secure manner.

Following receipt of your March 11, 2016 electronic mail message, I asked Mr. James Staudinger, our Right of Way Agent responsible for your parcels, to give me an accounting of your lease documents that you have provided in the past. Mr. Staudinger reported that we do have the lease document that you provided to Craig Owyang, our appraiser during the initial appraisal of Parcels FB-16-0026,-0027,-0028, and -0033 in 2014, which, according to Mr. Owyang, was not complete and was missing an Exhibit D, a schedule of the "Initial Term Rent".

When a lease is received from a property owner, receipt of that lease is noted in the appraiser's diary and/or the acquisition agent's diary, depending on the recipient. The lease is kept in a locked file for safe keeping. In addition, the files that are created for the appraisal and subsequent purchase transaction are maintained in a secured file room as well. We assure you that we maintain the security of sensitive information from each and every transaction.

It is also my understanding that you have reservations about our second appraiser, Lance Dore, assigned to update the appraisal of the same parcels and complete the appraisal for FB 16-0031 as a result of confusion about whether he had access to the previously provided lease documents. Mr. Dore did not have the lease that was provided to Mr. Owyang in 2014; and as such caused this confusion. Additionally, Mr. Dore has not received the lease associated with the 5th parcel appraisal either. As a result of your expressed concerns, the Authority has reassigned the current appraisal work to Ms. Beth Finestone. I am confident that you will find Ms. Finestone to be an excellent appraiser and will address any concerns that you have along the way.

We appreciate you providing us the opportunity to address any concerns that you may have and continue to be available to address any future concerns.

Sincerely,

Alan P. Glen
Director of Real Property
California High-Speed Rail Authority

From: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com 

Subject: Re: The reckless handling of our personal information by your agents

Date: April 8, 2016 at 14:16

To: Alan Glen Alan.Glen@hsr.ca.gov

Cc: Herman Fitzgerald fitzgeraldlaw@sbcglobal.net, Louie Oliveira olivfarm@yahoo.com, Gloria Denton gjdcanso@sbcglobal.net, Pat Oliveira poliveira@fewines.com, Don Grebe don.grebe@hsr.ca.gov

Dear Mr. Glen,

Thank you for your investigation into this matter. We have attached a response to your findings.

Thank you,

Frank Oliveira

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April 8, 2016

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Attention: **Alan Glen, Director of Real Property**

Regarding: **THE RECKLESS HANDLING OF OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION BY YOUR AGENTS**

Thank you for responding back to us about our lease documents that the Authority has lost and for you sharing our concern that documents with sensitive personal information should be maintained in a secure manner by the Authority.

We appreciate your detailed response back about who did what and what happened to our personal information that was in the Authority's control.

Unfortunately, what you relayed back to us about the situation is not what happened to us and you never do answer the main questions that we posed to the State Public Works Board (SPWB).

The SPWB questions were specifically-

- 1- What happened to our lease agreement documentation and our sensitive personal information contained within? (Specifically, who has had control of our two leases and when?)
- 2- Where are our lease agreements? (Specifically, where are they stored today?)
- 3- What security measures are being used to prevent unauthorized access to our personal information under the Authority's control? (Self explanatory)
- 4- Were our lease agreements destroyed? If so, when and how? (Self explanatory)
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Your letter only conveys that our personal information is kept by the Authority in a locked file or locked room somewhere. This is reassuring to us but an inadequate explanation based on what has happened to us to date. We know that at least one of our lease documents are most-likely not stored in this manner and we will explain why we know this later in this correspondence.

To your explanation of who did what and when-

We believe that Craig Owyang is or was an appraisal subcontractor of Continental Field Service, who is the Authority's contractor. On October 21, 2014, Mr. Owyang did an appraisal inspection of our Kings County parcels 002-150-050, 002-150-043, 002-150-027 and 002-190-009. All four of these parcels are encumbered by a common lease agreement that I will refer to as the Cherry Lease from this point forward to simplify the conversation. We provided Mr. Owyang with a copy of the Cherry Lease.

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In early 2015, we received a problematic appraisal report and offer from the Authority to purchase 002-190-009. We never received an appraisal report or offer to purchase 002-150-050, 002-150-043 or 002-150-027.

In January and February-2016, the Authority told us that they wanted to redo the appraisal inspections of the same four parcels covered by the Cherry Lease. Lance Doré was assigned as Continental Field Service's appraiser. We believe that he is a subcontractor of Continental Field Service like Mr. Owyang before him.

Due to the change in appraisers, we asked the logical question, "Do you still have a copy of our Cherry Lease in our file?". The answer was "No". Which lead to our logical question of "Why not?".

You conveyed in your letter to us that James Staudinger from Continental Field Service now reports that the Authority has the 2014 Owyang copy of our Cherry Lease but was missing Exhibit-D of the document that we provided Mr. Owyang in 2014. You also state that Mr. Doré never had copy of the Cherry Lease.

We discussed the missing Exhibit-D with Mr. Staudinger on March 31, 2016 and provided the missing Exhibit-D to Mr. Staudinger yesterday (April-7th). Mr. Staudinger could not provide an explanation as to what happened to the copy of Exhibit-D that we previously provided the Authority in 2014.

None of this explains why the Authority told us earlier this year when Mr. Doré was assigned to our case, why we were told the Authority did not have the 2014 copy of the Cherry Lease on file when the same parcels where being set up for the reappraisal inspections.

During summer of 2015, Mr. Doré was also assigned to do the appraisal inspection of our Kings County parcel 002-190-007. The parcel as well as 002-200-032 is encumbered by a common lease agreement that I will refer to as the Almond Lease from this point forward to simplify the conversation.

On August 21, 2015, we provided Mr. Doré with a copy of the Almond Lease in preparation for his appraisal inspection of 002-190-007. In exchanges of emails around that date, we also advised Mr. Doré that our Almond Lease tenant would be at the appraisal inspection to answer any questions about the commercial almond orchard operation on site. On September 11, 2015, Mr. Doré conducted his appraisal inspection. He met and discussed the Almond Lease with both our Almond Lease tenant and I.

To clarify the conversation, the Almond Lease is different from the Cherry Lease. The leases are on different parcels, with different tenants and different crops but all interlinked through family ownership, historical operation, easements, irrigation pipelines, wells, canal accesses and internal farm roads as well as equipment yards.

The fourth paragraph of your letter pertaining to Mr. Doré is totally confusing to us-

1- Mr. Doré reported in his 002-190-007 appraisal report that the parcel was not leased but we have recently demonstrated to Don Grebe/Authority Deputy Director of Real Estate, that Mr. Doré was given adequate advanced and documented knowledge that the parcel was leased and the residence on that parcel was rented. We have recently provided Mr. Grebe with a copy of our August 21, 2015 email to Mr. Doré with the Almond Lease attached. We have demonstrated that Mr. Doré and I were in regular communication through emails that both he and I received and responded too. Aside from that email thread, I have several other emails between Mr. Doré and I. There were no problems with email addressing.

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2- In the email chain between Mr. Doré and I, that I sent Mr. Grebe, "John" is referenced, by both Mr. Doré and I, pertaining to scheduling 002-190-007 for the September 11, 2015 appraisal inspection. Mr. Doré was aware that, Mr. "John" Tos, the tenant, would be at the inspection to answer questions about the Almond Lease. Mr. Tos met Mr. Doré on site as pre-arranged and he discussed his commercial almond orchard operation with Mr. Doré but oddly Mr. Doré reflects that parcel is not subject to a lease in his appraisal report.

3- Based on a recent email that we received from Mr. Grebe, it appears that Mr. Doré had communicated to Mr. Grebe that Mr. Doré remembers something other than what happen on site and that his field folder must be incomplete because he does not have the Almond Lease that we provided him on August 21, 2015, about 20-days before the appraisal inspection. Somehow, he apparently also forgot meeting the tenant. The parcel is leased or it is not. It is leased. We made a thorough demonstrable good faith effort to provide complete information to the Authority through Mr. Doré so that he could establish the actual value of our 002-190-007.

4- Mr. Doré advised Mr. Grebe that "someone" on site promised him more documentation. We have no recollection of making him that promise or what documentation Mr. Doré was seeking. Note- We had already provided Mr. Doré with the Almond Lease and he met the tenant and the renter on-site.

5- Mr. Doré advised Mr. Grebe that he (Mr. Doré) verified that we did not provide him with the Almond Lease by searching through his field folder where he found nothing. The problem is we have already demonstrated that we provided Mr. Doré with the information and that he had a personal meeting with our tenant and the renter. As demonstrated by our documented preemptive efforts to provide Mr. Doré with information, if he would have asked us for more information, we would have provided him with more information so he could do his job properly.

6- Mr. Doré has a very different memory of what happened than we do and based on what he told Mr. Grebe about what is in his 002-190-007 field folder, he does not have adequate control of our personal information and he did not factor critical information that was relevant to the value of our parcel and the establishment of just compensation into his appraisal report.

We do not know why Mr. Doré's memory, field folder and documentation is defective. We do know that all three things are defective in regard to 002-190-007, which makes Mr. Doré very defective. We make no apology for our observation of Mr. Doré's work product.

In the meantime, Mr. Doré was scheduled to do the reappraisal inspections on our 002-190-009, 002-150-027, 002-150-043 & 002-150-050 on March 31, 2016. These are the same parcels that were previously inspected by Mr. Owyang in 2014 and are encumbered by the Cherry Lease.

All things considered, on March 16, 2016, we expressed to Mr. Grebe that we had no confidence in your subcontractor Mr. Doré's ability to competently or objectively appraise our Cherry Lease properties to establish just compensation. This was based on Mr. Doré's performance on 002-190-007 and his handling of the Almond Lease.

Mr. Doré was replaced by Adam Bogorad on the March 31, 2016 reappraisal inspections of the four Cherry Lease parcels. Thank you. I believe that Mr. Bogorad is also a subcontractor of Continental Field Service.

To be clear-

Mr. Doré did not lose the Cherry Lease but he clearly has lost our Almond Lease because he claims that he never had it and did not know about it but he did.

Mr. Owyang or someone else in the pipeline, lost control of or misplaced part of our 2014 Cherry Lease. This was only discovered when Mr. Doré in 2016 did not appear to have the Cherry lease that we had previously provided Mr. Owyang in 2014 and we started asking questions about the matter.

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Now that your contractor has located the Cherry Lease, where has it been kept and under what conditions? What happened to the missing Exhibit-D?

To sum things up tighter-

Mr. Owyang only had the Cherry Lease, he never had a copy of the Almond Lease. Only Mr. Doré and now Mr. Grebe has had copies of the Almond Lease.

Mr. Owyang and Mr. Doré are subcontractors of Continental Field Service, who is a contractor of the Authority, who appears to be an agent of the SPWB as it pertains to the acquisition process. If the subcontractor is defective, the contractor is defective, then the Authority is defective and the SPWB is defective as well. We are not defective in this matter, we are the Authority's and the SPWB's victim. Please answer our questions.

Recent developments to note-

Yesterday, we received an email from Mr. Staudinger reflecting that the Authority is willing to reappraise 002-190-007, the parcel with the Almond Lease that Mr. Doré was involved. We are reviewing the matter with our legal counsel now and will get back to Mr. Staudinger.

Closing-

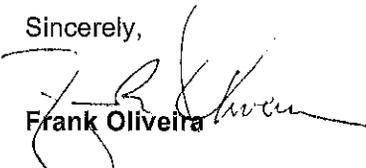
Both the Cherry and Almond Leases are multi-million dollar, commercial orchard operations. It is how we derive income from our parcels and how our tenants do the same as well as their many employees. There is a lot of what we considered to be personal information about us and our tenants contained in those leases.

Neither you, the Authority's staff, your contractor or their subcontractors have explained why the events that we described happened or where our documentation has been kept, under what conditions or finally...what happened to Exhibit-D and the Almond Lease?

My family again respectfully requests that the Authority refer this matter to the California Transportation Office of the Inspector General and to the Office of the State Auditor to investigate where our personal information is being stored, where it has been and what will happen to it in the future, as well as, who is responsible for these things.

When can we expect answers from the Authority?

Sincerely,


Frank Oliveira

Attachment: Glen Letter/March 30, 2016
Pc: File
TBD

From: Glen, Alan@HSR Alan.Glen@hsr.ca.gov 
Subject: RE: The reckless handling of our personal information by your agents
Date: April 12, 2016 at 13:08
To: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Cc: Herman Fitzgerald fitzgeraldlaw@sbcglobal.net, Louie Oliveira olivfarm@yahoo.com, Gloria Denton gjdcanso@sbcglobal.net, Pat Oliveira poliveira@tfewines.com, Grebe, Don@HSR don.grebe@hsr.ca.gov

Mr. Oliveira- I am in receipt of your follow-up letter dated April 8, 2016. My letter dated March 30, 2016 provides responses about our security of documents related to Right of Way Transactions. The following provides a few clarifications of the situation:

1. Craig Owyang did have and always had the lease document provided by you. It was missing Exhibit D as stated. His secure files are not available to others such as Mr. Dore.
2. Your lease documents will continue to exist in the Authority files related to the appropriate parcels and stage of transaction, i.e. Appraisal files and or Acquisition files. These documents were used as the basis for a portion of the valuations of the various parcels and thus must be retained.

The other requests such as reconstructing history of the transfer of documents or discussions held between parties is not possible as there are too many versions to sort out. This is the exact reason why we maintain written diaries for each parcel during dealings with the owners to capture discussions and transfer of documents for our internal historical use. I assure you that we take the security of documents with sensitive personal information very serious.

I appreciate your concerns and hope you find my responses satisfactory. I consider this matter closed.

Thank you

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From: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Subject: California Public Records Act Request
Date: April 13, 2016 at 15:45
To: Marie Hoffman records@hsr.ca.gov
Cc: Herman Fitzgerald FITZGERALDLAW@SBCGLOBAL.NET



**California High-Speed Rail Authority
Marie Hoffman/Public Records Officer
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Sacramento, CA, 95814**

Dear Marie Hoffman/Public Records Officer

Please consider this a request for records and information pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

We request a copy of the following documents and records-

All documents (including emails) sent or received by the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) pertaining to the potential Authority or State Public Works Board (SPWB) acquisition of part or all of the following parcels of land that we own in Kings County-

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We are specifically also requesting a copy of Appraiser Craig Owyang records (including his parcel diary and emails) pertaining to the following parcels of land that we own in Kings County that are being acquired by the California High-Speed Train Project (CHSTP)-

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We are specifically also requesting a copy of Appraiser Lance Doré's records (including his parcel diary and emails) pertaining to the following parcels of land that we own in Kings County that are being acquired by the CHSTP-

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The request includes all email communication and records between Alan Glen, Authority Director of Real Property, the Authority, the SPWB, AG or Caltrans, pertaining to our parcels.

Digital records are acceptable.

Thank you for your prompt response to our request.

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From: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com
Subject: Re: The reckless handling of our personal information by your agents
Date: April 15, 2016 at 17:34
To: Alan Glen Alan.Glen@hsr.ca.gov
Cc: Herman Fitzgerald FITZGERALDLAW@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Dear Mr. Glen,

The purpose of this email is simply to memorialize my perception of what transpired between you and I at the State Public Work's Board (SPWB) yesterday/April-14, 2016 and events leading up to the meeting.

At the March-11th, SPWB Meeting, I advised the SPWB that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) had lost control of two different agricultural lease agreements that we provided the Authority to be considered in the appraisal value of five parcels of land that our family owns that the SPWB Site Selected for inclusion in the California High-Speed Train Project (CHSTP).

Aside from providing the Authority with detailed information about the situation, I requested that the SPWB provide answers to the following questions-

- 1- Where are our lease agreements?
- 2- What security measures are being used to prevent unauthorized access to our personal information under the Authority's control?
- 3- Were our lease agreements destroyed? If so, when and how?
- 4- What is the SPWB's approved procedure for maintaining, securing, accessing and destroying sensitive personal information of those being compelled to cooperate in the CHSTP acquisition process?
- 5- Who specifically is responsible for monitoring and supervision those security procedures?

We also requested that the SPWB refer our matter to the California Transportation Office of the Inspector General (CTOIG) and the Office of the State Auditor (SA) to investigate where our information is stored, where it has been and what will happen to it in the future, as well as who is responsible for these things.

SPWB Boardmember Dougherty advised me that what I was asking was not within the scope of what the SPWB does. He asked me if we had brought this matter to the Authority, I advised him "No, because the SPWB was the governmental body that had Site Selected our parcels for acquisition in the CHSTP". He told me that we should take our request to the Authority.

I asked the SPWB if they were going to respond to our request and Boardmember Dougherty advised me that SPWB would send me something before the next meeting. You intervened and told the SPWB that you would work with me on the matter.

I provided the Authority with a parallel request to the one that was made of the SPWB at your request and at the direction of the SPWB.

You followed up with us and advised us that the Authority located an incomplete copy of one of the two missing leases. You explained that the partial document was securely stored at an undisclosed location under the control of your subcontractor Craig Owyang. The document that Mr. Owyang has is what we refer to as the Cherry Lease. You did not address the rest of the issues that we raised beyond explaining that the Authority's subcontractor Lance Doré states he never had a copy of the Cherry Lease and that Mr. Doré states that he never had what we refer to as the Almond Lease which is missing. You advised me that Mr. Doré told you that he confirmed that he did not have the missing document by searching his field file and checking his diary.

I provided you with a more specific explanation which confirmed that we had provided the Authority with a copy of the Almond Lease through Mr. Doré. You responded with an email that reconfirmed issues pertaining to Mr. Owyang and the Cherry Lease. You also stated- "The other requests such as reconstructing history of the transfer of documents or discussions held between parties is not possible as there are too many versions to sort out. This is the exact reason why we maintain written diaries for each parcel during dealings with the owners to capture discussions and transfer of documents for our internal historical use. I assure you that we take the security of documents with sensitive personal information very serious. I appreciate your concerns and hope you find my responses satisfactory. I consider this matter closed."

We viewed your response to be inadequate because it did not explain what happened to the Almond Lease and was silent on almost all of our questions nor did it address the investigative referral request.

I did not recontact you because you indicated that you were done with the matter.

At the April-14th SPWB Meeting, I re-addressed the matter with the SPWB. I advised the SPWB that the Authority had not satisfied our questions or fulfilled our requested actions and had "Closed" the matter. Chairperson Eraina Ortega advised me that the SPWB was sympathetic about the issues that we were raising but the SPWB would do nothing for us beyond referring us back to the Authority. You told the SPWB that you would continue to work with us on the issues that we are raising.

Based on the SPWB's response to me on April-14th, we will proceed forward with the expectation that the SPWB will not answer questions 1 through 5, nor refer the matter to the CTOIG or SA for investigation.

The SPWB also acknowledged that we have submitted a California Public Records Act (CPRA) request to the SPWB for records associated with our parcels of land that have been Site Selected by the SPWB.

You and I briefly spoke about the matter after the SPWB Meeting. You explained to me that you understand the issues that we have raised

You and I briefly spoke about the matter after the end of the meeting. You explained to me that you understand the issues that we have raised but the Authority's subcontractor Mr. Doré is stating that we never provided him with the missing Almond Lease.

I reminded you that since the March-11th SPWB Meeting, we had provided your subordinate Don Grebe, an email from August 21, 2015, to Mr. Doré, where the Almond Lease was identified as appraisal information and Almond Lease was attached. I also reminded you that Mr. Doré met the Almond Lease Tenant on site on September 11, 2016 and discussed the Almond Lease with him. You provided me no explanation why what we are saying and providing to you is different from the Authority's view of the chain of events or what happened to the missing part of the Cherry Lease or the missing Almond Lease.

I left you with our expectation that we had asked some questions about what happened and how things were supposed to be handled as well as how they are being handled and we expected some answers to our questions.

You also acknowledged that we have submitted a CPRA request to the Authority for records associated with our parcels of land that have been Site Selected by the SPWB. I advised you that the reason we were requesting the records was to reconstruct what happened to our personal information since the Authority appeared unable to.

If your perception of what has happened is different, let's reconcile those differences.

We also had requested that the Authority refer the matter to the CTOIG and SA to investigate the matter. This request is still out there and seems very reasonable since the Authority appears to be unable to tell us what happened to our personal information or how it should be handled or will be handled. After working with this simple matter for a month, we are suspecting that the Authority and SPWB are unable to police themselves and may benefit from an outside independent review.

We would like some sort of indication of what the Authority is going to do.

Please confirm that you have received this email on behalf of the Authority.

Sincerely,

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April 22, 2016

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Dear Mr. Oliveira :

On April 12, 2016 the Authority received your Public Records Act (PRA) request which stated:

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The Authority is invoking its right to an extension of the determination period by 14 days as allowed under Government Code section 6253(c)(1). A determination letter will be sent to you no later than May 6, 2016.

Please direct all email inquiries to records@hsr.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marie Hoffman', is positioned above the typed name.

Marie Hoffman
Public Records Administrator

From: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com 
Subject: Fwd: The reckless handling of our personal information by your agents
Date: May 4, 2016 at 14:50
To: CHSRA-Chief Real Estate Officer Alan.Glen@hsr.ca.gov
Cc: Herman Fitzgerald FITZGERALDLAW@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Dear Mr. Glen,

On April-15th, I sent you the email below to memorialize my perception of what transpired between you and I at the State Public Works Board on April-14th and events leading up to that meeting.

I asked for your input in case your perception was different than mine so we could reconcile any differences in our recall of what has happened. I also asked you to confirm that you received the email below on behalf of the Authority.

We have received no telephonic, emailed, texted or printed response from you pertaining to either request. That said, we will move forward under the assumption that in the absence of input from you, you agree with my recall of events between you and I.

I will make no assumption as to why you have not confirmed receipt of the email below or why you have not provided an answer to our five questions about how our personal documents have been handled aside from your lack of action being an odd business practice that does not inspire faith that you will be able to resolve this matter.

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Subject: RE: California Public Records Act Request
Date: May 6, 2016 at 17:01
To: Frank Oliveira frank.oliveira@me.com, HSR records@HSR records@hsr.ca.gov
Cc: Herman Fitzgerald FITZGERALDLAW@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Dear Mr. Oliveira,

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,

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May 6, 2016

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On April 22, 2016 the Authority sent you a letter invoking its right to an extension of the determination period by 14 days as allowed under Government Code section 6253(c)(1). The Authority's April 22, 2016 letter stated that a determination letter would be sent to you no later than May 6, 2016.

The Authority has determined that the records you requested are exempt from PRA disclosure pursuant to California Government Code section 6254(h) and will not be provided at this time.

Please direct all email inquiries to records@hsr.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marie Hoffman", is written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Marie Hoffman
Public Records Administrator



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TITLE 1. GENERAL [100 - 7914] (Title 1 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.)

DIVISION 7. MISCELLANEOUS [6000 - 7599.2] (Division 7 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.)

CHAPTER 3.5. Inspection of Public Records [6250 - 6276.48] (Chapter 3.5 added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 1473.)

ARTICLE 1. General Provisions [6250 - 6270.5] (Article 1 heading added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 620, Sec. 1.)

6254. Except as provided in Sections 6254.7 and 6254.13, this chapter does not require the disclosure of any of the following records:

- (a) Preliminary drafts, notes, or interagency or intra-agency memoranda that are not retained by the public agency in the ordinary course of business, if the public interest in withholding those records clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.
- (b) Records pertaining to pending litigation to which the public agency is a party, or to claims made pursuant to Division 3.6 (commencing with Section 810), until the pending litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled.
- (c) Personnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- (d) Records contained in or related to any of the following:
 - (1) Applications filed with any state agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of the issuance of securities or of financial institutions, including, but not limited to, banks, savings and loan associations, industrial loan companies, credit unions, and insurance companies.
 - (2) Examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of, any state agency referred to in paragraph (1).
 - (3) Preliminary drafts, notes, or interagency or intra-agency communications prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of, any state agency referred to in paragraph (1).
 - (4) Information received in confidence by any state agency referred to in paragraph (1).
- (e) Geological and geophysical data, plant production data, and similar information relating to utility systems development, or market or crop reports, that are obtained in confidence from any person.
- (f) Records of complaints to, or investigations conducted by, or records of intelligence information or security procedures of, the office of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice, the Office of Emergency Services and any state or local police agency, or any investigatory or security files compiled by any other state or local police agency, or any investigatory or security files compiled by any other state or local agency for correctional, law enforcement, or licensing purposes. However, state and local law enforcement agencies shall disclose the names and addresses of persons involved in, or witnesses other than confidential informants to, the incident, the description of any property involved, the date, time, and location of the incident, all diagrams, statements of the parties involved in the incident, the statements of all witnesses, other than confidential informants, to the victims of an incident, or an authorized representative thereof, an insurance carrier against which a claim has been or might be made, and any person suffering bodily injury or property damage or loss, as the result of the incident caused by arson, burglary, fire, explosion, larceny, robbery, carjacking, vandalism, vehicle theft, or a crime as defined by subdivision (b) of Section 13951, unless the disclosure would endanger the safety of a witness or other person involved in the investigation, or unless disclosure would endanger the successful completion of the investigation or a related investigation. However, this division does not require the

disclosure of that portion of those investigative files that reflects the analysis or conclusions of the investigating officer.

Customer lists provided to a state or local police agency by an alarm or security company at the request of the agency shall be construed to be records subject to this subdivision.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, state and local law enforcement agencies shall make public the following information, except to the extent that disclosure of a particular item of information would endanger the safety of a person involved in an investigation or would endanger the successful completion of the investigation or a related investigation:

(1) The full name and occupation of every individual arrested by the agency, the individual's physical description including date of birth, color of eyes and hair, sex, height and weight, the time and date of arrest, the time and date of booking, the location of the arrest, the factual circumstances surrounding the arrest, the amount of bail set, the time and manner of release or the location where the individual is currently being held, and all charges the individual is being held upon, including any outstanding warrants from other jurisdictions and parole or probation holds.

(2) Subject to the restrictions imposed by Section 841.5 of the Penal Code, the time, substance, and location of all complaints or requests for assistance received by the agency and the time and nature of the response thereto, including, to the extent the information regarding crimes alleged or committed or any other incident investigated is recorded, the time, date, and location of occurrence, the time and date of the report, the name and age of the victim, the factual circumstances surrounding the crime or incident, and a general description of any injuries, property, or weapons involved. The name of a victim of any crime defined by Section 220, 236.1, 261, 261.5, 262, 264, 264.1, 265, 266, 266a, 266b, 266c, 266e, 266f, 266j, 267, 269, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 285, 286, 288, 288a, 288.2, 288.3 (as added by Chapter 337 of the Statutes of 2006), 288.3 (as added by Section 6 of Proposition 83 of the November 7, 2006, statewide general election), 288.5, 288.7, 289, 422.6, 422.7, 422.75, 646.9, or 647.6 of the Penal Code may be withheld at the victim's request, or at the request of the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor. When a person is the victim of more than one crime, information disclosing that the person is a victim of a crime defined in any of the sections of the Penal Code set forth in this subdivision may be deleted at the request of the victim, or the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor, in making the report of the crime, or of any crime or incident accompanying the crime, available to the public in compliance with the requirements of this paragraph.

(3) Subject to the restrictions of Section 841.5 of the Penal Code and this subdivision, the current address of every individual arrested by the agency and the current address of the victim of a crime, if the requester declares under penalty of perjury that the request is made for a scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purpose, or that the request is made for investigation purposes by a licensed private investigator as described in Chapter 11.3 (commencing with Section 7512) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. However, the address of the victim of any crime defined by Section 220, 236.1, 261, 261.5, 262, 264, 264.1, 265, 266, 266a, 266b, 266c, 266e, 266f, 266j, 267, 269, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 285, 286, 288, 288a, 288.2, 288.3 (as added by Chapter 337 of the Statutes of 2006), 288.3 (as added by Section 6 of Proposition 83 of the November 7, 2006, statewide general election), 288.5, 288.7, 289, 422.6, 422.7, 422.75, 646.9, or 647.6 of the Penal Code shall remain confidential. Address information obtained pursuant to this paragraph shall not be used directly or indirectly, or furnished to another, to sell a product or service to any individual or group of individuals, and the requester shall execute a declaration to that effect under penalty of perjury. This paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit or limit a scholarly, journalistic, political, or government use of address information obtained pursuant to this paragraph.

(g) Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer a licensing examination, examination for employment, or academic examination, except as provided for in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 99150) of Part 65 of Division 14 of Title 3 of the Education Code.

(h) The contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property, or to prospective public supply and construction contracts, until all of the property has been acquired or all of the contract agreement obtained. However, the law of eminent domain shall not be affected by this provision.

(i) Information required from any taxpayer in connection with the collection of local taxes that is received in confidence and the disclosure of the information to other persons would result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the person supplying the information.

(j) Library circulation records kept for the purpose of identifying the borrower of items available in libraries, and library and museum materials made or acquired and presented solely for reference or exhibition purposes. The exemption in this subdivision shall not apply to records of fines imposed on the borrowers.

(k) Records, the disclosure of which is exempted or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege.

(l) Correspondence of and to the Governor or employees of the Governor's office or in the custody of or maintained by the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary. However, public records shall not be transferred to the custody of the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary to evade the disclosure provisions of this chapter.

(m) In the custody of or maintained by the Legislative Counsel, except those records in the public database maintained by the Legislative Counsel that are described in Section 10248.

(n) Statements of personal worth or personal financial data required by a licensing agency and filed by an applicant with the licensing agency to establish his or her personal qualification for the license, certificate, or permit applied for.

(o) Financial data contained in applications for financing under Division 27 (commencing with Section 44500) of the Health and Safety Code, if an authorized officer of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority determines that disclosure of the financial data would be competitively injurious to the applicant and the data is required in order to obtain guarantees from the United States Small Business Administration. The California Pollution Control Financing Authority shall adopt rules for review of individual requests for confidentiality under this section and for making available to the public those portions of an application that are subject to disclosure under this chapter.

(p) Records of state agencies related to activities governed by Chapter 10.3 (commencing with Section 3512), Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 3525), and Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 3560) of Division 4, that reveal a state agency's deliberative processes, impressions, evaluations, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes, research, work products, theories, or strategy, or that provide instruction, advice, or training to employees who do not have full collective bargaining and representation rights under these chapters. This subdivision shall not be construed to limit the disclosure duties of a state agency with respect to any other records relating to the activities governed by the employee relations acts referred to in this subdivision.

(q) (1) Records of state agencies related to activities governed by Article 2.6 (commencing with Section 14081), Article 2.8 (commencing with Section 14087.5), and Article 2.91 (commencing with Section 14089) of Chapter 7 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, that reveal the special negotiator's deliberative processes, discussions, communications, or any other portion of the negotiations with providers of health care services, impressions, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes, research, work product, theories, or strategy, or that provide instruction, advice, or training to employees.

(2) Except for the portion of a contract containing the rates of payment, contracts for inpatient services entered into pursuant to these articles, on or after April 1, 1984, shall be open to inspection one year after they are fully executed. If a contract for inpatient services that is entered into prior to April 1, 1984, is amended on or after April 1, 1984, the amendment, except for any portion containing the rates of payment, shall be open to inspection one year after it is fully executed. If the California Medical Assistance Commission enters into contracts with health care providers for other than inpatient hospital services, those contracts shall be open to inspection one year after they are fully executed.

(3) Three years after a contract or amendment is open to inspection under this subdivision, the portion of the contract or amendment containing the rates of payment shall be open to inspection.

(4) Notwithstanding any other law, the entire contract or amendment shall be open to inspection by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and the Legislative Analyst's Office. The committee and that office shall maintain the confidentiality of the contracts and amendments until the time a contract or amendment is fully open to inspection by the public.

(r) Records of Native American graves, cemeteries, and sacred places and records of Native American places, features, and objects described in Sections 5097.9 and 5097.993 of the Public Resources Code maintained by, or in the possession of, the Native American Heritage Commission, another state agency, or a local agency.

(s) A final accreditation report of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals that has been transmitted to the State Department of Health Care Services pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1282 of the Health and Safety Code.

(t) Records of a local hospital district, formed pursuant to Division 23 (commencing with Section 32000) of the Health and Safety Code, or the records of a municipal hospital, formed pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 37600) or Article 8 (commencing with Section 37650) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title 4 of this code, that relate to any contract with an insurer or nonprofit hospital service plan for inpatient or outpatient services for alternative rates pursuant to Section 10133 of the Insurance Code. However, the record shall be open to inspection within one year after the contract is fully executed.

(u) (1) Information contained in applications for licenses to carry firearms issued pursuant to Section 26150, 26155, 26170, or 26215 of the Penal Code by the sheriff of a county or the chief or other head of a municipal police department that indicates when or where the applicant is vulnerable to attack or that concerns the applicant's medical or psychological history or that of members of his or her family.

(2) The home address and telephone number of prosecutors, public defenders, peace officers, judges, court commissioners, and magistrates that are set forth in applications for licenses to carry firearms issued pursuant to Section 26150, 26155, 26170, or 26215 of the Penal Code by the sheriff of a county or the chief or other head of a municipal police department.

(3) The home address and telephone number of prosecutors, public defenders, peace officers, judges, court commissioners, and magistrates that are set forth in licenses to carry firearms issued pursuant to Section 26150, 26155, 26170, or 26215 of the Penal Code by the sheriff of a county or the chief or other head of a municipal police department.

(v) (1) Records of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and the State Department of Health Care Services related to activities governed by Part 6.3 (commencing with Section 12695), Part 6.5 (commencing with Section 12700), Part 6.6 (commencing with Section 12739.5), or Part 6.7 (commencing with Section 12739.70) of Division 2 of the Insurance Code, or Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 15810) or Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 15870) of Part 3.3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and that reveal any of the following:

(A) The deliberative processes, discussions, communications, or any other portion of the negotiations with entities contracting or seeking to contract with the board or the department, entities with which the board or the department is considering a contract, or entities with which the board or department is considering or enters into any other arrangement under which the board or the department provides, receives, or arranges services or reimbursement.

(B) The impressions, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes, research, work product, theories, or strategy of the board or its staff or the department or its staff, or records that provide instructions, advice, or training to their employees.

(2) (A) Except for the portion of a contract that contains the rates of payment, contracts entered into pursuant to Part 6.3 (commencing with Section 12695), Part 6.5 (commencing with Section 12700), Part 6.6 (commencing with Section 12739.5), or Part 6.7 (commencing with Section 12739.70) of Division 2 of the Insurance Code, or Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 15810) or Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 15870) of Part 3.3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, on or after July 1, 1991, shall be open to inspection one year after their effective dates.

(B) If a contract that is entered into prior to July 1, 1991, is amended on or after July 1, 1991, the amendment, except for any portion containing the rates of payment, shall be open to inspection one year after the effective date of the amendment.

(3) Three years after a contract or amendment is open to inspection pursuant to this subdivision, the portion of the contract or amendment containing the rates of payment shall be open to inspection.

(4) Notwithstanding any other law, the entire contract or amendments to a contract shall be open to inspection by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The committee shall maintain the confidentiality of the contracts and amendments thereto, until the contracts or amendments to the contracts are open to inspection pursuant to paragraph (3).

(w) (1) Records of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board related to activities governed by Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 10700) of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code, and that reveal the deliberative processes, discussions, communications, or any other portion of the negotiations with health plans, or the impressions, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes, research, work product, theories, or strategy of the board or its staff, or records that provide instructions, advice, or training to employees.

(2) Except for the portion of a contract that contains the rates of payment, contracts for health coverage entered into pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 10700) of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code, on or after January 1, 1993, shall be open to inspection one year after they have been fully executed.

(3) Notwithstanding any other law, the entire contract or amendments to a contract shall be open to inspection by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The committee shall maintain the confidentiality of the contracts and amendments thereto, until the contracts or amendments to the contracts are open to inspection pursuant to paragraph (2).

(x) Financial data contained in applications for registration, or registration renewal, as a service contractor filed with the Director of Consumer Affairs pursuant to Chapter 20 (commencing with Section 9800) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, for the purpose of establishing the service contractor's net worth, or financial data regarding the funded accounts held in escrow for service contracts held in force in this state by a service contractor.

(y) (1) Records of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and the State Department of Health Care Services related to activities governed by Part 6.2 (commencing with Section 12693) or Part 6.4 (commencing with Section 12699.50) of Division 2 of the Insurance Code or Sections 14005.26 and 14005.27 of, or Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 15850) of Part 3.3 of Division 9 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, if the records reveal any of the following:

(A) The deliberative processes, discussions, communications, or any other portion of the negotiations with entities contracting or seeking to contract with the board or the department, entities with which the board or department is considering a contract, or entities with which the board or department is considering or enters into any other arrangement under which the board or department provides, receives, or arranges services or reimbursement.

(B) The impressions, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes, research, work product, theories, or strategy of the board or its staff, or the department or its staff, or records that provide instructions, advice, or training to employees.

(2) (A) Except for the portion of a contract that contains the rates of payment, contracts entered into pursuant to Part 6.2 (commencing with Section 12693) or Part 6.4 (commencing with Section 12699.50) of Division 2 of the Insurance Code, on or after January 1, 1998, or Sections 14005.26 and 14005.27 of, or Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 15850) of Part 3.3 of Division 9 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code shall be open to inspection one year after their effective dates.

(B) If a contract entered into pursuant to Part 6.2 (commencing with Section 12693) or Part 6.4 (commencing with Section 12699.50) of Division 2 of the Insurance Code or Sections 14005.26 and 14005.27 of, or Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 15850) of Part 3.3 of Division 9 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, is amended, the amendment shall be open to inspection one year after the effective date of the amendment.

(3) Three years after a contract or amendment is open to inspection pursuant to this subdivision, the portion of the contract or amendment containing the rates of payment shall be open to inspection.

(4) Notwithstanding any other law, the entire contract or amendments to a contract shall be open to inspection by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The committee shall maintain the confidentiality of the contracts and amendments thereto until the contract or amendments to a contract are open to inspection pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3).

(5) The exemption from disclosure provided pursuant to this subdivision for the contracts, deliberative processes, discussions, communications, negotiations, impressions, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes, research, work product, theories, or strategy of the board or its staff, or the department or its staff, shall also apply to the contracts, deliberative processes, discussions, communications, negotiations, impressions, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes, research, work product, theories, or strategy of applicants pursuant to Part 6.4 (commencing with Section 12699.50) of Division 2 of the Insurance Code or Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 15850) of Part 3.3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(z) Records obtained pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) of Section 2891.1 of the Public Utilities Code.

(aa) A document prepared by or for a state or local agency that assesses its vulnerability to terrorist attack or other criminal acts intended to disrupt the public agency's operations and that is for distribution or consideration in a closed session.

(ab) Critical infrastructure information, as defined in Section 131(3) of Title 6 of the United States Code, that is

voluntarily submitted to the Office of Emergency Services for use by that office, including the identity of the person who or entity that voluntarily submitted the information. As used in this subdivision, "voluntarily submitted" means submitted in the absence of the office exercising any legal authority to compel access to or submission of critical infrastructure information. This subdivision shall not affect the status of information in the possession of any other state or local governmental agency.

(ac) All information provided to the Secretary of State by a person for the purpose of registration in the Advance Health Care Directive Registry, except that those records shall be released at the request of a health care provider, a public guardian, or the registrant's legal representative.

(ad) The following records of the State Compensation Insurance Fund:

(1) Records related to claims pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3200) of Division 4 of the Labor Code, to the extent that confidential medical information or other individually identifiable information would be disclosed.

(2) Records related to the discussions, communications, or any other portion of the negotiations with entities contracting or seeking to contract with the fund, and any related deliberations.

(3) Records related to the impressions, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes of meetings or sessions that are lawfully closed to the public, research, work product, theories, or strategy of the fund or its staff, on the development of rates, contracting strategy, underwriting, or competitive strategy pursuant to the powers granted to the fund in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11770) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code.

(4) Records obtained to provide workers' compensation insurance under Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11770) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code, including, but not limited to, any medical claims information, policyholder information provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to prevent an insurance agent or broker from obtaining proprietary information or other information authorized by law to be obtained by the agent or broker, and information on rates, pricing, and claims handling received from brokers.

(5) (A) Records that are trade secrets pursuant to Section 6276.44, or Article 11 (commencing with Section 1060) of Chapter 4 of Division 8 of the Evidence Code, including without limitation, instructions, advice, or training provided by the State Compensation Insurance Fund to its board members, officers, and employees regarding the fund's special investigation unit, internal audit unit, and informational security, marketing, rating, pricing, underwriting, claims handling, audits, and collections.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the portions of records containing trade secrets shall be available for review by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the Bureau of State Audits, Division of Workers' Compensation, and the Department of Insurance to ensure compliance with applicable law.

(6) (A) Internal audits containing proprietary information and the following records that are related to an internal audit:

(i) Personal papers and correspondence of any person providing assistance to the fund when that person has requested in writing that his or her papers and correspondence be kept private and confidential. Those papers and correspondence shall become public records if the written request is withdrawn, or upon order of the fund.

(ii) Papers, correspondence, memoranda, or any substantive information pertaining to any audit not completed or an internal audit that contains proprietary information.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the portions of records containing proprietary information, or any information specified in subparagraph (A) shall be available for review by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the Bureau of State Audits, Division of Workers' Compensation, and the Department of Insurance to ensure compliance with applicable law.

(7) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C), contracts entered into pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11770) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code shall be open to inspection one year after the contract has been fully executed.

(B) If a contract entered into pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11770) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code is amended, the amendment shall be open to inspection one year after the amendment has been fully executed.

(C) Three years after a contract or amendment is open to inspection pursuant to this subdivision, the portion of the contract or amendment containing the rates of payment shall be open to inspection.

(D) Notwithstanding any other law, the entire contract or amendments to a contract shall be open to inspection by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The committee shall maintain the confidentiality of the contracts and amendments thereto until the contract or amendments to a contract are open to inspection pursuant to this paragraph.

(E) This paragraph is not intended to apply to documents related to contracts with public entities that are not otherwise expressly confidential as to that public entity.

(F) For purposes of this paragraph, "fully executed" means the point in time when all of the necessary parties to the contract have signed the contract.

This section does not prevent any agency from opening its records concerning the administration of the agency to public inspection, unless disclosure is otherwise prohibited by law.

This section does not prevent any health facility from disclosing to a certified bargaining agent relevant financing information pursuant to Section 8 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. Sec. 158).

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California High-Speed Rail Authority
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Attention: **Public Records Officer**

Regarding: **CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST**

Dear California High-Speed Rail Authority Public Records Officer,

Please consider this a request for records and information pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

In compliance with California Government Code section 6254(h), we request a copy of the documents and records noted below that do not specifically contain the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property.

We request copies of all documents (including emails) that do not specifically contain the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property that were sent or received by the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) or the State Public Works Board (SPWB) acquisition of part or all of the following parcels of land that we own in Kings County -

APN 002-150-050 FB-16-0028
APN 002-150-043 FB-16-0027
APN 002-150-027 FB-16-0026
APN 002-190-009 FB-16-0033
APN 002-190-007 FB-16-0031
APN 002-200-032

We are specifically also are requesting a copy of Appraiser Craig Owyang records that do not contain the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property (including his parcel diary and emails) that pertain to the following parcels of land that we own in Kings County-

APN 002-150-050 FB-16-0028
APN 002-150-043 FB-16-0027
APN 002-150-027 FB-16-0026
APN 002-190-009 FB-16-0033

The request includes all email communication and records between Mr. Owyang, Continental Field Service, the Authority, the SPWB, the Attorney General's Office (AG) or Caltrans, that do not specifically contain the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property but pertain to our parcels.

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We are specifically also requesting a copy of Appraiser Lance Doré's records (including his parcel diary and emails) that do not specifically contain the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property, that pertain to the following parcels of land that we own in Kings County-

APN 002-150-050 FB-16-0028

APN 002-150-043 FB-16-0027

APN 002-150-027 FB-16-0026

APN 002-190-009 FB-16-0033

APN 002-190-007 FB-16-0031

APN 002-200-032

The request includes all email communication and records between Lance Doré, Continental Field Service, the Authority, the SPWB, the AG or Caltrans, that do not specifically contain the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property, that pertain to our parcels.

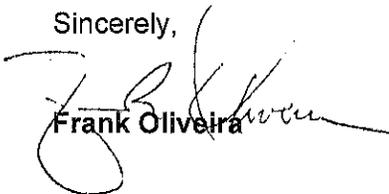
The request includes all email communication and records between Don Grebe, Authority Deputy Director of Real Property, the Authority, the SPWB, the AG or Caltrans, that do not specifically contain the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property, that pertain to our parcels.

The request includes all email communication and records between Alan Glen, Authority Director of Real Property, the Authority, the SPWB, AG or Caltrans, that do not specifically contain the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the state or local agency relative to the acquisition of property, that pertain to our parcels.

Digital records are acceptable.

Thank you for your prompt response to our request.

Sincerely,



Frank Oliveira

Attachment: None
Pc: File
TBD