

Summary of Proceedings - Minutes
EAST KERN HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting of August 20, 2024, 5 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT: "Building health, well-being, and resiliency."

(Note: Motions are identified by maker's name in bold **First: Second**)

Video Time Code	Item	Action
0:05	1. Pledge of Allegiance	L. Peralta
0:46	2. Roll Call and Call to Order	Present were: L. Peralta, K. Macedonio, and L. Patrick via teleconference in compliance with the Brown Act provisions, and the meeting was called to order by Chair Macedonio at 5:04 p.m.
1:23	3. Approval of Agenda	Chair Macedonio pulled item 6C from the Consent Calendar, and 7D, 7E, and 7G from Continued Business to review at the September 6 meeting and pulled Closed Session. Chair Macedonio requested to move immediately to item 8D from New Business after the approval. Motion: Approve Agenda L Patrick: L. Peralta Motion Carried, 3-0
5:36	4. Public Comment	A public member inquired about Director Patrick's absence and the laws governing remote attendance at board meetings. General Counsel Alex Lemieux clarified that there are two sets of laws: the original Brown Act, which requires that the director's remote location be accessible to the public as a meeting location, and AB 2449, which has stricter requirements, including limits on the number of times remote attendance can be used. The board has adhered to these laws, and Director Patrick's remote attendance follows the original Brown Act rules. Additionally, there was a concern about the availability of an April 16th meeting recording, which still needs to be located by staff.
12:34	5. Community Announcements	During a discussion on community announcements, it was noted that numerous upcoming events need to be added to the organization's website calendar. The announcements include various events with different timelines from now until December. Events include a Mini Learning Day on August 31, a dance program starting September 10, a Patriot Day event on September 11, and the Randsburg Old West Days on September 21. Additional announcements included a Mojave Chamber of

		Commerce meet-and-greet with candidates for Kern County's second district Supervisor position on August 22. The Chair noted the need to organize and properly utilize the calendar for these announcements and will work with Regional Government Services to address this.
17:11 pp 6-10 of packet 18:05 pp 27- 28 of packet	<p>6. Consent Calendar:</p> <p>6A. Minutes of 08/06/24</p> <p>6B. Approve Warrants</p> <p>6C. Financial Reports – August 2024</p> <p>6D. Review Updated Waste Management Fee</p>	<p>6A. No questions.</p> <p>6B. Chair Macedonio reported the approval of vendor payments includes a charge from Roto-Rooter Plumbing for \$764.63 related to an emergency call. The original estimate was \$750, but a credit card charge was added. Upon questioning, it was clarified that this charge would be reversed when paid by check. Therefore, the amount has been adjusted to the original estimate of \$750. This adjustment is included in the approval of the warrants, vendor payments, and debit card transactions.</p> <p>6C. Pulled</p> <p>6D. Chair Macedonio reported the waste management fee reflects new business fees under a recently approved contract by the City, which went into effect on July 1. These are the updated fees.</p> <p>Motion: Approve Consent Calendar. L Peralta: L Patrick. Motion Carried, 3-0.</p>
22:31	<p>7. Continued Business</p> <p>7A. Facility Reports</p>	<p>7A. Chair Macedonio reported the facility reports for 9300 North Loop address ongoing issues, including a plumbing matter currently being handled. Additionally, public works tasks have been done on the property, including a project involving a change order, to be discussed under item 8A. The boundary and topographical surveys are still pending as they search for underlying documents that may date back 40 to 50 years. Further information will be provided once available.</p> <p>This item and reports were information-only; no votes were taken.</p>
25:16	<p>7B. Annexation Plan Update</p>	<p>7B. Chair Macedonio reported the Municipal Service Review (MSR) has been filed and is under review by Counsel Alex Lemieux, who will approve the documents before they are submitted to LAFCO. Once approved, the process with the county will begin.</p> <p>This item and reports were information-only; no votes were taken.</p>

<p>25:51</p>	<p>7C. Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Update</p>	<p>7C. The CHNA was addressed in response to a question from Director Patrick. The assessment, conducted by HPSA Acumen, will leverage advanced data analytics and industry best practices to deliver a comprehensive strategic plan for the District. This plan will identify health disparities, patient travel patterns, and market share opportunities. It will include goals such as chronic disease management, mental health services, maternal and child health, and more. The process will involve mapping the region, analyzing Medicare claims data, and conducting a focus group. The timeline for this project has been extended from 12 weeks to 16 weeks to accommodate the extensive work required. A revised process and timeline will be uploaded to the website, and a meeting with Kern County Public Health is scheduled for August 29 to discuss county-wide resources. The goal is to collect 600 survey responses to ensure comprehensive data.</p> <p>This item and reports were information-only; no votes were taken.</p>
<p>30:35 pp 34 of packet</p>	<p>7D. Grant Policies and Procedures Status</p>	<p>7D. Pulled</p>
	<p>7E. Discussion of Surplus Land Act</p>	<p>7E. Pulled</p>
	<p>7F. Discussion of R.E.A.C.H. Grant Submission, TreeVitalize Project</p>	<p>7F. Chair Macedonio reported the Reach grant for the TreeVitalize project is a three-year initiative to increase the tree canopy in California City. The grant proposal outlines specific goals for each year: Year 1: Outreach, planning, and partnerships with 500 community volunteer hours and 300 trees planted. Year 2: Expansion and engagement with 750 volunteer hours and 350 trees planted. Year 3: Implementation and sustainability with 750 volunteer hours and 350 trees planted. The overall goal is to plant 1,000 trees with an 85% survival rate and achieve 2,000 community volunteer hours by the end of three years. The project has support from local organizations, including the Desert Rose Garden Club and the Eastern Healthcare District. The board is awaiting confirmation on whether the grant funds will be awarded. In response to a question, it was confirmed that all the trees will be planted in California City. The tree canopy is currently estimated to be very low at about 10%, compared to an average of 39% in other cities.</p> <p>This item and reports were information-only; no votes were taken.</p> <p>7G. Discussion of Regional Government Services (RGS) Contract Activities</p> <p>7G. Pulled</p>

<p>32:40 pp 35 of packet</p>	<p>8. New Business 8A. Approval of Change Order for Public Works Project At 9300 And 9350 North Loop Boulevard: Remove And Install 40 Square Feet of Concrete In Raised Section</p>	<p>8A. Chair Macedonio reported a motion is needed to approve a change order to fix 40 square feet of concrete in front of the building, which will address and remove the trip-and-fall risk.</p> <p>Motion: Approve Change Order for Public Works Project L Peralta: L Patrick. Motion Carried, 3-0</p>
<p>35:33 pp 19 of packet</p>	<p>8B. Strategic Partnerships and Key Relationships for Kern County Public Health Mobile Clinic</p>	<p>8B. Chair Macedonio discussed the focus on strategic partnerships with Kern County Public Health. The department is very supportive and excited to collaborate. It offers a range of services through its mobile clinic, including immunizations, tuberculosis testing, family planning, sexual health services, health screenings, Narcan distribution and training, and child health exams. An ongoing effort is to enhance outreach and make these services more accessible within the community. A meeting with Regional Government Services will discuss how to further these efforts.</p>
<p>37:12</p>	<p>8C. Strategic Partnerships and Key Relationships for Medical Home for All Residents</p>	<p>This item and reports were information-only; no votes were taken.</p> <p>8C. Chair Macedonio discussed a challenge identified is ensuring patients visiting the mobile clinic can be referred to a medical home. There is a need to confirm which providers are available to accept these referrals, and discussions with tenants are underway to address this issue.</p>
<p>37:30 pp 20- 23 of packet</p>	<p>8D. Approval of Sloan Valves Replacement in Front Restrooms At 9300 North Loop of \$1,800</p>	<p>This item and reports were information-only; no votes were taken.</p> <p>8D. Chair Macedonio stated on 8/19, there was a plumbing emergency that required the replacement of two Sloan valves. Turning off the water to the building to complete the repairs during the day would have disrupted patient and provider services. Approval is needed for the \$1,800 estimate.</p> <p>Motion: Approve Sloan Valves Replacement in Front Restrooms At 9300 North Loop of \$1,800 L Peralta: L. Patrick. Motion Carried, 3-0</p>
	<p>9. Closed Session</p>	<p>Pulled</p>
	<p>10. Report Out of Closed Session</p>	<p>No report out.</p>
<p>38:50</p>	<p>11. President's Comments 11A. New Department of Justice (DOJ) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Website Requirements</p>	<p>11A. Chair Macedonio stated new ADA compliance requirements for websites used by local governments and nonprofits must be met within two years. The District's website provider, Streamline, is working on updating its systems to comply with these guidelines. The organization will need to ensure all content, including PDFs, meets these new standards.</p>

<p>pp 24-26 of packet</p>	<p>11B. Recommended Training: California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Keeping up with the Brown Act</p> <p>11C. Board Candidate List</p> <p>11D. Communication Update: Video of EKHCD History</p>	<p>Chair Macedonio recommended that all directors take the Brown Act training offered by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). This training is free for members, and the President has already signed up, encouraging others to do the same.</p> <p>There was a discussion about whether the names of candidates running for office can be posted on the organization's website. It was clarified that these names are public records so that they can be listed without privacy concerns.</p> <p>Chair Macedonio wants to improve communication about Eastern Healthcare's role and services, particularly in response to questions about mental health services in California City. A video was proposed better to explain a particular district and the organization's work. While there was support for the idea, concerns were raised about the potential costs involved, given the organization's current financial situation.</p>
<p>46:37</p>	<p>12. Directors' Comments</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>46:55</p>	<p>13. Future Agenda Items</p> <p>11A. Logic Model</p> <p>11B. Employee Handbook</p> <p>11C. Review and Revise Administrative Code</p>	<p>11A. Grant Station will share a video on the logic model with the directors. The video covers using a logic model for planning by outlining resources, activities, and expected outcomes. The President intends to discuss this at the September 3 meeting.</p> <p>11B & C. Due to missed communications, the employee handbook was delayed. Another meeting is being coordinated. Completing the employee handbook is a priority before reviewing and revising the Administrative Code.</p> <p>This item and reports were information-only; no votes were taken.</p>
<p>52:02</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn at 5:55 p.m.</p> <p>L Patrick: L Peralta Motion Carried, 3-0</p>