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# Street and park improvements underway

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

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The City of Shafter has been working on improving its parks and streets, having several improvement projects in process.

One of these is the Stringham Park Improvement Project, which is in full swing. A new bus stop has been installed, replacing the stop that was located at the corner of Central Avenue and James Street. The new site is intended to alleviate the traffic

at that intersection, and also will be easier for riders to navigate the area. Included in the project are new trees at the park, as well as a shaded structure and playground. The project is expected to be completed by June.

Also on the slate of projects are shoulder improvements for Santa Fe Way and Los Angeles Avenue. East Los Angeles was closed as of April 15. It is closed go-

ing both directions, starting at the intersection of East Los Angeles and Santa Fe Way, moving west. The road will be closed until approximately Monday, May 6.

**New alert system**

In other city news, a new alert system is going to be implemented in the city, for all interested residents. Announcing the implementation of the #CodeRed #ShafterAlerts Notification System. This system will allow officials to quickly deliver emer-

gency and nonemergency notifications to targeted areas within the city or the entire community by phone call, cell phone, text, email or the free mobile alert app.

Residents are asked to register for the new system before Tuesday, April 30. For questions, contact Rachel Zermeno at 661-746-5000 or email rzermeno@shafter.com.

This system will alert residents to road closures, major accidents, as well as any safety news alerts.



Leo Alvarez is the artist behind the colorful park murals.



Jovita Valentina Sanchez will be remembered for her kind, caring and affectionate nature.

## Rebirth of 15th Street Park

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
 Wasco Tribune

The 15th Street Park re-opened on Saturday with a celebratory ceremony.

With the new upgrades and the partnership with the news Police Department and community partners, it has become a welcoming and inviting magnet for neighborhood families.

"The park has a new play structure, sitting area, picnic tables, trash receptacles, and, of course, new art throughout the entire park," said Wasco Recreation and Parks District Manager Chris Serna.

She said residents can now engage in fun activities in the park, "like playing on the playground, playing basketball and enjoying the barbecue and shade structure to gather with family and friends."

Serna added that community members can unite and utilize the park as a social space. "They can come together by organizing events, creating activity groups,

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Children enjoying the new jungle gym.

## Jovita Sanchez: A lifetime of faith, family

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
 Wasco Tribune

Jovita Valentina Sanchez was a remarkable woman who graced this world for 101 years. She had a profound impact on the lives of those who loved her and

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was a pillar of strength for her family and friends.

She was born on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1923, in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico, and peacefully passed on March 29, 2024. She came to the United States at age 5, first to Famoso and then to McFarland, where she was raised. At 14, she married Ray R. Sanchez and moved to Wasco. She was married to Ray for 63 years and had nine children together, whom they raised in town. Ray passed in 2001.

Her home was a sanctuary of warmth and laughter, where stories were shared and memories were made. She approached motherhood with a boundless love, nurturing her children with tenderness and guiding them with wisdom.

Jovita leaves behind a legacy of family distributed across multiple generations, with well over 100 grandchildren.

Isaac Sanchez is her youngest son. "She was the best mother. She taught me how to be patient, forgiving and trusting in God. Her character was one where she liked to

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## Gossamer Grove gets hit by car break-ins

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

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A string of vehicle break-ins has prompted the Shafter Police Department to advise residents to be extra vigilant in protecting their cars and property.

According to Lt. Joshua Stephens, several residents in the Gossamer Grove area had their vehicles broken into, with the actual vehicle thefts thwarted.

It wasn't just random vehicles, either, with Kias and Hyundais being the targets of choice. It is not known why these were targeted, especially since the make of choice in recent years has been Hondas.

"On Sunday night [April 14], several vehicles had their windows smashed and broken into, with the apparent goal of stealing the vehicles, but they didn't complete the deed," said Stephens.

One resident who fell victim to the perpetrators was Joshua Vaughn, who woke up to the unpleasant surprise on Monday morning. "Completely had no idea, I woke up super early, and I couldn't believe my eyes," Vaughn said. "It's a real big bummer when you're in a rush for work and you come outside to that sight of the broken glass on the ground and realizing you can't

even start your car to get to work."

According to police reports, one resident had security camera video of two individuals running from a vehicle that had an alarm going off.

Stephens said that while they don't know why those specific makes of cars were targeted, it is worth the time to take measures to protect vehicles and property. "I definitely think it's something for people to be cognizant of that those vehicles for whatever reason are targeted," said Stephens. "Preventative measures are always the best. Keeping your vehicles in well-lit areas, making sure the vehicle is locked, making sure that there aren't

valuables inside the vehicle that you can see from the outside is always a good practice. We tell people all the time not to leave anything of value inside their vehicles. He said that it just tends to make residents a target for people who want to steal things.

Stephens emphasized that department is making strides on the case, and they hope to have an update soon.

He said that during this incident very few calls were made to the Police Department. "We would rather come out and have nothing come of it, than not get any calls and have an incident like Sunday's occur."



# Community Calendar

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune encourage local organizations to let the public know about coming events and activities through this column. Drop off or mail items at the office, 455 Kern St., Suite E, in Shafter, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 661-292-5100 or email [esoriano@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com). Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on [TheShafterPress.com](http://TheShafterPress.com) and [WascoTrib.com](http://WascoTrib.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wardrobe for Wildcats** — Semitropic School is seeking donations to provide two full uniforms, school t-shirt and school sweatshirt to each Semitropic School student for the 2024-25 school year. All donations will directly benefit students at the school and are tax deductible. Bring a donation directly by the school at 25300 Hwy. 46 in Wasco or contact Melody Gebhardt at 661-746-4439.

**Don't Shop, Adopt!** — Wasco Animal Control hosts free adoptions Friday, April 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grocery Outlet Store, 1650 Hwy. 46. For information, call 661-758-7240.

**Dinner event** — A Night for Maple fundraiser dinner on Saturday, May 18. The Maple Tradition of Excellence Foundation supports Maple School District as a non-profit organization. Evening will include a steak/chicken dinner, appetizers, dessert, drinks, a custom espresso bar and live music. Live and silent auction items with a live auctioneer. Limited number of tickets available and because of sponsors, all tickets purchased and money raised will go 100% toward the work of the foundation. Information, 661-746-4439.

**Green Hotel fundraiser** — The Green Hotel Foundation is planning an event to replace blinds and window coverings at the hotel on Sunday, May 5. More information to come; limited capacity.

## ONGOING

**Warm clothing drive** — Supervisor David Couch invites the public to donate gently used or new warm clothing through the remainder of the year. Shafter drop off location is 329 Central Valley Hwy.

**PRIDE Pantry donations needed** — Help hurting families at Shafter High through donations of personal hygiene items, clothing, household items and nonperishable food. Drop off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

## MONDAY

**North Kern 4H** — Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Chris at 661-809-2851.

**Richland School board** — Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall St.

## TUESDAY

**Shafter Recreation and Parks District** — Meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. 505 Sunset Ave., the Shafter Senior Center.

**Shafter City Council** — Meetings the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave.

**Wasco City Council** — Meetings first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

**Wasco Woman's Club** — Meetings at the clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings.

**Senior lunch program** — Meals offered the first and third Tuesday of the month

at Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

**Senior Food giveaway** — Westside Family Fellowship hosts free senior food giveaway every fourth Tuesday of the month, 9-10 a.m., 60 or older (ID required). 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

## WEDNESDAY

**Shafter Rotary** — Meetings at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

**Shafter Kiwanis** — Meetings Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

**Shafter Woman's Club** — Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

## THURSDAY

**Wasco High School board** — Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit [wuhs.wascouhsd.org](http://wuhs.wascouhsd.org) for agenda information.

**Wasco Recreation and Park board** — Meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park.

**Food distribution** — Shafter Recreation and the Gleaners have food distribution every first and third Thursday of each month at the W.C. Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

**Free farmer's market** — Westside Family Fellowship hosts every fourth Thursday of the month, 8-10 a.m. 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

## FRIDAY

**Food giveaway** — The Impact Program is a weekly food giveaway provided to anyone in need, Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. First come, first served. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

**Bulky waste pickup** — American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residents de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

## SATURDAY

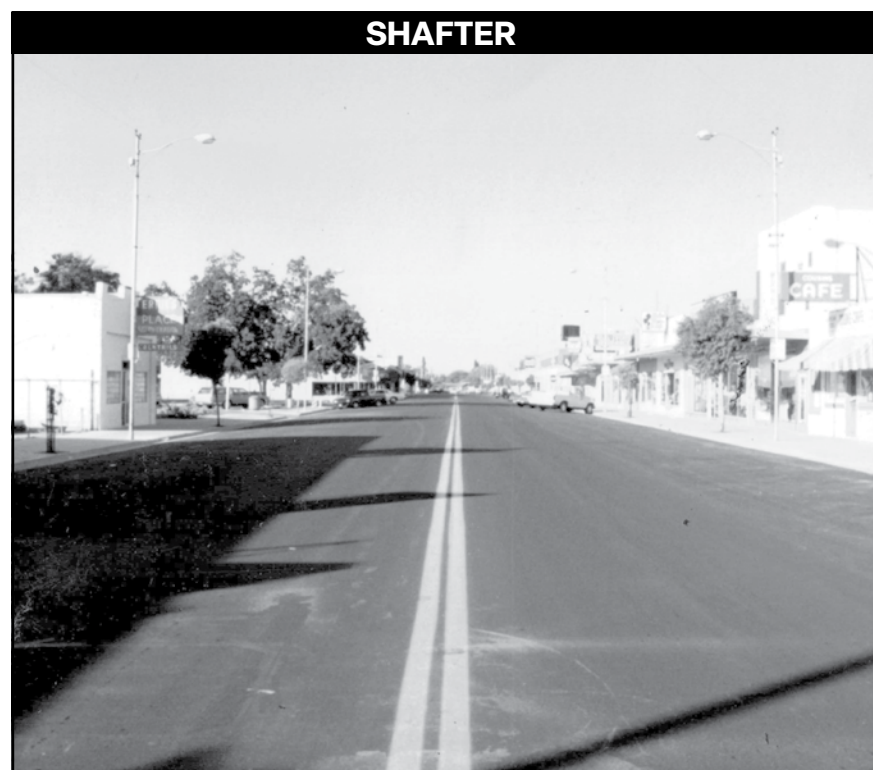
**Depot Museum** — Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Green Hotel tours** — Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email [thegreenhotel@gmail.com](mailto:thegreenhotel@gmail.com) or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

**Minter Field Air Museum** — Open Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

**Wasco Museum** — Open every second Saturday of the month, 1-3 p.m., at 918 6th St. Free to the public. Wasco High School artifacts from over the last 100 years are featured.

# Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to [The Press](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com), 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** A view of the Shafter Blacksmith built by Doolittle in 1923. Several years later, the business was taken over by Al Nikkel, then demolished around 1980. The siding and equipment are were installed in the Shafter Agricultural Museum on Munzer Street, between Central and Pacific. It's now a parking lot for a medical building



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## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

### APRIL 9

Iris Woggn, 33, of Shafter, was arrested on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and on an outside agency warrant.

Desiree Marie Diaz, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Mark Avenue on an outside agency warrant and a bench warrant/failure to appear on a

misdemeanor charge.

Elizabeth Villegas, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Poso Avenue on an outside agency warrant.

### APRIL 11

Anthony Joshua Robles, 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 4500 block of Express Avenue for child abuse, an addict driving a vehicle and on an outside

agency warrant.

### APRIL 12

Kaleb Ybarra, 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Orange Avenue for battery on a spouse.

### APRIL 14

Jesus Yanez Martinez, 42, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear

on misdemeanor charge and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

### BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Buttonwillow substation:

### APRIL 9

Mario Macias, 55, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a felony warrant. He

was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### APRIL 10

Charles Dwayne Boren, 53, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 5000 block of Judd Street in Bakersfield for attempted homicide, domestic violence, damaging wireless communication device and vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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# Council holds off on police crimes analyst

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council denied a resolution on Tuesday to hire a crimes analyst that would be stationed in the Shafter Police Department. According to Acting Chief Randy Milligan, the analyst would identify crime patterns, trends and hot spots using data analysis techniques. This person would also research and evaluate data related to criminal activity and calls for service. Crime prevention and problem-solving would also be a part of the position.

"The function of the position would include criminal investigations, apprehension, crime prevention and reduction strategies," Milligan said. He also said that he or she would support the operations sections to make patrol activities more efficient.

Currently, the property technician is filling these duties, which takes a lot of



The Shafter City Council with the Shafter Cinco de Mayo Committee.

time. Milligan said that the need for a dedicated crimes analyst has been overdue.

Before the item went before a vote, Mayor Chad Givens asked if this position is truly a 40-hours-a-week position. Milligan said that the person would also do other duties as needed, such as perhaps manning the coming Gossamer Grove area substation. Givens said that it may be a position that the city will probably grow into, but that he didn't see an immediate

need.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Prout echoed Givens's concern. She also said that the hiring was a little premature. At the end of the question period, the item was not put up for a vote.

In other council action, Mayor Givens presented a proclamation to the Shafter Cinco de Mayo Festival Committee and its Grand Marshal Diana Burnett for their dedication and hard work putting together the festival this year.

er the festival this year.

"Diana Burnett, over her career, served a number of assignments for the Shafter Police Department, including the DARE program, field training officer, reserve officer coordinator and trainer, and also worked criminal investigations and supervised criminal investigations conducted by detectives," Givens said. "I present this proclamation to Diana Burnett for her dedication and service to the Shafter community and congratulate her as the 2024 Cinco de Mayo Festival Grand Marshal."

In addition, the council also approved up to \$15,000 to purchase trees for the city's Urban Greening Project. The trees would be planted in the city's parks, including Veterans Park and Mannel Park. They also will be planted along Lerdo Highway to act as a barrier to dust. The funding is coming from a \$75,000 grant from the Urban Greening Emissions Reduction Program, through the California Air Resources Board.

# City hopes to make vet banners affordable

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The city plans to make the Veteran Salute Banner Program more accessible after Councilmember Vincent Martinez brought to the City Council's attention that the current cost of the banners might be prohibitive to some veterans in the community.

"The city supports our veterans, and we want to honor them in the best way possible," Councilmember Martinez told his colleagues Tuesday night at their regular meeting.

The banner program celebrates honorably discharged veterans and presently serving active-duty military personnel from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. Banners featuring the service member's name, military branch, years of service and photo are set to adorn streetlight posts throughout downtown Wasco along 7th Street from Independence Day through Veteran's Day.

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To better improve the program, councilmembers discussed some options. They provided guidance to staff who will bring back new procedures for the program including the ability for citizens to donate for a particular banner or to the program in general. Donated funds may be used to help with the initial cost of a banner and to defray the cost of ongoing maintenance and replacement of aging banners. The council also favors honoring the city's employees who are veterans with a banner.

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said, "The Veteran Salute Banner Program is a profound symbol of our community's respect and gratitude towards our brave armed forces and a testament to the courage and sacrifice of our veterans. I'm proud to celebrate our veterans' service and actively support this program."

The current banner application cycle closes at the end of April. Once approved, the improved procedures will take effect within the next year's cycle. Visit [www.cityofwasco.org](http://www.cityofwasco.org) for more information on the banner program.

Also, at the meeting, the council reviewed and approved a mural concept for the east wall of a building located at 1140 7th Street. The owners, Jenny and Tilo Cortez, are working with Wasco High School art teachers and students to paint a mural on the side wall of their business, California Home Pros.

"A mural was always our vision for that wall. We didn't know the city had plans to beautify downtown when we bought and started rehabbing the building. We are very excited about what's to come with the downtown beautification project. We hope that our building and the finished mural will add to the aesthetic," Jenny Cortez said.

Community Development Director

Kerri Cobb said, "Public Art is an integral part of the overall improvements being made in downtown Wasco, and we are pleased that a local business and property owner has stepped up and decided to beautify his building with a mural."

Of the students who are painting the mural, she added, "Involving our youth in a project is a great way to give them a meaningful hands-on experience and sense of pride and accomplishment."

Kern County Fire Department Division Chief Joe Appleton reported 147 incidents in March: 14 fires, 96 medical calls and the rest miscellaneous. The most recent fire was on Tuesday on Prairie Rose Way.

"A shed in the backyard was on fire. Engine 31 responded along with several other fire engines. When they arrived, the shed and several fences were on fire. Our firefighters took quick action to put the fires out and to keep them from spreading into the house."

# Jovita Sanchez: A lifetime of love

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laugh and always tried to help people. She was a loving person. She especially showed us as siblings to love and take care of each other."

He said she was great with kids. "She loved the little ones, and they loved her. She was like a magnet to them. They were attracted to her love. One word to describe her would be love."

Jovita worked seasonally in the fields with the family as a migrant farmworker, picking cotton, grapes, potatoes and peaches. Daughter Rachel Martinez said, "She took us with her. We lived in a tent."

Though they lived humble lives, she said, "I didn't feel bad. We were happy with the way we lived. She taught me to appreciate what we had. I'll miss most about her is her smile, her laughter and always wanting to be hugged."

Linda Sanchez Muñiz added that her mother was full of wisdom, "She said once to me, if you don't work, you don't eat. If you want something, you have to work for it."

"Another thing that stuck out to me about my mom was cleanliness. She taught us even though we were poor, we didn't have to live dirty. I also loved her cooking. She showed me how to make tortillas, frijoles, sopa, whatever we had, she would teach us to cook. To me, she prepared us for life the best she could."

Linda said Jovita cared deeply for her many grandchildren. "She loved them all the same. She was very hands-on and affectionate and liked to hug, kiss and pray on them."

Another daughter, Pamela Venegas, said, "My mom was always busy cooking and cleaning, and she used to work house-keeping to make extra money. She also made sure we went to church and sent us to St. John's Catholic School for eight years."

"As a mother, she was very affectionate, and she did the best with what she knew, instilling in us a good work ethic and trust in God. Three of us are pastors, and she influenced that. My mother was a prayer warrior."

"I think she would like us to remember her for the love she gave us, the prayer she prayed for us and the joy she brought to our family."

Her son Michael Sanchez shared that Jovita was a woman of faith. "She was very religious and devoted to Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary and Padre Pio. She would make hundreds of rosaries to send to New York, which would then be sent all over the world.

"I always followed her footsteps, attending church every Sunday and thanking the good Lord for what I have and what he's done for me. She was not a strict mother but understanding helping me with whatever she could and supporting me."

Mathew Grijalba, her great-great grandson, said, "No matter who was around her, she had a very loving presence. She had a place in her heart for you. Even in her later stages in life, she was a very outgoing person."

Daughter Dolores Gutierrez cared for Jovita for 25 years and said it was a rewarding experience. "She loved me, and I could love her the same."

Some of Jovita's favorite things to do included going to the beach and watching sports on TV. "She loved to eat, and it was always a special treat to go out and eat Chinese food."

When she was younger, she enjoyed sewing and, as she grew older, enjoyed visiting her children. She loved to read religious literature.

"She was very kind and always made sure that everybody had something to eat. As a wife, she did her household duties, cared for my dad, planned our vacations and was very accommodating."

"We would go to Pismo Coast Village and stay for a month. The whole family would go. There was a pool, a rec hall and an arcade. We had a great time. She would get in the pool with us and drink coffee around the campfire."

As her caretaker for all those years she said, "I feel lucky that I was the one that was blessed to have been able to have watched her."



Isaac Sanchez, Pamela Venegas, Dolores Gutierrez, Michael Sanchez, Linda Sanchez Muñiz and Rachel Martinez at the Celebration of Life ceremony for the matriarch of their family.

## Shafter man, 51, killed in crash

The Kern County Coroner's Office has identified the victim of a fatal accident on Lerdo Highway on Friday, April 12.

At around 2:05 a.m., 51-year-old Tabass Zebadee Grandison-Mendoza, of Shafter, reportedly was driving in a sedan that struck a tree on East Lerdo Highway.

Grandison-Mendoza was traveling westbound on East Lerdo Highway, just north of Cherry Avenue, when the accident occurred.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. Lerdo Highway was closed for several hours as the road was cleaned up and an investigation was begun. The coroner's report said that the driver seemed to veer off of the roadway, crashing into the tree. No cause has been identified for the accident, awaiting toxicology reports and further testing.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Shafter Police Department at 661-746-8500.

-Jamie Stewart

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# Arts funding a focus at WUHSD meeting

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Last week, Director of Programs Sunni Dobbs briefed the Wasco Union High School District board on the Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act.

California voters approved Proposition 28 in 2022. The measure required the state to establish a new ongoing program supporting arts instruction in schools beginning in 2023-24, with three years to spend the first annual apportionment (2025-2026 school year).

Public schools (K-12) receive funding every July, equal to approximately 1% of the (K-12) Proposition 98 apportionment and is then dispersed to eligible schools. It is in addition to the allotted Prop 98 monies for schools.

The WUHSD 2023-24 Prop 28 allocation is \$331,170.

Proposition 28 requires that 80% of the money be used to hire new certified or classified staff or retain staff to teach something new within the arts programs. No more than 1% of the allocation can be spent on administrative costs. The remaining funds (19%) can be used for training,



**WUHSD Superintendent Kevin Tallon and Director of Programs Sunni Dobbs.**

supplies and materials and arts education partnership programs.

Monies cannot be spent on any current arts, music, drama, multimedia courses or staff already in place. Funding must be

used to increase art education for all students.

WUHSD currently offers fine arts, music, drama and multimedia courses. Dobbs said the next steps are that WUHSD will review the current course offerings to all students and apportionments granted to each school. A review will be conducted to determine what courses or programs could potentially be added to enhance current pathways or enrich student opportunities by adding additional courses that have not currently been explored.

"I think access to the arts as part of an overall educational curriculum has historically been important. However, with the rising interest in science/engineering programs, the arts seem to have taken a back seat. With Prop 28, CA schools will have access to funds specifically designed to grow new arts programs. Wasco High already offers cutting-edge visual, multi-media, and culinary arts programs, so I'm excited to see how our team will leverage this new funding to serve our students even better," board member Juan Bernal said.

Also, at the board meeting, WUHSD Superintendent Kevin Tallon highlighted the accomplishments of the SkillsUSA students who competed at the 2024 Cal-

ifornia State SkillsUSA Conference, held earlier this month in Ontario.

SkillsUSA is a student-run organization that collaborates with businesses and trade programs to train students in personal skills, workplace skills and leadership to fill high-demand job positions. Wasco High School's program focuses on technical skills grounded in academics and multimedia, construction, culinary, allied health and public safety.

"Special congratulations for taking gold in television [video] production to Andrew Montano Lopez and Zahid Soto and taking gold in t-shirt design was Crenciano Gonzalez. Jocelyn Uribe also won a medal for taking silver in the masonry competition."

"Participating in the SkillsUSA State Competition provided Wasco High School students and advisors invaluable learning experiences and opportunities for personal and professional growth. Beyond honing technical skills, the competition fostered teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills. Thank you to Mr. Danny Eusebio, Mr. Jimmy Martinez, Mrs. Tiffany McCurdy, Mr. Pablo Montano, Ms. Laura Penaloza and CTE Coordinator Jeanette Mercado and congratulations on a job well done."

## From small beginnings to High-Speed Rail contracts

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

J. Perez Transport, Inc. has operated since 1998 and, in 2018, experienced a big boost in business after winning a contract with California High-Speed Rail. Now in business doing a little bit of everything, according to owner Juan Perez, Jr., the company continues to thrive with hopes of garnering even more opportunities for growth.

Perez was awarded 17 miles from Wasco to the Garces Highway to construct the HSR. He accomplished this feat through confidence and a determined mindset.

"I walked into the office of the project manager for the HSR in Wasco when I was told they were looking for small businesses, but mine was too small. I only had three trucks, but I told him I could get more small owner-operator businesses like mine if he gave me the opportunity. He gave me an opportunity by saying, "If you can come up with 25 more like yourself by tomorrow with phone numbers I can call to confirm, I will take it to higher management and get you on board." And sure enough, I showed up the next day with 30 guys he could call and confirm that they were real, and after working with him a couple of months, it got to the point I was managing 80 of them."

Now, he said he wants to go and ask big businesses around Kern County, like the Wonderful Orchards, if they will give him the same opportunity that the HSR gave him to put other small owner-operators like himself to work here locally so they can stimulate the economy.

His experience working on the HSR was remarkable for his business, "I got to meet a lot of the construction companies, and from there, I grew my business into road construction. Many of these companies called



**Juan Perez, Jr. standing next to one of his fleet trucks.**

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me, hired me for road construction projects, and put in a good word for me with construction projects in Nevada."

Perez grew up in trucking, so it felt natural to enter the business. "My dad was a trucker. When I was a kid growing up from the age of eight to ten, I loved going with my dad, trucking. He hauled mostly potatoes, carrots and sugar beets, so I would tag along whenever I had a chance on weekends or short days after school. I loved going on trips, and straight out of high school, I bought my own

truck, and that is how it started."

He keeps busy all year, with summertime occupied with road construction, during the harvest season with almonds and pistachios, and during the winter months, hauling freight cross-country.

The company is family-owned, with his wife, Vicky, running the office and his brother, Joel Perez, helping out with bigger projects.

Perez has lived in Wasco for 22 years and said, "It's a great little town."

J. Perez Transport, Inc., operates in the Wasco area and beyond. They can be contacted at 661-213-7156 or [jvicperez@gmail.com](mailto:jvicperez@gmail.com).

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wasco City Council is recruiting one (1) individual to serve on the **Wasco Recreation and Parks Board** due to the resignation of the appointed member, Sharon Sharp, to fill the remainder of the term through November 30, 2025.

Members are nominated and appointed by the full City Council, must be residents of the City throughout their term, and must attend a monthly meeting.

Applications are available online on the City website:  
<https://www.cityofwasco.org/FormCenter/Applications-9/Commission-Committee-Board-Application-50>

Applications will be accepted for submission until the open position is filled.

**For further information and assistance regarding this appointment, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 or by email at [cityclerk@cityofwasco.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofwasco.org)**





Yadira and Yanelle Moncada, owners of Spoiled Chick, opened their small business in March. RIGHT: Monica Quiroz, a deputy probation officer for the Kern County



Probation Department, with 5-year-old Levi Rodriguez, who wants to be in the military when he grows up.

# Unlocking opportunities at fair

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

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Wasco High School hosted a Community Fair and Pop-Up on Friday. Representatives from various universities, junior colleges, law enforcement, military branches, small businesses, trade schools and other industries were on hand to provide information and inspire individuals to explore career and educational possibilities or just shop, eat and enjoy the live music of the WHS High Groove Steelers.

Valerie Sheldon is an outreach admissions coordinator for California Aeronautical University, based in Bakersfield. The school is focused on aviation degrees and offers a bachelor of science in aeronautics, a pilot program.

"It's an exciting career path because you get to travel. There's a huge need for pilots and aircraft mechanics, and studies show that between now and 2040, there will be a need for over 500,000 new pilots."

Joseph Vasquez, admissions counselor for Fresno Pacific University, said, "I'm here today because I want to provide as many opportunities as possible for students looking for colleges. My university offers amazing programs for anyone seeking to impact their communities."

"We offer programs to help first-generation college students adapt to college and succeed in their careers. Our applications are still open, and it's free for you to discover what is possible at FPU."

The event was also a platform for small businesses to shine. One was Spoiled Chick, which specializes in one-of-a-kind jewelry for women, men and kids. It is a sister operation run by Yadira and Yanelle Moncada, where they source gold-plated bracelets, necklaces, rings and earrings.

They were inspired to start the business because they love accessorizing and having fun with jewelry. Their hope for the future is to grow and to help more people feel beautiful by wearing their jewelry.

Bona Fide Streetwear is another small business that participated in the fair. Vincent Villanueva, his two friends and a cousin owns the branded clothing company. He started it two years ago. He said business has been good since and likes

participating in pop-up events and getting connected with the community. They were selling raffle tickets to raise money for the WHS boys basketball team.

"Right now, we are in the building phase," he said. "We wanted to stay true to our name and build a genuine 'bonafide' following, and events like this will help us accomplish that goal."

Daniel Zapien thought the community fair was very resourceful. "It provided a lot of information about what I could do after high school, from careers to owning a small business, and there was a wide variety of foods and drinks."

"Seeing my friends and listening to drum music was a lot of fun. Thank you to Mrs. Samantha Wymer for setting this up. She did a great job."

# Campaign supports pet adoption

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune



Chance, a honey-colored Labrador, is one of several dogs available for adoption.

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Wasco Animal Control will host its "Don't Shop, Adopt" Free Adoption Friday event on April 19. It will be an opportunity to take home a furry friend that will make a special addition to your family.

Animal Control Officer Rigoberto Figueroa said the criteria for potential adopters is simple. "As of now, we only require identification, such as a driver's license."

He added that it will be first-come-first-serve. "Once the decision to adopt is made, we will make a copy of the adopter's ID and have them fill out the adoption agreement form (in Spanish if needed), and that will be all. We are excited to show how easy it will be!"

Dogs will be available for adoption; there are hopes to include cats in the future.

Figueroa said there are benefits to adopting. "Since all adoption fees are waived, residents can use the money they save towards food, shelter or vet visits for their new pet. Also, the dogs will be ready to take home because they are already neutered/spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped."

He urged residents to "Don't Shop, Adopt!" All these pets are amazing and deserve a loving home. As most have seen, there has been an increase in the strays not only in Wasco but all over the nation. Our goal is to help the community save money

and provide them with a new family member. It's a win-win for everyone."

His advice to someone considering attending but is still deciding whether to adopt a pet. "Come on out and talk to us! We are excited to answer your questions and provide you with all the necessary information to make the right decision on adopting."

The community event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grocery Outlet at 1650 Hwy. 46. For more information, call 661-758-7240.

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE COMMERCIAL ZONE 1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 21st day of May 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for commercial property in Garbage Zone 1. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Commercial Zone 1 Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

1. Designate the use of each parcel of real property in Commercial Zone 1 area as commercial (non-residential).
2. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Commercial Zone 1 area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the Report approved.
3. Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the Commercial Zone 1 area are to be set by container size as per Table A for commercial properties. The maximum rate also includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee which is charged per commercial unit per month based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers. The Solid Waste Administration Fee will be held constant at \$1.00 per commercial unit per month (as defined in Kern County Ordinance Code Section 5.36.055).
4. The Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments based on the prior fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all Urban Consumers, Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for four additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index.

Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in that Report.

The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment and the action is statutorily exempt from further CEQA review per Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

DATED: April 9, 2024  
KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

#### TABLE A

Commercial - Zone 1					
Commercial Bin Service	Size (CY)	First Commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up	
<b>Monthly Rates - July 1, 2024</b>					
<b>Trash Service</b>					
	1	\$113.79	\$105.11	\$64.25	
	1.5/300 gals	\$132.38	\$123.70	\$73.32	
	2	\$158.90	\$150.22	\$86.77	
	3	\$199.97	\$191.29	\$97.07	
	4	\$248.44	\$239.76	\$125.09	
<b>Recycling Service</b>					
	1.5/300 gals	\$76.48	\$76.48	\$72.48	
	3	\$133.86	\$133.86	\$119.86	
	6	\$191.80	\$191.80	\$171.80	
<b>Commercial Cart Service</b>					
Monthly Rates - July 1, 2024	Size (gallons)	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up	
Trash Cart	96/101	\$54.77	\$46.08	\$22.12	
Blue Recycling Cart	96/101	\$33.84	\$33.84	\$29.84	
<b>Commercial Organic Service</b>					
Monthly Rates - July 1, 2024	Size	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up	
Organic Cart	96/101 gals	\$51.91	\$46.08	N/A	
Organic Bin	2 CY	\$312.10	\$300.45	\$173.54	
Organic Bin	3 CY	\$394.23	\$382.57	\$194.15	
<b>Commercial Roll-Off Services</b>					
Monthly Rates - July 1, 2024	Per Dump	Rental Rate	Delivery Charge	Per Hour Charge	Roll-Off Compactor Service Fee
Roll-off Container	\$317.08	\$271.08	\$146.19	\$176.44	\$386.66

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# Super Students at Karl Clemens



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to all friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. From left are Vice Principal Angela Devin, Damian Garcia (5th grade), Allyson Quintana (1st grade), Mariano Antonio (4th grade), Iker Rojo (3rd grade), Israel Andres (kindergarten). Not pictured are Joseph Osuna (2nd grade) and school mascot Whiskers



# WHS teams pursue championships

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

As the Wasco High School Spring sports season comes to an end, the teams have shown successful performances in baseball, softball, swim, track, boys golf and boys tennis. With a blend of determination, skill and unwavering team spirit, several stand a chance to take home the coveted South Sequoia League Championship title.

In an interview, Ddirector of Athletics and Activities Joshua Huddleston shared an update on the spring sports program. He said baseball is in first place in the South Sequoia League (tied with Taft) and will try to hold onto it on Thursday when they play against Taft High School.

The tennis team hosted the SSL championship on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Boys tennis is doing very well, and we expect them to have a few league championships and qualify for the area tournament. And boys tennis is undefeated in SSL play."

He said about the boys' golf team, "We have a very young team this year made up of freshmen and sophomores, and they are showing significant improvement every week."

About track he added, "Track has two SSL meets remaining. The first one was on Wednesday the 17th, and the championship is at the end of the month on the 30th. We expect to bring home several medals at the championship."

For swimming, the SSL championship is also near the end of April.

"We are defending the girls league championship and competing for the boys' championship this year as well. We expect to qualify swimmers for the section championship."

When asked how the season has pro-



The WHS Tigers softball team lost to Taft on Tuesday but is poised for a comeback against them on Thursday.

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gressed compared to previous years, Huddleston said, "It's been a lot like previous years. We've had some issues with the weather, of course, but our teams are hitting their stride at the right time as we near the end of league competition."

He said there are some standout players. "For example, in softball, there is Cedes Saldana; she's a junior and a pitcher. She has a 0.54 ERA, has thrown 177

strikeouts and has shut out her opponents 12 times. She's one of the big ones."

"In baseball, senior Santonio Juarez has a .509 batting average and 19 stolen bases. These are a couple of our exceptional players."

Huddleston thanks the community for their support this season. "We've had excellent attendance at games and tournaments."

He added that the athletes balance their academic responsibilities with their

commitments to their sports. "Participation in spring sports requires two periods of eligibility. One is based on first semester grades and the other on the third quarter grades, so our spring athletes work hard to maintain eligibility through excellence in the classroom."

There are goals he would like to achieve by the end of the season. "The first goal is always to win SSL championships, and I believe that at least five of our teams have a good chance of doing so."

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (GATE FEE AND BIN FEE)

#### FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 21st day of May, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for non-residential property which will be collected as a Gate Fee or a Bin Fee. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department that describes the amount of the proposed service charge for waste delivered to Kern County waste disposal or transfer facilities for further handling. In accordance with this Report, the proposed basic fee for non-residential waste (Gate Fee) will be increased from \$61.79 per ton to \$65.15 per ton effective July 1, 2024. A transfer fee of \$11.23 per ton will be added to the basic fee for non-residential waste delivered to any transfer station effective July 1, 2024. For non-residential customers using bin service provided by a Franchise Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be increased from \$3.20 per cubic yard to \$3.37 per cubic yard effective July 1, 2024. A transfer fee of \$0.58 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station effective July 1, 2024. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in all of the chargeable rates.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Gate Fee and Bin Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASAO) without a protest hearing for an additional three years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index.

Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that Report.

The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

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Dated: April 9, 2024  
KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

#### TABLE A

#### FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 GATE FEE AND BIN FEE RATES

Gate Fees	Current	Effective July 1, 2024
Any non-residential trash - not in a sideloader	\$61.79	\$65.15 per ton
Transfer Station Fee - additional	\$10.65	\$11.23 per ton
Out of County Fee	\$95.89	\$101.09 per ton
<b>Bin Fees</b>		
Municipal solid waste in a bin	\$3.20	\$3.37 per CY
Transfer Station Bin Fee - additional	\$0.55	\$0.58 per CY
Out of County waste picked up in a bin	\$4.58	\$4.83 per CY
<b>Non-Residential Waste at Facilities with Scales</b>		
Cars	\$12.78	\$13.48 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$28.77	\$30.33 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$36.22	\$38.19 per vehicle
Trailers, large vehicles, rolloff boxes	\$61.79	\$65.15 per ton
<b>Non-Residential Waste at Facilities without Scales</b>		
Cars	\$12.78	\$13.48 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$28.77	\$30.33 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$36.22	\$38.19 per vehicle
<b>Fees for Recyclable, Reusable or Divertable Material</b>		
Clean Fill Dirt	\$5.33	\$5.62 per ton
Clean inerts - concrete, asphalt, bricks, or similar	\$15.98	\$16.85 per ton
Construction and Demolition waste	\$85.23	\$89.86 per ton
<b>Tire Program Fees</b>		
Tires in bulk loads	\$266.35	\$280.81 per ton
<b>Individual tires</b>		
Light duty - 18" diameter rim or smaller	\$3.20	\$3.37 per tire
Heavy Duty Tires - 19" - 24" diameter rims	\$15.98	\$16.85 per tire
Over-size tires (>24" rims or racing tires)	\$21.31	\$22.47 per tire
Earth Mover Tires	\$266.35	\$280.81 per ton
<b>Dead Animals</b>		
Any dead animal that requires special handling	\$106.54	\$112.33 per animal
Multiple dead animals or parts that require special handling	\$159.81	\$168.49 per ton
<b>Treated Wood Waste</b>		
All treated wood waste other than railroad ties	\$159.81	\$168.49 per ton
Railroad Ties	\$15.98	\$16.85 per tie
<b>Other Special Fees</b>		
Hourly rate for Department personnel	\$95.89	\$101.09 per hour
Processing fee for returned checks	\$63.92	\$67.40 each
Travel Trailer disposal	\$532.70	\$561.63 each
Any other hard to handle items	\$213.08	\$224.65 ton
	2X Gate Fee	2X Gate Fee
Untarped/unsecured loads	or \$20.00 minimum	or \$20.00 minimum

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# Project rebuilds 15th Street Park

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hosting workshops and classes, planning cultural celebrations and volunteering for park maintenance to help maintain and beautify the park. Engaging in collective efforts to care for the park fosters a sense of ownership and pride among residents."

She believes that increased community presence, engagement, physical activity and health, as well as a positive environment and police patrol partnerships, will help keep the park safe.

Serna also said that the park's re-opening allows children and their families to come out and enjoy family time, a time to gather with friends and a place to play, cook and relax, all within walking distance.

Rodrick Scott, Sr., co-chairman of the 15th Street Park Playground Committee, grew up near the park and said the re-opening was a community effort. "We all came together. When we heard they were planning to close the park, my brothers and I decided to step up and advocate

for the park."

He said it would benefit the neighborhood's youth, "so the kids will be able to enjoy the park and make memories as I did when I was a kid."

Sandy Ruiz is a nearby resident. She said, "I love the mural. The park makes the neighborhood feel safer. It brings more life to the community."

Another resident, Vanessa Reza, added, "They did really nice with all their changes. I live near the park and plan to use it and bring my two children to play."

Local elected officials attended the ceremony, including Mayor Pro Tem Valentin Medina. He said, "It's great to be out here celebrating the re-opening of 15th Street Park. We appreciate all the efforts of Parks and Rec as well as the artist Leo Alvarez, who did a wonderful job on the mural. Lastly, we thank the community for its support. We look forward to seeing this park being enjoyed by our Wasco community."

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE RESIDENTIAL NON-TAX ROLL BILLED ZONE 1 AREA SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 21st day of May, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for residential property located in Garbage Zone 1 that is not located within any Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for all residential properties. Property owners in this area are not required to subscribe to the services of the franchise haulers, but if they do so, these charges will apply. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 All Franchise Areas Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

- 1.Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area as residential or non-residential.
- 2.Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Residential Non-TaxRoll Billed Zone 1 Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the Report approved.
- 3.Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the Residential

Non-Tax RollBilled Zone 1 Area are set forth in the following table for residential properties. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee which is charged on a per residential unit basis and will be continued at the currentrate of \$1.00 per residential unit per month. Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 - All Franchise Areas Monthly Fees:

- Residential Service per unit\*\*
  - Current Fee = \$27.82
  - Effective July 2024 = \$29.54
- Blue Cart Recycling per Unit\*\*
  - Current Fee = \$10.21
  - Effective July 2024 = \$10.93
- Green Waste Service per unit \*\*
  - Current Fee = \$11.28
  - Effective July 2024 = \$12.00

\*Charges shown include the Admin Fee of \$1.00 month per unit

\*\*Recycling and Green waste service may not be available in voluntary locations Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for four additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the Report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors

may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in that Report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Dated: April 9, 2024 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25, 2024



# Wrestling is a family affair for Gonzalezs

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**SHAFTER**

Julissa Gonzalez became the first female wrestler at Shafter High to qualify for the State Championships last year. She repeated that feat this year, as well as becoming the first female wrestler to win a Valley title. Julissa added to her accomplishments last weekend when she traveled to the Reno World Wrestling Championships, placing second in her weight class.

This is impressive enough, but the Gonzalez family boasts a quintet of talented wrestlers, with all five of their children excelling in the sport. Julissa's younger brothers and sister all have their own successes on the mat.

Jayden Gonzalez won the Youth Wrestling State Champi-

onship in his weight division at Selland Arena this year in Fresno. He also traveled to Nevada, competing against over 60 wrestlers in his division. He didn't place, but won two matches against some of the best competition in the nation.

At the State tournament, sister Janali placed second, along with Julian, in their respective weight divisions.

The medals continue to accumulate with the success of the siblings, creating a dynasty here, putting Shafter on the wrestling map.

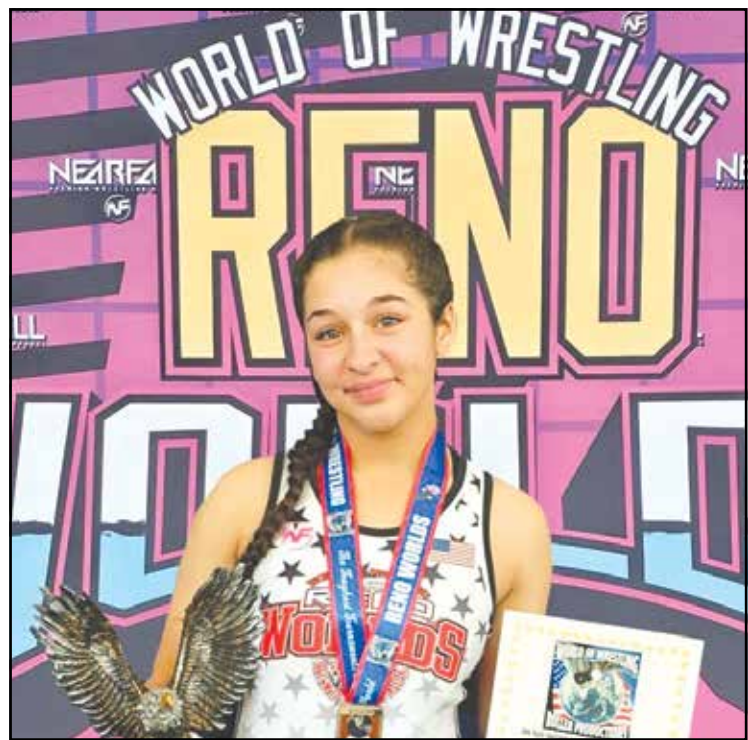
Mother Esmeralda said that she loves that the kids are interested in wrestling and said that it has been a real blessing. "They know that they have to keep their grades up to allow them to con-

tinue wrestling, so it helps them work harder in the classroom. It also helps them as people, teaching them responsibility, value of hard work, and accomplishing goals."

Julissa said that she loves wrestling because it helps with her confidence, as well as learning how to be a good team member, and working hard for something that you want.

"It also helps you even when you lose. It makes you learn how to lose and learn from it, continuing to get better," Jayden said.

Jayden will be a freshman next year, so Shafter High will be getting richer, as well as the future Generals in the family who are still in grade school. The Gonzalez family will continue to compete with pride, getting better on and off the mat.



Julissa Gonzalez with her medal, trophy and All American Award.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Kern County Hydro Clean**  
**2024-B2238**  
3611 Pine Meadow Dr Apt. C  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: Kern  
3611 Pine Meadow Dr Apt. C  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
Christopher Henry Garcia  
3611 Pine Meadow Dr Apt. C  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
04/07/2024  
/s/Christopher Henry Garcia  
Date Statement Filed: 04/08/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
04/08/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Shafter Shootin Irons & Such**  
**2024-B2264**  
18405 Poplar Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
18405 Poplar Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Rebecca Anne Jenkins  
18405 Poplar Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
04/08/2024  
/s/Rebecca Anne Jenkins  
Date Statement Filed: 04/08/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
04/08/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**661 Truck & Trailer Repair**  
**2024-B2303**  
7216 Conduit St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
County: Kern  
7216 Conduit St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
661 Trucking Inc  
7216 Conduit St  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Corporation  
Date the business commenced:  
04/01/2024  
/s/Parminder Singh, President  
Date Statement Filed: 04/09/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
04/09/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Bonside Down BBQ**  
**2024-B2397**  
9413 Steinbeck Ln  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
County: Kern  
9413 Steinbeck Ln  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
Zoey Blends LLC  
9413 Steinbeck Ln  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Nicholas Bergen, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 04/12/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
04/12/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Ceden  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Italy's Balloon Bar**  
**2024-B1865**  
111 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
111 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Judith Gonzalez  
779 Pine Cone St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A

/s/Judith Gonzalez  
Date Statement Filed: 03/20/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/20/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Sixpenny Studio**  
**2024-B2263**  
3900 Coffee Road Ste 1 Studio 102  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: Kern  
7553 Shane St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Bailey Cheyenne Rankin-Hogue  
7553 Shane St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Bailey Cheyenne Rankin-Hogue  
Date Statement Filed: 04/08/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
04/08/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**El Dorado Flowershop & Gifts**  
**2024-B1711**  
260 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
30772 Orange St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Sayuri Mendoza  
30772 Orange St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Sayuri M Mendoza  
Date Statement Filed: 03/13/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/13/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**E&A Junk Removal & Hauling**  
**2024-B2089**  
112 W Los Angeles Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
112 W Los Angeles Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Eduardo Almanza  
112 W Los Angeles Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Eduardo Almanza  
Date Statement Filed: 04/01/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
04/01/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**2 Thrifty Grandmas**  
**2024-B2061**  
8000 Kroll Way #14  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
County: Kern  
8000 Kroll Way #14  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
Kathryn Johannah Stobert  
8000 Kroll Way #14  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
Mary Ella Gridley  
8000 Kroll Way #14  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
The business is conducted by:  
General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Kathryn Johannah Stobert  
Date Statement Filed: 03/29/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/29/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
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County: Kern  
534 Johnston Avenue  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Edgar Garza Gonzalez  
534 Johnston Avenue  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Edgar Garza Gonzalez  
Date Statement Filed: 03/25/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/25/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Rojas Farm Services**  
**2024-B2015**  
238 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
238 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Santa Cecilia Rojas  
238 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Santa Cecilia Rojas  
Date Statement Filed: 03/27/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/27/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Cali Reinas**  
**2024-B2024**  
11918 Cotner Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: Kern  
11918 Cotner Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Vanessa Salazar  
11918 Cotner Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Vanessa Salazar  
Date Statement Filed: 03/28/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/28/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Ceden  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Woow My Party**  
**2024-B1836**  
289 Flores Way  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
289 Flores Way  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Alondra Eunice Martinez Angulo  
289 Flores Way  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
05/18/2022  
/s/Alondra Eunice Martinez Angulo  
Date Statement Filed: 03/20/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/20/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
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By: M Ceden  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Purposeful Life**  
**2024-B1700**  
6313 Grant Wood Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: Kern  
6313 Grant Wood Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Theresa Lee Yanez  
6313 Grant Wood Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Theresa Lee Yanez  
Date Statement Filed: 03/12/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/12/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Money Hungry Mob LLC**  
**2024-B1948**  
18484 Alfalfa Ln  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
18484 Alfalfa Ln  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Money Hungry Mob LLC  
18484 Alfalfa Ln  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Jose Rodriguez, Managing  
Member  
Date Statement Filed: 03/25/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/25/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Monarch Memorial**  
**2024-B1922**  
2801 F St  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
County: Kern  
844 E Lerdo Hwy.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Monarch Partnership LLC  
844 E. Lerdo Hwy.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Richard C. Woody, Member  
Date Statement Filed: 03/22/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/22/2029  
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Monarch Memorial**  
**Abandonment Statement**  
**2024-B1744**  
2801 F Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
844 E. Lerdo Hwy.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Clarmar Enterprises  
844 E. Lerdo Hwy.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Business was conducted by:  
Corporation  
/s/Richard C. Woody, President  
Original FBN Statement File Number:  
2023-B1150  
Original FBN Statement Filed on:  
02/21/2023  
This statement of Abandonment  
filed on: 03/22/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/P Del Villar  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**VATTYCO.**  
**2024-B1744**  
22 Emerald Isle Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
22 Emerald Isle Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Lacey Elaine Mudge  
22 Emerald Isle Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Daniel David Mudge  
22 Emerald Isle Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by:  
Married Couple  
Date the business commenced:  
01/01/2024  
/s/Lacey Mudge  
Date Statement Filed: 03/14/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/14/2029  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Toro Loco #8**  
**2024-B1801**  
**El Toro Loco Bakersfield**  
**2024-B1802**  
3001 Taft Hwy  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
County: Kern  
825 Central Valley Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263

Grand Grocers Inc  
825 Central Valley Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Corporation  
Date the business commenced:  
03/01/2024  
/s/Yousif Hussein, Secretary  
Date Statement Filed: 03/18/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**715 Safety Training and**  
**Consulting**  
**2024-B1419**  
9102 Celeste Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312-5025  
County: Kern  
9102 Celeste Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312-5025  
Rene Richard Chow  
9102 Celeste Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312-5025  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Rene Richard Chow  
Date Statement Filed: 02/29/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
02/28/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**COUNTY OF KERN**  
**SUMMARY OF ENACTED**  
**ORDINANCE**  
On April 9, 2024, the Kern County Board of Supervisors enacted Franchise Ordinance F-699. Franchise Ordinance F-699 granted Sill Properties, Inc. ("Grantee") a 20-year non-exclusive franchise ("Franchise"), replacing Ordinance F-464, to construct, install, maintain, inspect, operate, repair, renew and remove a non-public utility pipeline together with the appurtenances and equipment necessary or convenient for operation thereof. The nominal internal diameter of the pipeline, rounded to the closest inch, shall not exceed sixteen (16) inches. The principal purpose of the franchise is the transport of irrigation water. The requested franchise covers all areas in and under any and all public highways, public roads or rights of way now or hereafter dedicated to public use for roadway purposes and expressly accepted and/or declared public highways by the County (including, but not limited to, the Kern County right of way for Scaroni Avenue and Burbank Street), which are within the County of Kern, and are within Sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, Township 28 South, Range 25 East, M.D.B.M., but not included within the limits of an incorporated city.

Throughout the term of the franchise the Grantee and its successors or assigns shall pay to the County of Kern ("County") an annual fee equivalent to \$.15 times the linear foot of each pipeline installed in the County right of way, regardless of the size of the pipeline. This franchise fee shall be adjusted annually throughout the term pursuant to Section 8 of the ordinance. Grantee shall file with the designated agent of the Board of Supervisors, within three months after the expiration of the calendar year or fractional calendar year following the date of the granting of the franchise and within three months after the expiration of each calendar year thereafter, a detailed and verified statement showing the used location (by road name or number and section, township and range), length (expressed in feet) and actual internal size (expressed in inches) of all of Grantee's pipelines situated within the County right of way. Grantee shall pay to the County, within 15 days after the time for filing the statement described hereinabove, in lawful money of the United States, the annual fee due. Any neglect, omission or refusal by Grantee to file the verified statement, or to pay the franchise fee at the time or in the manner provided, shall make the Grantee subject to penalties as detailed in Sections 11, 13, and 14 of Ordinance F-3 (Fourth Revision), and/or

constitutes grounds for declaration of forfeiture of the franchise and of all rights thereafter. The application of Sill Properties, Inc., the franchise ordinance and related documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Kern County Administrative Center, where they may be examined during normal business hours. Effective date of the Ordinance is May 10, 2024. AYES: Peters, Scrivner, Flores, Couch, Perez NOES: None ABSENT: None Dated: April 9, 2024 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Shafter Press April 18, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of:**  
**Janie Faye Colbert, aka Janie Ferrell Colbert, aka Janie F Colbert**  
**Case Number: BBP-24-002365**  
1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Janie Faye Colbert, aka Janie Ferrell Colbert, aka Janie F Colbert  
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Teresa Ann Ferrell Dawson in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern  
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Teresa Ann Ferrell Dawson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:  
a. Date: 05/09/2024 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: J-1  
b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305. Juvenile Justice Center.  
7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
10. Petitioner: Teresa Ann Ferrell Dawson 12950 Rosedale Hwy Apt. #11 Bakersfield, CA 93314 661-742-0280 Publish Shafter Press April 11, 18, 25, 2024



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Joy in salvation by faith

**PASTOR SPENCER CARPENTER**  
First Southern Baptist Church, Shafter

What do you have to do to be right with God? How can unrighteous guilty sinners be made right before a perfect and holy God? Every person knows they fall short of their own standards of right and wrong, and have some sense of the righteousness of God. Often people think about if they were to stand before God right now, what would happen, what kind of evaluation would they face?

The biblical teaching on justification explains the only way to be made right in God's eyes is by faith in Jesus Christ's sin-bearing work on the cross. To be right with God is not based on works by trying to cover up the bad we have done with the good, like balancing scales. The Bible says our works are like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6).

We need our sins forgiven and to be seen by God in Jesus Christ, the only one who lived a perfect and sinless life as the Son of God (Isaiah 1:18; Acts 10:43; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

Justification or being declared righteous before God is truly good news. Justification from the Bible is God's declaration of "righteous" or "not guilty" for those who have faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for sins (Romans 3:21-26). Like in a courtroom scene where we know we are guilty of our sins, but we trust in Christ personally and have our sins paid for by His sacrifice, then we stand before God righteous in Christ. The righteousness from Christ's sacrifice is transferred to the believer's account and while his or her personal sins are attributed to Jesus' sin-covering sacrifice (Romans 3:21-26; 4:1-5:1; Galatians 2:16-3:14).

Faith is the sole basis for justification or the declaration of righteousness by God (John 3:16; Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16). Faith is belief or personal trust in Jesus Christ and His atoning work in His life, death, and resurrection (Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Justification means salvation from the guilt and penalty of sin and is an instantaneous act of God that happens for the believer upon conversion. The guilty sinner's record is cleared with his sins being transferred to Christ's sacrifice and he stands guiltless before God the righteous Judge. God then declares the once guilty sinner "not guilty" based on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:1).

Salvation is by faith and not by works, which is grace where eternal life is given freely to all (Rom 4:2-5; 6:23; 11:6; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5). The relationship

between faith and works is that true faith leads to works of righteousness done out of thanksgiving and love for God; they do not in any way earn salvation, but genuine faith produces good works (James 2:14-26).

Understanding justification or salvation by faith alone has a tremendous impact on the believer's everyday life. Too many Christians are still on the treadmill of works, thinking salvation is somehow dependent on living perfect lives and heaping up good works. But this is exhausting and impossible. Truly understanding salvation by faith alone means Christians are confident, peaceful, hopeful, thankful, and joyful in their salvation (Romans 5:1-2). Romans 8:1 says, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Amen! This is truly good news worth sharing!

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF HEARING AND  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED  
ORDINANCE  
RESIDENTIAL NON-TAX ROLL BILLED  
ZONE 1 AREA  
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION  
CHARGES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

On the 21st day of May, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for residential property located in Garbage Zone 1 that is not located within any Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for all residential properties. Property owners in this area are not required to subscribe to the services of the franchise haulers, but if they do so, these charges will apply. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 All Franchise Areas Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

- 1.Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area as residential or non-residential.
- 2.Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Residential Non-TaxRoll Billed Zone 1 Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the Report approved.
- 3.Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the Residential Non-Tax RollBilled Zone 1 Area are set forth in the following table for residential properties. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee which is charged on a per residential unit basis and will be continued at the current rate of \$1.00 per residential unit per month. Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zones 1 - All Franchise Areas Monthly Fees:
  - Residential Service per unit\*\*
  - Current Fee = \$27.82
  - Effective July 2024 = \$29.54
  - Blue Cart Recycling per Unit\*\*
  - Current Fee = \$10.21
  - Effective July 2024 = \$10.93
  - Green Waste Service per unit \*\*
  - Current Fee = \$11.28
  - Effective July 2024 = \$12.00

\*Charges shown include the Admin Fee of \$1.00 month per unit

\*\*Recycling and Green waste service may not be available in voluntary locations Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for four additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the Report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in that Report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is

exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Dated: April 9, 2024 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Shafter Press April 18 25, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF HEARING AND  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED  
ORDINANCE  
METROPOLITAN BAKERSFIELD  
UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE  
COLLECTION CHARGES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

On the 21st of May, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for all residential properties in the Metropolitan Bakersfield Universal Collection Area.

This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Metropolitan Bakersfield Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

1. Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Metropolitan Bakersfield Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential;
2. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the MetropolitanBakersfield Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the Report approved;
3. Maximum annual rates for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the MetropolitanBakersfield Universal Collection Area will increase as follows:

**Metro Bakersfield UCA ANNUAL FEES:**

- Existing Metro Bakersfield UCA per residential unit\*\*
  - Current Fee = \$368.64
  - Effective July 2024 = \$391.56
- \*\*Fees shown include the Admin Fee of \$12.00 per unit per year Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for four additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the

subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that Report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. DATED: April 9, 2024 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Shafter Press April 18 25, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF HEARING AND  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED  
ORDINANCE  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM  
SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE  
FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

On the 21st day of May, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for all residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department that designates the use of each parcel of real property in Kern County as either residential with four units or less, residential with five units or more, or non-residential, and describes the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of residential real property in Kern County should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the Report approved. In accordance with this report, the Public Works Department proposes to increase the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) imposed on residential property on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 over the rates established for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The charge imposed on a parcel of property used as a single-family residence with one to four residential units per parcel will increase from \$170.46 per year per residential unit to \$179.72 per year per residential unit. Parcels with multi family dwellings with five or more residential units will increase from \$136.37 per year per residential unit to \$143.78 per year per residential unit. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los

Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) without a protest hearing for three more years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon

each fee as described in that Report. The Board of Supervisors may order the Report filed with the Kern County Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, who will enter the amounts of the fee against the respective parcels of residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll. The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by

the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: April 9, 2024 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Shafter Press April 18 25, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF HEARING AND  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
SERVICE CHARGE  
(GATE FEE AND BIN FEE)  
FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

On the 21st day of May, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for non-residential property which will be collected as a Gate Fee or a Bin Fee. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department that describes the amount of the proposed service charge for waste delivered to Kern County waste disposal or transfer facilities for further handling. In accordance with this Report, the proposed basic fee for non-residential waste (Gate Fee) will be increased from \$61.79 per ton to \$65.15 per ton effective July 1, 2024. A transfer fee of \$11.23 per ton will be added to the basic fee for non-residential waste delivered to any transfer station effective July 1, 2024. For non-residential customers using bin service provided by a Franchise Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be increased from \$3.20 per cubic yard to \$3.37 per cubic yard effective July 1, 2024. A transfer fee of \$0.58 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station effective July 1, 2024. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in all of the chargeable rates. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Gate Fee and Bin Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) without a protest hearing for an additional three years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that Report. The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: April 9, 2024 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

**TABLE A**

**FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 GATE FEE AND BIN FEE RATES**

Gate Fees	Current	Effective July 1, 2024
Any non-residential trash - not in a sideloader	\$61.79	\$65.15 per ton
Transfer Station Fee - additional	\$10.65	\$11.23 per ton
Out of County Fee	\$95.89	\$101.09 per ton
<b>Bin Fees</b>		
Municipal solid waste in a bin	\$3.20	\$3.37 per CY
Transfer Station Bin Fee - additional	\$0.55	\$0.58 per CY
Out of County waste picked up in a bin	\$4.58	\$4.83 per CY
<b>Non-Residential Waste at Facilities with Scales</b>		
Cars	\$12.78	\$13.48 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$28.77	\$30.33 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$36.22	\$38.19 per vehicle
Trailers, large vehicles, rolloff boxes	\$61.79	\$65.15 per ton
<b>Non-Residential Waste at Facilities without Scales</b>		
Cars	\$12.78	\$13.48 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$28.77	\$30.33 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$36.22	\$38.19 per vehicle
<b>Fees for Recyclable, Reusable or Divertable Material</b>		
Clean Fill Dirt	\$5.33	\$5.62 per ton
Clean inerts - concrete, asphalt, bricks, or similar	\$85.23	\$89.85 per ton
Construction and Demolition waste	\$15.98	\$16.86 per ton
<b>Tire Program Fees</b>		
Tires in bulk loads	\$266.35	\$280.81 per ton
<b>Individual tires</b>		
Light duty - 18" diameter rim or smaller	\$3.20	\$3.37 per tire
Heavy Duty Tires - 19" - 24" diameter rims	\$15.98	\$16.85 per tire
Oversize tires (>24" rims or racing tires)	\$21.31	\$22.47 per tire
Earth Mover Tires	\$266.35	\$280.81 per ton
<b>Dead Animals</b>		
Any dead animal that requires special handling	\$106.54	\$112.33 per animal
Multiple dead animals or parts that require special handling	\$159.81	\$168.49 per ton
<b>Treated Wood Waste</b>		
All treated wood waste other than railroad ties	\$159.81	\$168.49 per ton
Railroad Ties	\$15.98	\$16.85 per tie
<b>Other Special Fees</b>		
Hourly rate for Department personnel	\$95.89	\$101.09 per hour
Processing fee for returned checks	\$63.92	\$67.40 each
Travel Trailer disposal	\$532.70	\$561.63 each
Any other hard to handle items	\$213.08	\$224.65 ton
	2X Gate Fee	2X Gate Fee
Untarped/unsecured loads	or \$20.00 minimum	or \$20.00 minimum

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# OBITUARIES

**Marina Gonzales Duck**  
Marina Gonzales Duck, age 58, passed away peacefully in San Diego on March 30, 2024. She married the love of her life, Bobby Duck, on March 3, 2024.



Marina was loved dearly by her parents, Longino Gonzales and Margie Gonzales. She had four siblings, Longino Gonzales, Jr. mar-

ried to Sandra, Christina Smart married to Wesley, Peter Gonzales, and Andrea Hernandez married to Chon.

Marina was preceded in death by her father, Longino Gonzales; her brother Longino Gonzales, Jr., and her great niece Hope Gonzales. She had many nieces and nephews who she loved

as her own.

Marina was a 1984 Shafter High School graduate who also attended SDSU in San Diego.

Marina was an entrepreneur in life. She worked as a business professional in property management for 15 years. She was a realtor and business owner, and worked in sales. She won many awards throughout

her life and even made the cover of Property Management Magazine.

Marina loved her dogs and cats as if they were her children. Marina was very beautiful, charismatic, charming, giving, caring, a social butterfly, smart and faithful to God and always counted her blessings.

Marina had a smile that

could light up a room. She enjoyed listening to music, dancing, making people laugh and knew how to have fun in any situation with her family and friends. Her quote was, "What's the worst that can happen - that you have fun?"

Marina will definitely be missed by her close family and many friends.

**Teofilo "Tilo" Gutierrez Cortez**  
Oct. 21, 1951 - April 10, 2024



Teofilo "Tilo" Gutierrez Cortez, Sr., 72, passed away in Wasco in his home while his wife and three children stood by his side after a 10-year battle with cancer.

Tilo was born Oct. 21, 1951, to Salvador and Maria Cortez in Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and was one of nine siblings. As proud

migrant farmworkers, his family made their way to

Texas, then to California. He first laid eyes on his wife, Amalia, while living at the "Labor Camp" in his teens. They were married for 53 years and went on to have three children and six grandchildren.

In his early years, Tilo's work ethic earned him a permanent supervisor position with Belridge Farms, which granted him the opportunity to plant his roots in Wasco. In the early '80s, he moved his fami-

ly to McAllen, Texas, and became a successful farm labor contractor. Homesick after three years, they sold everything, and the family returned to Wasco for good.

In the late '80s, he started a cotton harvesting business that thrived with the local cotton industry. He would later become an expert diesel mechanic for a local trucking company until Cortez Trucking was born. When his cancer progressed, and he was no

longer able to complete those grueling hours behind the wheel, he became a shuttle driver for the Aviator Casino, because he still loved the road.

Tilo spent every spare moment of sunlight tending to the fruit trees in his garden with his dog, Duke, where he found solace until the very end. He is remembered for his incredible tolerance for spice, endearing sarcasm and mischievous smile.

He is survived by his wife, Amalia; their children, Tilo Cortez, Jr., his wife, Jenny, and their children, Daniel, Cassandra and Kaitlyn; Angelica Cortez and her children, Juliana, Gabriel and Michael; and Christopher Cortez. He also is survived by his siblings, Ermelinda, Pedro, San Juanita and Margarita, an abundance of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, as well as his loyal canine companion, Duke.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Patricia Daniel**, 76, of Bakersfield, passed away April 6, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Pamela Walker**, 58, of Bakersfield, passed away April 4, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

## PET OF THE WEEK

### Meet Luke

Luke came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. He is approximately a 1-2 year-old male husky mix. He is great with staff and other dogs. It is unknown if Luke is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are not tested with children, and his behavior towards children is unknown. Luke is available for adoption on Friday, April 19.

Everyone is welcome to adopt



from our facility, and we like to give everyone the same oppor-

tunity to adopt. Adopters can be from out of town and/or local. We do not place holds for adoptions. Adopters are responsible for transportation.

Adoptions are on a first-come, first-serve basis, beginning at 8 a.m. on the date they are available. You are welcome to call us the day before their availability to ensure the pet is still for adoption.

More information is available by emailing [rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org](mailto:rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org) or [masilva@cityofwasco.org](mailto:masilva@cityofwasco.org).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement V.B. Auto Truck & Diesel Repair 14692 Martin Ave Lost Hills, CA 93249 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 14692 Martin Ave Lost Hills, CA 93249 Vidal Ballesteros 21136 Universal St Lost Hills, CA 93249 Business was conducted by: Individual /s/Vidal Ballesteros Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B7200 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/29/2021 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/03/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Cedeno Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-24-000009

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Erica Maria Morales filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name Angel Alonso Avila Proposed Name Angel Enrique Morales 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 6/14/24 Time: 8:30 A.M. Dept: B b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central Valley Hwy, Shafter, CA 93263. North Division. 3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: (for resident of this county) printed in this county: Wasco Tribune Date: 4/9/24 /s/Marcos R. Camacho Judge of the Superior Court Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: DCV-24-000004

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Rafael Hernandez Gonzalez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name Rafael Hernandez Gonzalez Proposed Name Rafael Hernandez Gonzalez 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 6/5/2024 Time: 10:00 A.M. Dept: Division B b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 1122 Jefferson St, Delano, CA 93215 Kern County Superior Court 3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: (for resident of this county) printed in this county: Wasco Tribune Date: 04/09/2024 /s/Wendy Avila Judge of the Superior Court Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wasco Mini Storage 451 N. F Street Wasco, CA 93280 ONLINE Auction Storagetreasures.com Ending 4/19/24 @9am Cleaning Deposit \$50 72 Hours clean-out U0209 Adriana Castillas household U0300 Jerome Madston household U1415 Michael Munoz household U0815 Ruben Garcia Household Publish Wasco Tribune April 11, 18, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Pantaleon & Sons Trucking 1960 Shamrock Ct Wasco, CA 93280 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 1960 Shamrock Ct Wasco, CA 93280 Pantaleon Zamora Magana 1960 Shamrock Ct Wasco, CA 93280 Business was conducted by: Individual /s/Pantaleon Zamora Magana, Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2020-B2139 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 04/14/2020 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/02/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Kay Property Plaza 2024-B2099

1005 Trenton St Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern 1005 Trenton St Delano, CA 93215 Raymond Haig Kay 1005 Trenton St Delano, CA 93215 Thelma Ann Kay 1005 Trenton St Delano, CA 93215 The business is conducted by: Married Couple Date the business commenced: 04/01/1979 /s/Thelma Kay Statement Filed: 04/01/2024 Date Statement Expires: 04/01/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Wasco Tribune April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement The Urban Press 2024-B2069

106 W Sherwood Ave McFarland, CA 93250 County: Kern 767 Azurite Ave McFarland, CA 93250 Joshua DeLeon 767 Azurite Ave McFarland, CA 93250 Lupita Adilene DeLeon 767 Azurite Ave McFarland, CA 93250 The business is conducted by: Married Couple Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Lupita A DeLeon Statement Filed: 03/29/2024 Date Statement Expires: 03/29/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement The Urban Press

106 W Sherwood Ave McFarland, CA 93250 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 767 Azurite Ave McFarland, CA 93250 Joshua DeLeon 767 Azurite Ave. McFarland, CA 93250 Lupita Adilene DeLeon 767 Azurite Ave McFarland, CA 93250 Business was conducted by: General Partnership /s/Lupita Adilene DeLeon, Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B7846 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 12/19/2023 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 03/29/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Tempo Emmanuel 2024-B1366

1324 E Street Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern PO Box 422 Wasco, CA 93280 Unified Pentecostal Local Churches, Incorporated 1421 E. Alice Street Kingsville, TX 78363 State of incorp. or org.: TX The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 08/27/1952 /s/Rogelio Faragoza Statement Filed: 02/27/2024 Date Statement Expires: 02/27/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Mr Embroidery 2024-B1601

450 Poplar Ave Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern

450 Poplar Ave Wasco, CA 93280 Misael Ramirez 450 Poplar Ave Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 03/01/2024 /s/Misael Ramirez Statement Filed: 03/07/2024 Date Statement Expires: 03/07/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Wasco Tribune April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Carnitas El Jesse 2024-B1486

834 5th St Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 834 5th St Wasco, CA 93280 Jesus Flores Cruz 1821 Cherrytree Way Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Jesus Flores Cruz Statement Filed: 03/01/2024 Date Statement Expires: 03/01/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: T Cabrera Publish Wasco Tribune March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Stream of Serenity Therapy 2024-B1863

2783 Bettis Ave Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 2783 Bettis Ave Wasco, CA 93280 Andrea Carolina Fernandez Sanchez 2783 Bettis Ave Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Andrea Carolina Fernandez Sanchez Statement Filed: 03/20/2024 Date Statement Expires: 03/20/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: Z Arellano Publish Wasco Tribune March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Integrity And Quality Systems And Fabrication LLC 2024-B1935

IQ Systems and Fab 2024-B1936 930 Redwood Avenue Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern P.O. Box 591 Wasco, CA 93280 Integrity And Quality Systems And Fabrication LLC 1401 21st Street #7835 Sacramento, CA 95811 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Joe Martinez, Sole Member Date Statement Filed: 03/22/2024 Date Statement Expires: 03/22/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE METROPOLITAN BAKERSFIELD UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 21st of May, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for all residential properties in the Metropolitan Bakersfield Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Metropolitan Bakersfield Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: 1. Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Metropolitan Bakersfield Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential; 2. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Metropolitan Bakersfield Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the Report approved; 3. Maximum annual rates for

universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the Metropolitan Bakersfield Universal Collection Area will increase as follows: Metro Bakersfield UCA ANNUAL FEES:

- Existing Metro Bakersfield UCA per residential unit\*\* - Current Fee = \$368.64 - Effective July 2024 = \$391.56 \*\*Fees shown include the Admin Fee of \$12.00 per unit per year Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for four additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that Report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. DATED: April 9, 2024 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 21st day of May, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for all residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department that designates the use of each parcel of real property in Kern County as either residential with four units or less, residential with five units or more, or non-residential, and describes the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of residential real property in Kern County should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the Report approved. In accordance with this report, the Public Works Department proposes to increase the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) imposed on residential property on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 over the rates established for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The charge imposed on a parcel of property used as a single-family residence with one to four residential units per parcel will increase from \$170.46 per year per residential unit to \$179.72 per

year per residential unit. Parcels with multi family dwellings with five or more residential units will increase from \$136.37 per year per residential unit to \$143.78 per year per residential unit. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASAO) without a protest hearing for three more years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that Report. The Board of Supervisors may order the Report filed with the Kern County Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, who will enter the amounts of the fee against the respective parcels of residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll. The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: April 9, 2024 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Wasco Tribune Press April 18, 25, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given the Pond Union Elementary School District, (hereinafter referred to as "District" or "Owner") will receive sealed bids prior to the date and time stated for the Bid Opening for the following projects: Pond Elementary School UPK/TK Classroom as per drawings and specifications which may now be obtained from Fresno Reprographics. Fresno Reprographics 7591 N. Ingram Avenue, Suite 103 Fresno, California 93711 Phone: (559) 261-2347 The lowest bid shall be determined on the amount of the base bid. Time of completion for the Project shall be One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days from the date established in the Owner's Notice to Proceed. Pond Union Elementary School District 29585 Pond Road Wasco, CA 93280 on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 2:00 PM (PST) on the clock designated by the District or its representative as the bid clock. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the bid will not be accepted. Bids for Pond Elementary School UPK/TK Classroom will be opened on at 2:01 PM (PST) as calculated by the clock designated by the District or its representative as the bid clock. A Mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 9:00 AM. (PDT). The group will tour the site at 9:00 AM. Meet at the Pond Elementary School at 9:00 AM. The pre-bid job walk will provide the opportunity to inspect the site and may include dissemination of additional information in response to questions. All bidders will be deemed to have notice of all conditions and information, including, but not limited to any conditions in, at, and about the site,

the building, or buildings, if any, and any work that may have been done thereon. Bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond, cashier's check, or certified check for at least ten percent (10%) of the amount of the base bid and made payable to the Owner. If a bid bond is used, it must be issued by an Admitted Surety (an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact surety insurance in the State of California during this calendar year), which shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a Contract if awarded the Work and will be declared forfeited, paid to, or retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the bidder refuses or neglects to enter into the Contract provided by the Owner after being requested to do so. The surety insurer must, unless otherwise agreed to by Owner in writing, at the time of issuance of the bond, have a rating not lower than "A-" as rated by A.M. Best Company, Inc., or other independent rating companies. Owner reserves the right to approve or reject the surety insurer selected by Contractor and to require Contractor to obtain a bond from a surety insurer satisfactory to the District. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, said bonds to be secured from Admitted Surety insurers (an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of insurance in the State of California during this calendar year). The surety insurers must, unless otherwise agreed to by Owner in writing, at the time of issuance of the bonds, have a rating not lower than "A-" as rated by A.M. Best Company, Inc. or other independent rating companies. Owner reserves the right to approve or reject the surety insurers selected by Contractor and to require Contractor to obtain bonds from surety insurers satisfactory to the Owner. The bidder will be required to furnish insurance as set forth in the Contract Documents. The Owner will not consider or accept any bids from contractors who are not licensed to do business in the State of California, in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, providing for the licensing of contractors. In accordance with Section 3300 of said Code, the bidder shall have a Class "B" license and shall maintain that license in good standing through Project completion and all applicable warranty periods. Bidder shall state the license number on the Designation of Subcontractors form for all subcontractors doing more than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the bidder's total bid. Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if a listed subcontractor is not licensed at the time bidder's bid is submitted to Owner. The Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California, in the manner provided by law, has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and rate for legal holidays and overtime work. The Contractor must pay for any labor therein described or classified in an amount not less than the rates specified. Copies of the required rates are on file at the Owner's business office and are available to any interested party on request. DIR REGISTRATION: (a) No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. (b) No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. (c) This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. (d) Please provide your DIR registration number with your bid Proposal, bids without this DIR registration number your bid will be subject to rejection. FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENTS: Contractors and their employees shall comply with the Michelle Montoya School Safety Act, Section 45125.2 of the Education Code. Refer to Section 00 62 50 - Fingerprinting Requirements. The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularity and to reject any or all bids. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for a date set of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof or any authorized postponement thereof. The Owner reserves the right to take more than thirty (30) days to make a decision regarding the rejection of bids or the award of the Contract. Pond Union Elementary School District By: Alex Lopez Title: Superintendent Publish Wasco Tribune April 11, 18, 2024