

**KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

District 1 Commissioner – Riley Jones\*

District 2 Commissioner – Lupe Chavez

District 3 Commissioner – R.G. Trapnell\*\*

District 4 Commissioner – Jim Gregory

District 5 Commissioner – Steven Dias

\*Chairman

\*\*Vice-Chairman

**June 6, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Kings County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Jones, on June 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, Hanford, California. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** R.G. Trapnell, Jim Gregory, Steven Dias, Riley Jones

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Lupe Chavez

**STAFF PRESENT:** Greg Gatzka – Director, Erik Kaeding – County Counsel, Chuck Kinney – Deputy Director – Planning, Terri Yarbrough – Executive Secretary, Sandy Roper - Principle Planner

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Christina Caro, Roy Skinner, James Cook, David Watkins, Megan Jennings

**SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:** Mr. Gatzka summarized the agenda for the Commission.

**UNSCHEDULED  
APPEARANCES:**

Ms. Christina Caro stated that she would be speaking on the Amendment to Conditional Use Permit 10-05 during the agenda item.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Trapnell) to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. 10-05 (American Kings Solar, LLC)**

Mr. Sandy Roper provided a review of the amendment to Conditional Use Permit NO. 10-05. He reported that that comments had been received from Adams Broadwell Joseph and Cardozo, who is representing Kings County Citizens for Responsible Development, and comments had been received from NAS Lemoore. Mr. Roper provided responses to the comments submitted prior to the closing of the public hearing on March 7, 2016. Mr. Roper also reviewed the responses to the comments. Staff recommended that the Commission resume their deliberations that were continued from their March 7, 2016 meeting, find that the amendment of CUP 10-05 will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment and approve the addendum to the adopted mitigated negative declaration, find that the Planning Commission resolution number 10-08 concerning CUP 10-05 remains in full force except for the modifications made by the amendment to the conditional use permit, and approve the amendment to the CUP 10-05 with the specified conditions of approval. Chairman Jones asked if there was anyone wanting to comment on the agenda item. Ms. Christine Caro with Adams Broadwell Joseph and Cardozo, representing Kings County Citizens for Responsible Development, stated their concerns which were significant and she felt these concerns haven't been adequately addressed in the responses to comments. Ms. Caro submitted a paper set of comments they had submitted this afternoon to Mr. Roper. Ms. Caro asked the Commission to reconsider the proposal to approve the project and to remand it to staff and ask staff to prepare an Environmental Impact Report that acknowledges and mitigates these significant impacts. Chairman Jones asked Ms. Caro when she received staff's responses to their amendment objections. Ms. Caro responded they had a week. Chairman Jones also addressed the elimination of Swainson's

Hawk foraging habitat and the receipt of comments hours before the meeting. Ms. Caro asked the commission to defer their decision and take into consideration the comments submitted today. Chairman Jones asked counsel to advise regarding deferring or making a decision. Mr. Kaeding advised that the public hearing was closed on March 7, 2016, and the Commission is not required to consider any additional information brought before the Commission after the close of the public hearing. Commissioner Trapnell asked if the staff could rebut anything presented at this meeting. Chairman Jones stated that staff had already addressed everything except what was presented tonight. Commissioner Trapnell asked if it would be acceptable to have staff comment. County Counsel stated he had read the information presented and the technical studies being rebutted are studies that are part of the addendum that members of the public had the opportunity to comment on as early as March.

A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Dias) to approve the three year extension of CUP 10-05 and adopt resolution 16-05. Commissioner Trapnell asked if the requirement posed by NAS Lemoore had been addressed. Mr. Roper stated the supplemental staff report and the draft resolution contained NAS Lemoore's condition addressing their request. Motion passed with three in favor, Trapnell abstaining, and Chavez absent.

Commissioner Trapnell asked if there was any feedback from the FAA regarding the light on the power lines. Mr. Roper addressed his question and stated it was on page 29 of the packet, Naval Air Station Lemoore had requested condition number 1 be added requiring the applicant provide FFA notification and evaluation of the location and associated structures in accordance with Code of Federal Regulation, Title 14, part 77.9 Safe Efficient Use and Preservation of Navigable Air Space, which is what Marlena Brown asked to be added at the March meeting. Commissioner Trapnell stated that he would like to change his vote.

A motion was made and seconded (Dias/Gregory) to reconsider the motion and revote on resolution 16-05. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Dias) to approve the three year extension of CUP 10-05 and adopt resolution 16-05. Motion passed unanimously with Chavez absent.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Election of Officers (for term of 7/1/16 to 6/30/17)**

Mr. Gatzka asked for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. A motion was made and seconded (Dias/Gregory) to nominate Commissioner Trapnell for Chair. Motion carried unanimously with Chavez absent. A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Trapnell) to nominate Commissioner Dias for Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously with Chavez absent.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. FUTURE MEETINGS:** The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016.
- 2. CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- 3. STAFF COMMENTS:** None
- 4. COMMISSION COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**



**Greg Gatzka, Commission Secretary**