



# Kings County Association of Governments

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Member Agencies: Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore, County of Kings

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Bill Zumwalt, KCAG Executive Secretary

**SUBJECT:** JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR KCAG SEPARATION

**SUMMARY:**

**Overview:**

The Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is a Joint Powers Agency whose member agencies are the County of Kings, and the Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore, and serves as the Council of Governments (COG) for the Kings County area. KCAG's purpose is to address issues common to all of its members, but principally related to transportation planning. The action requested at this time concerns the separation of KCAG from the County's administrative support to a separate independent agency as described below.

**Recommendation:**

**Approve the attached Joint Powers Agreement, and authorize the Mayor to sign it for the City.**

**Fiscal Impact:**

KCAG currently operates on funding from State and Federal transportation funding sources with minor funding from each of its members for projects the members request that KCAG address. The city members probable won't realize some general cost reduction since the eligible transportation cost will continue to available from the State and Federal funding sources. These funds can be used to pay employee salaries and for rent, utilities, office supplies, etc. The members' general fund contribution should not change significantly from past annual contributions without approval from the member agencies. Typical recent contributions from the KCAG members are shown on the table below. This table is from the 2002-03 KCAG Budget, and included the *Housing Element* contract administered by KCAG Staff.

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDING</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>AVENAL</u>	<u>CORCORAN</u>	<u>HANFORD</u>	<u>LEMOORE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
LOCAL (Gen.)	\$9,400	\$1,047	\$1,492	\$3,077	\$1,458	\$2,325
<b>LOCAL (HE)</b>	<b>\$71,000</b>	<b>\$4,826</b>	<b>\$7,068</b>	<b>\$35,315</b>	<b>\$16,390</b>	<b>\$19,102</b>
LTF	\$21,000	\$2,339	\$3,334	\$6,875	\$3,258	\$5,194
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$113,100</b>	<b>\$8,212</b>	<b>\$11,894</b>	<b>\$45,267</b>	<b>\$21,106</b>	<b>\$26,621</b>

**BACKGROUND:**

The role and responsibility of the KCAG has grown considerably since it attained the status of Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This occurred as a result of the U.S. Census Bureau listing Kings County as an “Urbanized Area” due the Hanford-Lemoore Area population going over 50,000 with an average population density in that area of over 1,000 people per square mile. Along with that Federal designation as a MPO came more transportation planning responsibility and air quality coordination. To meet this higher planning and coordination level more Federal planning money is available to meet these demands.

Over the past 3 to 4 years KCAG staff has continued to respond to these growing requirements. With the additional money that is available KCAG is financial capable of funding its entire cost. Since its formation as the Kings County Regional Planning Agency in 1967, the County has housed the KCAG staff and provide for much of its administrative overhead. While the KCAG had its own revenue source to fund its budget, there were costs to the county that could not be tracked and captured. With the designation as a MPO there is sufficient funding for KCAG to operate separately without the administrative support provided by the County in the past. With this increased responsibility KCAG needs its own full time Director to respond to the various issues that arise, and not be distracted by other duties and demand.

KCAG has grown over the past 39 years to the point it should proceed as an independent agency addressing the needs and demands of its member agencies.

Attachment: Proposed Cooperative Agreement for the Continuation of the Kings County Association of Governments