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For Immediate Release
Critical Services Update
Kern County Public Works

(Bakersfield, CA) – Following Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20, asking for all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home, except as needed to maintain continuity of critical operations, Kern County Public Works is making additional changes to its available services.

- **The Kern County Public Services Building** at 2700 “M” Street is CLOSED to the Public.
- **The Bena, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi, Ridgecrest and Mojave Landfills** will remain OPEN for normal Business hours.
- **The Boron Landfill** will be OPEN, for self-haul loads only, on the following days: Monday (12 – 4 pm), Thursday (12 – 4 pm) and Saturday (8 am – 4 pm).
- **The Glennville Transfer Station, Keene Transfer Station, Loraine-Twin Oaks Transfer Station and the Randsburg Bin Site** will remain OPEN for normal Business hours.
- **The Kern Valley Transfer Station** will be OPEN, for self-haul loads only, on the following days: Monday (8 am – 4 pm), Thursday (8 am – 4 pm) and Saturday (8 am – 4 pm).
- **The Lebec Transfer Station** will be OPEN, for self-haul loads only, on the following days: Monday (9 am – 5 pm), Thursday (9 am – 5 pm) and Saturday (9 am – 5 pm).
- **The McFarland-Delano Transfer Station** will be OPEN, for residential self-haul loads only, on the following days: Monday (8 am – 4 pm) and Friday (8 am – 4 pm). Commercial loads should dispose at the Shafter Landfill.
- **The Buttonwillow Transfer Station, Lost Hills Transfer Station and the Roberts Lane Transfer Station** are temporarily CLOSED.
- **All Special Waste Facilities** are temporarily CLOSED.
- **All Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Events** are POSTPONED until further notice.

- **Road Maintenance** will continue with available resources focused on keeping roads open and safe.
- **Traffic Signals and signs** will remain maintained and operational.
- **Only Safety Related Road Construction and Waste Construction** projects will continue.
- **Kern Sanitation Authority** sewer plants and collection systems are operating as normal. Please keep them that way by NOT flushing anything except Toilet Paper and human waste into the toilet. Hand wipes or other products should NEVER be flushed!
- The Permit Counter is closed to the public, but permits are still being issued electronically.
- **Building Permit Application** remains operational, with reduced staffing Electronic plan submittal is recommended through our website.
- **Building Inspection** remains operational with alternative protocol.
- **The County Surveyor's Office and Map room is** temporarily CLOSED.
- **Development Services** will be operational, with reduced staffing, as needed.
- **Engineering** will continue, but will be slower due to reduced staffing.
- **Transportation and Encroachment** permits are still available electronically.
- **Kern Regional Transit** routes and services are still operating as normal, but riders are being asked to only use these services for accessing food, medicines, doctors or other critical needs.
- **Code Compliance** is closed to the public, but complaints can still be made through our website or by Email at CodeCompliance@kerncounty.com. Response times will be based on Health and Safety priorities only.
- **Illegal Dumping and Homeless Cleanups** are postponed.
- **All Public Meetings** have been postponed at this time.
- **Community Cleanup events** have been postponed until further notice.
- New Hiring will be on hold during the scheduled Crisis timeframe.

Due to the nature of this current crisis, information is changing quickly, and Kern County Public Works remains committed to providing updates in a timely manner.

Please be sure to check our Website, <https://kernpublicworks.com/> and our Facebook Page @KernCountyPublicWorks for the most up to date information related to Public Works.

Visit the Public Health Services website, <https://kernpublichealth.com/> for the most up to date information on the Covid-19 Crisis and for all other County Department information, visit <https://www.kerncounty.com/>.

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