

September 1, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO PAY FEES AND MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE SAN
JOAQUIN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR
FY 2026-2027 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$674,923
(Fiscal Impact: \$674,923; Budgeted; Discretionary)**

On March 13, 2012, your Board adopted a change to the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual, adding Section 526, "Joint Powers Authority." This purchasing policy requires departments to seek approval from your Board annually for a total "not to exceed" amount under any approved Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The Kern County Library requests your Board's approval to pay two San Joaquin Valley Library System (SVJLS) annual invoices. One invoice is for membership, \$537,681; maintenance, \$3,450; Cisco SmartNet, \$954; and licenses/maintenance for SmartPay, \$750; Office 365, \$13,131; and a Meraki License, \$8,157. The second invoice is for the Library's telecommunication costs in an amount not to exceed \$110,800. The SVJLS invoices total an amount not to exceed \$674,923.

SVJLS was established November 20, 1979, to provide cooperative library services by means of a JPA. Kern County joined SVJLS on October 30, 1984 and membership became effective on July 1, 1985. Participation in the JPA improves the selection of materials and access to services of local library users through joint efforts with other San Joaquin Valley libraries. Kern County's participation in the JPA includes computer services and integrated online and mobile catalog and database systems with other SVJLS member libraries. The agreement for computer services would also allow Kern County Library to purchase remote site technology and computer related equipment, services, and items through SVJLS, although no additional equipment purchases are planned for FY 2026-27.

All SVJLS services are shared purchases by all member libraries. These services include:

- Integrated Library System (circulation, cataloging, serials, acquisitions, public catalog, etc.)
- The Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) is the network used throughout the SVJLS consortium and upgrades the fiber network connections in most of our Kern County branches, which greatly improves the internet speeds to those branches. Telco services the branches that CENIC is not servicing in Kern County.
- Public computer reservation and print management system.

- Web based eCommerce product which allows customers to pay fines and fees by credit card.
- System web server and software that supports most member library web pages.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 526 of the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual, County Counsel and the County Administrative Office have reviewed and approved this requested action.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the Library to pay the San Joaquin Valley Library System invoices through the Joint Powers Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$674,923 for FY 2026-27.

Sincerely,



Andie Sullivan
Director of Libraries

Attachment: SJVLS Invoices

cc: CAO
County Counsel



San Joaquin Valley Library System

2420 Mariposa Street
Fresno CA 93721

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
8/10/2026	27-003

Bill To
KERN COUNTY LIBRARY 701 TRUXTUN AVE. BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301

Ship To
Attn: Accounting Dept 2420 Mariposa St Fresno, CA 93721

Due Date	9/24/2026
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Description	Amount
BILLING FOR: :	
Membership Contribution FY 26/27	537,681.00
Fortinet HQ Annual Maintenance	3,450.00
Cisco SmartNet HQ	954.00
EXTRA CHARGES	
SmartPay Merchant Fee & Other	750.00
Office 365	13,131.00
Meraki License	8,157.00
Please remit to above address.	
Total	\$564,123.00



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8/13/2026	27-013

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Due Date	9/27/2026
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Description	Amount
BILLING FOR Fiscal Year 2026-2027	
Telecommunications Costs - Annual (discounted)	110,800.00
Telecommunications Costs -Non-recurring Installations (discounted)	0.00
Disconnects \$750ea	0.00
LESS: Other funding offset proceed, credits	0.00
DUE DATE: Within 45days	
Total	\$110,800.00