

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Conference Room at the District Office
Thursday January 11, 2018
8:30 A.M.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, Brian Blackwell, John Gaugel, Eric Miller
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, Candice Valdez, Emilie Ortiz
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
CONSULTING ENGINEER: R.L. Schafer
OTHER ATTENDEES: Todd Turley, Scott Hamilton, Jeremy Nugent, Terry Nugent, Ed Kuykendall

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Watkins at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the District office located at 17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield, CA.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open for any public comments. No comments were made.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of the Board Meeting for December 14, 2017 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the minutes from December 14, 2017 be approved as modified.*

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- a) **Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton provided a brief report on the Department of Water Resources (DWR) latest Best Management Practices guidelines and Kern Groundwater Authority Activity funding and budget related issues. Mr. Hartsock reported on the status of the legal issues and coordination agreement.
- b) **Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Consideration of GSP Proposals** –Mr. Hampton reported that staff has received proposals for the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) from Todd Groundwater and GEI. Staff has reviewed both proposals and recommended accepting Todd Groundwater’s proposal which includes developing the GSP, water budget, and groundwater model, in part because of their background in groundwater studies. The proposed corresponding budget is not exceed \$484,394.
After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Miller, to accept the Todd Groundwater proposal to develop the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency at a cost not to exceed \$484,394.*
- c) **Website Development** – Mr. Hampton reported that staff is continuing to work with Four Creeks in developing Cawelo Water District’s website, which will include sections for the Cawelo GSA, Cawelo Water District, and ILRP.

E. ADJOURNMENT – The Special Board meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary