

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at the District Office

January 11, 2018 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the District office located at 17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield, CA.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for December 14, 2017 were presented for approval. After review, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the minutes for December 14, 2017 be approved.*

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for the month of December was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for December were as follows:

General Funds	1,325,633.10
Construction Funds	8,673,292.78
Reserved Funds	<u>10,886,102.96</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	20,885,028.84

Receipts for December 2017	3,861,169.68
Manual Cash Disbursements	213,971.75

Net Revenue through November	19,930,753.74
Total Expenses through November	<u>7,408,153.77</u>

NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	4,811,660.09
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After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried that the Treasurer's Report for December be accepted as presented.*

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts Payable report for the month of December 2017 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. The report covered checks 30634 – 30673 issued January 10, 2018 and totaled \$355,246.41.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried that checks for Accounts Payable for the month of December be accepted as presented and all invoices paid accordingly.*

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The floor was open for any public comments, at which time Director Gaugel addressed the public and the Board inquiring of the status and future of potential recharge programs. The matter will be placed on a future agenda. A member of the public inquired as to the availability of water supplies for non-service area lands. This matter was briefly discussed pursuant to the General Manager's report on water supplies.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Projects

a. North Kern Transportation Agreement – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that staff will continue discussions with North Kern Water Storage District as to the Transportation Agreement.

b. Building Remodel – Status of Project – Mr. Hampton reported that Simile has not yet submitted the seventh progress payment request, but is expecting it in the near future. Good progress continues on the construction and cabinets, doors and lights are currently being installed. Construction is expected to be completed in early February.

c. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project – Mr. Ansolabehere also reported that CEQA is complete and USBR is reviewing the NEPA environmental documents which should be completed soon.

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that he had no update in respects to the Famoso to Friant Pipeline easements.

d. Well #14 & #15 Pipeline Project – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that staff is continuing to work with Dee Jaspar and landowner representatives from South Valley, regarding potential pipeline placement.

2) ILRP

Coalition Update – As well as providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported that Cawelo Water District Coalition (CWDC) has not yet received a response from the Regional Board regarding the Surface Water Monitoring Plan (SWMP). The Regional Board is requiring that coalitions incorporate the new Pesticide Evaluation Protocol as part of the ILRP General Order and CWDC provided the required evaluation and responded to the Regional Boards comments on December 19, 2017.

Mr. Hampton also reported that the Regional Board provided a conditional approval regarding the Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative's (CVGMC's) conceptual workplan. CVGMC representatives will meet with the Regional Board to discuss the requirements of the technical workplan, schedules, and their expectations of workplans.

Mr. Hampton further reported that on December 4, 2017, CWDC received a conditional approval from the Regional Board for the latest version of the Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan (CGQMP). Regional Board commented on issues regarding the lack of reference to recycled oilfield produced water and the allowed duration to implement the known protective practices. Staff will review and address the comments and submit a revised plan by February 16, 2018.

Mr. Hampton also reported that a joint workshop was held January 9, 2017 and 3 additional meetings are scheduled for January of 2018 to review the Nitrogen Management Plan worksheets and Farm Evaluations Forms. Kern coalitions continue to conduct joint outreach meetings to help simplify outreach requirements for common growers.

Mr. Hampton further reported the Proximity Workplan evaluation process has started and is currently focusing on parcels adjacent to the Lerdo Canal and Distribution Canal. Upon completion, the next area of focus will be the Poso and Little Creek areas. All field evaluations are expected to be completed March 8, 2018.

Lastly, Mr. Hampton reported that a public workshop is scheduled for January 19, 2018 in Rancho Cordova to discuss proposed Basin Plan amendments to incorporate strategies and policies per the CV SALTS Salt and Nitrate Management Plan.

3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

- a) **Update** – Mr. Ansolabehere had no report, noting there was a Cawelo GSA meeting prior to this meeting.

4) Financial and Personnel

- a) **Employee Compensations** – There was no discussion for open session.

5) SWP

- a) **Cal Water Fix** – Mr. Scott Hamilton provided a brief report regarding the California Water Fix funding and water flow issues.

G. **ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – Mr. Hartsock had no report for open session.

H. **ENGINEER’S REPORT**

1. **Poso Creek Diversion Petition** – Mr. Schafer reported that he has received a response from the Division of Water Rights and is continuing to work with staff to address their comments and concerns.
2. **Stream Alteration Agreement** - Mr. Schafer reported that he is currently waiting on a response from Fish and Wild Life in respects to the draft Streambed Alteration Agreement.

I. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- 1) **Water Deliveries/Supplies** into the District for December 2017 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	4,529	116,451
Landowner Deliveries	2,393	77,678
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,664
Famoso Basin Recharge	2,102	35,596
System Loss/Operational Recharge	226	4,774
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	11,416
Percolation losses Creek Channel	0	14,384
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	48,076

Produced Water Deliveries for the month of December were as follows:

Chevron	26.6 cfs per day (1,586 ac-ft.)
Valley Water	5.1 cfs per day (303 ac-ft.)

- 2) **System Operations & Maintenance:**

- Copper sulfate applications continue to be applied in the distribution canal and reservoirs as needed.
- Meter repairs continue to be conducted throughout the District.
- EX-1 Leak and Repair – A leak was detected on EX-1 Lateral on December 27, 2017 and the lateral was shut down. When the lateral was excavated to locate the leak, the poor condition of the pipeline was detected. The bare steel pipe had deteriorated to the extent beyond repair. The replacement of EX-1 was approved by the board of directors in March once staff determined the timing of the project. Staff has contacted W.M. Lyles to perform a design build and replacement of EX-1 Lateral. The proposed replacement will begin with removing 1-5/8 mile pipeline, 24” bare steel pipeline and

eight turnout connections with a 24" PVC pipeline, connecting to the eight existing turnouts. Construction has commenced and is expected to be completed in February.

- 3) **Trenton Weir Repair** – Mr. Ansolabehere had no update on the Trenton Weir Repair.
- 4) **Ethics Training – New Board Member Material** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that new board members and existing board members are required to take an Ethics Training course to educate them on ethical standards at the beginning of their term and every two years after.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m. to Closed Session.

J. Closed Session:

- 1) **To confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation under authority of Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(3) (one matter) (d)(4) (one matter).**
- 2) **Conference with real property negotiators and/or properties under authority of Government Code Section 54956.8**
 - a) **City Water Purchase**
 - b) **North Kern Canal Facility Use**
 - c) **Miscellaneous Water Supplies**
 - d) **Storage/Well Sites**
 - e) **Oil Field Waters**
- 3) **Wages/salary/other terms and conditions of employment under authority of Government Code Section 54957.6**

K. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session. It was announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that required disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

L. ADJOURNMENT – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for February 08, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cawelo Water District Conference Room.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary