

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday March 08, 2018

8:30 A.M.

MINUTES

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President 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 February 15, 2018 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 February 15, 2018 be approved as presented.*

D. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

- a) **Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton provided a brief report on the latest Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA) meeting in regards to funding, budget and water management related issues. Mr. Hampton also reported that Department of Water Resources (DWR) representatives were at the meeting, and they discussed proposed Best Management Practices for sustainable groundwater water management. Mr. Hartsock reported he has inquired of DWR what steps would be required if boundaries were to be modified. Mr. Gaugel reported that some of the disadvantaged communities within the KGA expressed their desire to pay a smaller amount into the KGA.
- b) **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.
- c) **Potential Dates for SGMA and GSP Workshop** – Mr. Hampton reported that staff has been working with Todd Groundwater Management in the development of the Groundwater Sustainable Plan (GSP). Staff is recommending scheduling a Cawelo GSA landowner outreach and workshop meeting to discuss SGMA and GSP development. Todd Groundwater will participate and staff provided several potential dates for the meeting. The Board approved holding the meeting April 5, 2018, with the time to be

determined in the future. This meeting will be noticed as a Special Board Meeting and notices will be sent out to all landowners and interested parties.

E. ADJOURNMENT – The Special Board meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary