

# CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

## BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, April 12, 2018 - 9:00 AM

### MINUTES

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, Eric Miller, John Gaugel  
**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Brian Blackwell  
**STAFF PRESENT:** David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Emilie Ortiz, Candice Valdez  
**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Robert Hartsock  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Scott Hamilton, Tim Gobler, Ed Kuykendall, Andy Schweikart

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#### 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 March 08, 2018 were presented for approval. After review, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried that the minutes for March 08, 2018 be approved.*

#### C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	4,816,798.51
Construction Funds	11,342,958.49
Reserved Funds	<u>10,926,629.90</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>27,086,386.90</b>
Receipts for March 2018	489,273.48
Manual Cash Disbursements	45,223.71
Net Revenue through December	1,027,554.02
Total Expenses through December	<u>51,535.05</u>
<b>NET REVENUE / &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>3,342.168.81</b>

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried that the Treasurer's Report for March be accepted as presented.*

**D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Accounts Payable report for the month of March 2018 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. The report covered checks 30797 – 30892 issued April 10, 2018 and totaled \$2,322,603.77. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried that checks for Accounts Payable for the month of March be accepted as presented and all invoices paid accordingly.*

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

**F. PUBLIC HEARING** - At 10:00 a.m., Resolution 673, Levying 2018 Special Assessments was presented to the Board for approval and adoption. President Watkins opened the Public Hearing, at which time Mr. Ansolabehere gave a brief description of the need for the assessments. No public comments were made. The Public Hearing was closed at approximately 10:03.

**Action Item:** Resolution 673:

***A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAWELO WATER DISTRICT LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2018***

*Upon a motion by Director Gaugel, and a second by Director Smith, it was moved to adopt Resolution 673, levying the 2018 Special Assessments, which was passed by the following roll call vote:*

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Miller</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Blackwell</b>

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1) Projects**

- a. North Kern Transportation Agreement** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there has been no change on this project, but staff will attempt to get the agreement signed.
- b. Building Remodel – Status of Project** – Mr. Hampton reported that a final punch list of cosmetic items are being completed. The remaining significant issues are the replacement of the new windows and the extended performance change order. Staff, Klassen, and Simile are working together to close the project and distribute the final retention funds being held.

- c. **Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the project is on-going but is currently on hold until Wells #14 and #15 pipeline project is complete.
- d. **Well #14 & #15 Pipeline Project** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the project is currently out to bid and to help keep the project on time, Cawelo has ordered the majority of the materials needed for the project.
- e. **Landowner Recharge** –Mr. Ansolabehere reported that a draft general concept for potential landowner recharge program has been distributed to board members, staff and the public for review and comments. Staff received requests from landowners to meet and discuss a potential recharge program. In response, Staff will set up a meeting to obtain additional landowner input.

## 2) ILRP

**Coalition Update** – As well as providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported that on February 7, 2018 the State Water Resources Control Board issued the final certified Order No. WQ 2018-0002 for the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed General Order (ESJ General Order) No. R5-2012-0116. Revisions to the ESJ General Order included changes to the previous Nitrogen Management Plan worksheet and will now include information on nitrogen in irrigation water and elements that were previously on the Farm Evaluation form. This revision will also affect the Nitrogen Summary Reports. Revised worksheets and summary reports are now the Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan (INMP) worksheet and INMP summary report. These are only currently effective for the ESJ General Order but it is expected the other Orders will see similar revisions.

Mr. Hampton further reported that a requirement of the General Order is a Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring Plan (GQTMP) that CWDC submitted in April of 2016. Subsequent to the submission, the Regional Board adopted a revision to the General Order that allows the formation of a regional monitoring group. The Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative (CV GMC) was formed under this option and a technical workplan is due in May of 2018.

CWDC has received comments on the GQTMP dated March 7, 2018 from the Regional Board. Regional Board has provided recommendations and comments to incorporate into the regional effort. For the CV GMC technical workplan, it will require that CWDC complete and include well details, move CWDC's July sampling to coincide with the technical plan's proposed Fall sampling, and provide information on the limitations on statistical analysis. CWDC will work with the CV GMC to meet the requirements.

Mr. Hampton further reported that an informational meeting was held regarding the CV SALTS and budget trailer Bill with Senate Bill 623 language at the Kern Ag Pavilion on April 10, 2018. Substantial information was provided on CV SALTS and the potential alternative compliance for the ILRP process. Additional information was provided regarding the process and support for SB 623. It was noted that SB 623 spread certain funding costs to more than just landowners and farmers, which would benefit the District landowners. Support for SB 623 was requested from CWDC.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith and seconded by Director Gaugel to support Senate Bill 623.*

**3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

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

**4) Financial and Personnel**

- a) **Employee Compensations** – Mr. Ansolabehere had no report at this time.

**5) SWP**

- a) **Cal Water Fix** – Mr. Hamilton had no report for open session.

Mr. Hartsock commented that Metropolitan Water District has voted to support the Cal Water Fix.

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

**I. ENGINEER’S REPORT** – Mr. Hampton presented the board and staff with the 2018 Spring Groundwater Report on behalf of Mr. Schafer.

**J. MANAGER’S REPORT**

- 1) **Water Deliveries/Supplies** into the District for March 2018 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	3,042	10,573
Landowner Deliveries	1,500	7,939
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	0
Famoso Basin Recharge	1,250	1,250
System Loss/Operational Recharge	152	515
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	685	685
Percolation losses Creek Channel	1,916	1,916
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	2,816	2,816

**Produced Water Deliveries** for the month of March were as follows:

Chevron 30.0 cfs per day (1,844 ac-ft.)

Valley Water

6.5 cfs per day (398 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.

**3) Food Safety MOU Consultant** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that citrus sampling for 2018 has been completed under the MOU, as designated by scope of work from Regional Board. Samples are currently in the analytical laboratory for testing and results will be sent to Regional Board and MOU consultant, which will then distribute the results to Cawelo. Staff will discuss with the MOU consultant for the potential to provide services as defined in scope of works for Tasks 1 and 2.

**4) Reservoir B Slope Repair** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that slope repair at Reservoir B continues and progresses well. Soils have eroded down the slope to the bottom of the reservoir and are being removed to be placed back on the upper portion of the slope. Reservoir slopes have been regraded to its original slope dimensions and a geotextile fabric was placed on the upper portion of the slope. 8” to 12” rock will be placed on the fabric and tamped in place.

**5) AB 2828** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Staff has been working with legal counsel and others to oppose Assembly Bill (AB) 2828. AB 2828 would have authorized the Regional Board to place a moratorium on recycled produced water (RPW) used for irrigation in California.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 a.m. to Closed Session.

**K. 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**

- L.                    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.
- M.                    ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for May 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Cawelo Water District Conference Room.

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Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary