

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, May 10, 2018 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, Eric Miller, John Gaugel, Brian Blackwell
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Emilie Ortiz, Candice Valdez
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Andy Schweikart, Jeremy Nugent, Don Wright

A. CALL TO ORDER

The 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 meetings for April 12, 2018 and April 27, 2018 were presented for approval. After review, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried that the minutes for April 12, 2018 and April 27, 2018 be approved.*

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of April was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles.

Balances for April were as follows:

General Funds	3,747,724.46
Construction Funds	11,050,543.29
Reserved Funds	<u>10,942,632.30</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	25,740,900.05
Receipts for April 2018	1,216,781.80
Manual Cash Disbursements	121,936.42
Net Revenue through December	1,027,554.02
Total Expenses through December	<u>51,535.05</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	3,342.168.81

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Accounts Payable report for the month of April 2018 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. The report covered checks 30090 – 30944 issued May 09, 2018 and totaled \$325,456.45. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried that checks for the Accounts Payable for the month of April 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Projects

- a. North Kern Transportation Agreement** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that a meeting is being scheduled, with North Kern Water Storage District, to finalize the agreement.
- b. Building Remodel – Status of Project** – Mr. Hampton reported that the significant issues that remain are the replacement of the new windows and an issue regarding payment for the concrete floor finish. The District has received a Stop Payment Notice regarding concrete floor work and will work with legal counsel with regard to following appropriate procedural requirements. Replacement of the windows will be installed in the upcoming weeks. Staff, Klassen, and Simile are still working together in an effort to close the project and distribute the final retention funds being held.
- c. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that GEI and staff are working on the 299 permit from the Bureau of Reclamation.
- d. Well #14 & #15 Pipeline Project** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the project was awarded to Nicholas Construction and that the majority of materials have been purchased to help expedite the timeline of the project. Construction of the pipeline is expected to be partially completed in June with the goal of being able to convey some amount of water, and the remainder of the project is expected to be completed in the months to follow.
- e. Landowner Recharge** – Mr. Hampton 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 and will be meeting on May 11, 2018 for additional landowner input.

2) ILRP

Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported that flows at Trenton Weir on January 23, were reading in the 10 to 20 cfs range. In March, flows peaked over 130 cfs. Three sampling events occurred for the winter season and were sent to the lab, which reported no exceedances at this time.

Mr. Hampton further reported that the Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative’s (CVGMC) Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring Plan (GQTMP) technical workplan is due on May 16, 2018. The technical workplan is required to include each participating coalition’s individual GQTMP to develop the regional approach to groundwater quality trend monitoring. A draft workplan is currently available and the final draft is expected to be distributed by May 14, 2018 for review.

Mr. Hampton also reported that on March 1, 2018, a notice was provided that proposed Basin Plan amendments were available for review. Workshops were held and written comments can be submitted until May 7, 2018. The Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority and southern coalitions reviewed the amendments and provided a joint comment letter.

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. Ansolabehere reported that there has been no response from Cawelo’s notice that was submitted to the Kern County Water Agency. Staff recommends getting landowner input on Cal Water Fix participation.

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

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Hampton reported that Ms. Ling, a representative from the Division of Water Rights, has received the Petition for Extensions of Time and Change and will be working on them in the near future.

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District for April 2018 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	4,637	15,210
Landowner Deliveries	4,209	12,070

East Poso Basin Recharge	87	187
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,506
System Loss/Operational Recharge	232	747
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	1,506
Percolation losses Creek Channel	0	1,916
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	2,816

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

Chevron	30.6 cfs per day (1,822 ac-ft.)
Valley Water	4.5 cfs per day (270 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.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 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 10:20 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for June 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Cawelo Water District Conference Room.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary