

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday July 12, 2018

8:00 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:	Andy Schweikart, Brandon Spain, Jeremy Nugent, Mike Maley

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 8:02 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 Board Meetings for June 14, 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 June 14, 2018 be approved as presented.*

D. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

- a) **Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton provided a brief update on the Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA) in regards to funding, budget, and coordination related issues, including various proposed local GSA and basin boundary modifications. Mr. Hampton also reported that the KGA has released a draft basin setting and reported it has been provided a final ITRC Metric ET report and will present it to members at a future meeting.
Mr. Hampton also reported that staff has met with representatives from Chevron in regards to bringing in various Chevron owned/controlled lands into the CGSA boundaries. These Chevron lands are currently in the KGA and Kern River GSA areas and require the CGSA to come to an agreement in order to bring in those lands. Mr. Hartsock has also been in contact with County of Kern’s legal counsel regarding an agreement that could allow such lands to be brought into the CGSA. The Board directed staff and legal counsel to continue negotiations with the intent that various Chevron owned/controlled lands would be included within the CGSA.
- b) **Website Development** – Mr. Hampton reported that Four Creeks has completed Cawelo Water District’s website (which includes sections for Cawelo GSA, Cawelo Water District, and ILRP), and that it is now live and should be ready to use. Staff and IT

personnel have agreed that 4 Creeks should upload and host the website, while Cawelo maintains and updates the website.

- c) **GSP Update** – Mike Maley, with Todd Groundwater, provided a power point slide show on the current status of GSP development. Mr. Maley reported that under the SGMA regulations, DWR requires a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for critically overdrafted Basins by the year 2020. The Plan requires data compilation and sections regarding institutional setting, hydrogeological conceptual model, water budget, sustainable goals and criteria, projected water budget, and plan development. Mr. Maley reported that Todd Groundwater is on track with the budget and schedule, has completed the draft section on Administrative Information, is currently working on the Technical Analysis, and will begin work on the sustainability analysis. Coordination and outreach meetings continue to be conducted and GEI has prepared a draft Hydrogeological Conceptual Model for the North of the River group.
- d) **Landowner Meeting Dates to Discuss Proposed Fees** – Mr. Hampton recommended that staff provide a landowner workshop meeting August 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cawelo Water District office to discuss potential SGMA related fees. The meeting was set at such time and place.
- E. ADJOURNMENT** – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary