

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, October 11, 2018

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Brian Blackwell, Eric Miller, John Gaugel
DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mark Smith
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, Emilie Ortiz, LeeAnn Giles, Candice Valdez
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Michelle Chicoine, Scott Hamilton, Andy Schweikart, Jeremy Nugent, Lee Knudtson

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 Board meeting for September 13, 2018 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried that the minutes from September 13, 2018 be approved as presented.*

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- a) **Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton provided a brief update on the Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA) in regards to coordination related issues, including sustainable management criteria such as minimum thresholds and measurable objectives, and Todd Groundwater’s proposal for additional work for the KGA in the amount of approximately \$336,000 which would be apportioned between the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency and KGA. After review, the KGA approved the proposal pending review and authorization from the Manager’s Meeting. Task 1 through 4 were approved. CGSA’s Share of cost is an estimated \$44,000.
- Mr. Hampton also reported that CGSA notified all Cawelo landowners that they can request non-districted lands they own to the east of Cawelo to be covered by the CGSA. Multiple landowners submitted requests for inclusion and those requests were reviewed by staff.. Some of the lands requested to be covered by the CGSA were outside of the proposed inclusion area or already covered by the CGSA. Mr. Hampton provided a draft map of the appropriate lands for consideration and recommended the Board approve the proposed CGSA boundary modifications. The Board approved the boundary modification, pending an acceptable Land Inclusion Agreement between the CGSA and landowners.

Mr. Hampton further reported that staff has met with representatives from Chevron to discuss comments and concerns regarding bringing lands into the CGSA. Staff will schedule a future meeting to discuss any further potential concerns.

Mr. Hartsock briefly reported on the ongoing discussions with County Counsel regarding a proposed Joint Powers Agreement, and the apparent agreement on the terms thereof.

- E. ADJOURNMENT** – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary