

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, October 11, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

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

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	886,232.39
Construction Funds	11,085,068.38
Reserved Funds	<u>11,282,668.97</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	24,442,789.43
Receipts for September 2018	323,534.13
Manual Cash Disbursements	660,678.16
Net Revenue through December	4,188,924.25
Total Expenses through December	<u>394,334.56</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	3,794,589.69

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Accounts Payable report for the month of September 2018 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. The report covered checks 31230 – 31280 issued October 10, 2018 and totaled \$791,391.16.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried that checks for the Accounts Payable for the month of September 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 North Kern Water Storage District has tabled this item while they continue discussions with the City of Bakersfield.
- b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that staff has received all of the appraisals that are needed for the project, is finalizing alignment locations, and has received draft easement agreements.
- c. Well #14 & #15 Pipeline Project** – Mr. Hampton reported that Nicholas Construction is nearly complete with the new the turnout structure on the canal , the underground pipeline portion is complete, and activities are now focused on the reservoir and booster station. Progress photographs were provided.
- d. Landowner Recharge** –Mr. Hampton reported that staff and legal counsel has updated the draft principles and will distribute that draft for comment and review. There was also a brief discussion regarding issues such as recovery timing and possible extraction limitations. Staff was requested to seek additional input from landowners.

2) ILRP

Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported that the Southern Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) group is in discussions with the Northern MPEP group on coordinating an extension on their current coordination

agreement that is effective until the end of this year. Currently, both groups continue to work together on the workplan coordination.

The Southern MPEP received an update on the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) model that is central to the MPEP workplan. This model has been updated for 20 priority crops, management practices, soil types and crop mapping information and will provide information on nitrogen transport through the root zone. This information will be spatially available and can be provided in GIS formats. Upon peer review, potential nitrate transport information will be available to determine which practices are more protective for various soil types and crops.

Mr. Hampton further reported that the CV Salinity Coalition is sponsoring two CV SALTS workshops in December to provide information on the Regional Board's regulations and the necessary work for high priority basins, as well as creating potential management zones to meet regulatory requirements. The two workshops will be held Wednesday, December 12, 2018 in Modesto and Thursday, December 13, 2018 in Tulare.

Lastly, Mr. Hampton reported that the Tulare Lake Basin Coalitions received a draft administrative copy of the revised General Order on August 9, 2018. The updated revisions follow the precedential revisions in the East San Joaquin Order, addressing almost all comments that were submitted on a previous draft. Comments on the revised General Order were submitted to the Regional Board by September 10, 2018.

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** – Consultant, Scott Hamilton, reported that staff continues discussions with other entities regarding the proposed MET program. Mr. Hartsock briefly commented that SWP contract extension negotiations are proceeding.
- b) **Landowner Meeting Dates to Discuss Proposed Projects** - Mr. Ansolabehere reported that CWD will be scheduling a landowner meeting to discuss future proposed projects in regards to the Cal Water Fix on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

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

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there is no update in respects to the Poso Creek Diversion Petition.

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that he is in the process of obtaining information with respect to the Streambed Alteration Agreement.

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	6,773	58,809
Landowner Deliveries	6,428	56,389
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	187
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,506
System Loss/Operational Recharge	0	1,916
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	685
Percolation losses Creek Channel	0	1,916
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	2,816

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

Chevron	37.0 cfs per day (2,203 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.7 cfs per day (399 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) Resolution No. 674 – Authorizing Consent to Self-Insure Worker’s Compensation – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that staff requested new Worker’s Compensation rates from outside insurance agencies and received a quote that would save the district approximately 16% on the cost of Worker’s Comp. insurance premiums from the district’s current carrier, State Fund. Mr. Ansolabehere is recommending that the board adopt Resolution No. 674
 After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell and seconded by Director Miller to adopt Resolution 674, Authorizing Consent to Self-Insure Worker’s Compensation, which was passed by the following roll call vote:*

AYES:	4	Watkins, Blackwell, Gaugel, Miller
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT	1	Smith

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:47 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 10:08 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for November 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cawelo Water District Conference Room.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary