

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday August 09, 2018

8:30 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:	Tim Gobler, Michelle Chicoine, Mark Payette, Scott Hamilton, Brandon, Spain, Andy Schweikart, Terry Nugent

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, at which time a landowner representative inquired on whether the CGSA would bring in other outside lands into the GSA boundaries. Mr. Hampton responded that there have been requests from other landowners and they will address that topic in the meeting.

An inquiry was made on who would be the point of contact for landowner recharge. Mr. Hampton reported that General Manager, David Ansolabehere, would be the person to speak to with respect to landowner recharge.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of Board Meetings for July 12, 2018 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the minutes from July 12, 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. Mr. Hampton also reported that the County approached the KGA and has requested that the KGA take control of the non-districted lands that the County represents. Other agencies have already agreed to take over part of the non-districted lands and staff will be meeting with KGA to discuss bringing in some of those lands. President Watkins suggested that the board have a small temporary ad hoc committee to consider landowner requests for inclusion into the GSA boundaries. President Watkins and Director Miller volunteered for this committee and will schedule a meeting with staff.

Mr. Hampton also reported that the KGA held a coordination meeting and Todd Groundwater provided a presentation on modeling efforts and groundwater budgets and schedule. Prior to the meeting, members were able to ask questions and get information

on how different variables factored into the models. Representatives from GEI also attended this meeting and provided draft schedules on GSP chapter activities and anticipated having first drafts by January 2019 and administrative draft by March 2019. Mr. Hampton further reported that in an effort to define the undesirable results, the KGA conducts weekly meetings to consider and draft undesirable results language, and have already drafted sections for the chronic lowering of water levels and depletion of the groundwater storage. The KGA is currently trying to make this draft acceptable to all participating members and other GSAs.. Mr. Hampton also provided a brief report displayed on the boardroom monitor that reflected historical average water levels for the district. There was also discussion regarding bringing various Chevron and affiliated lands into the Cawelo GSA

- E. ADJOURNMENT** – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary