

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, September 13, 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, Zachary Scott, Andy Schweikart, Ed Kuykendall

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 July 27, 2018 and August 09, 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 July 27, 2018 and August 09, 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 undesirable results, hydrologic zones, and subsidence issues.
- b) **Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Report** – Mr. Hampton reported that staff and the Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss potentially bringing lands outside of the district into the CGSA. Currently CGSA has received request for inclusion from Chevron, E&B Natural Resources, Wonderful Citrus, Bel Air Oil and landowner Bruce Kelsey with the understanding that no water would be made available to those lands from the District. CGSA's current boundaries include approximately 45k acres and the proposed addition of new lands would change the boundaries to include about 65k acres. The Ad Hoc Committee and staff recommended that the Board approve the inclusion of the additional lands that requested to be covered by the CGSA provided those landowners agree to a Landowner and CGSA Agreement. A map was provided indicating the potential CGSA boundary change that included additional lands. The board further recommended that staff issue a notice to all Cawelo Water District landowners that if they have lands outside of the CGSA, they could submit a request for inclusion. Mr. Hampton also reported that staff has requested an updated GSP proposal from Todd Groundwater to include the potential additional lands and was given a not to exceed number of \$267,966. The additional proposal is an addition to the original GSP proposal

of \$484,394. With the new GSP proposal numbers totaling more than half of the original GSP proposal, the Board recommended that staff further discuss the proposed cost with Todd Groundwater in an effort to reduce such costs.

A landowner representative thanked the board and staff for their continuous work on SGMA activities.

A landowner representative commented that bringing in outside lands in to the current CGSA boundaries would be beneficial to not only the district but to fellow members as well.

E. ADJOURNMENT – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary