

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, September 13, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, Eric Miller, John Gaugel, Brian Blackwell
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Emilie Ortiz, Candice Valdez
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
CONSULTING ENGINEER: R.L. Schafer
OTHER ATTENDEES: Andy Schweikart, Megan Chicoine, Mark Payette, Scott Hamilton, Tim Gobler, Ed Kuykendall, Zachary Scott

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:04 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 August 09, 2018 were presented for approval. After review, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried that the minutes for August 09, 2018 be approved.*

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of August 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 August 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 Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried that the Treasurer's Report for August be accepted as presented.*

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Accounts Payable report for the month of August 2018 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. The report covered checks 31168 – 31221 issued September 12, 2018 and totaled \$1,029,158.91.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that checks for the Accounts Payable for the month of August be accepted as presented and all invoices paid accordingly.*

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The floor was open for any public comments, at which time a landowner representative inquired on whether Proposition 3 would be beneficial to the District. Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Proposition 3 would be beneficial to the district because it would increase the likelihood of the District having water transactions with Friant users and also generally allow for more water to become available in the area.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Projects

- a. North Kern Transportation Agreement** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that he had spoken with Dick Diamond and that he will attempt to schedule a committee meeting with representatives from North Kern Water Storage District in the near future in an attempt to have the Transportation Agreement signed.
- b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that staff has received the last appraisal that is needed for the project and has received license agreements and is continuing to work with landowner representatives in respects to pipeline easements.
- c. Well #14 & #15 Pipeline Project** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Nicholas Construction has started cutting into Reach 6 and that the pipeline portion is complete and construction of the booster station has started.
- d. Landowner Recharge** – Mr. Hampton reported that staff has met with landowners, and staff will now consider potential non-standard recharge concepts.

2) ILRP

Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported that the Tulare Lake Basin Coalitions received a draft administrative copy of the revised General Order on August 9, 2018. Essentially comments developed in response to the

revision centered on the need for clarification or consistency. The items with the highest priority were the proposed change from the current annual reporting deadline of August 31 to July 1st and keeping the MPEP section consistent with the current approved workplan. The coalitions believe that the Regional Board shouldn't have any issues addressing these items. All comments and feedback must be submitted to the Regional Board by September 10, 2018.

Mr. Hampton also reported that the Eastern San Joaquin Coalition (ESJ) provided all coalitions with the opportunity to review and comment on the revised Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan (INMP) Worksheet. The significant change to the revised worksheet is the inclusion of irrigation practices. Some of the information that is required on the Farm Evaluation Forms is now required on the INMP as well as ET values, water nitrate concentrations and anticipated water nitrate concentrations. The INMP worksheet will be incorporated into the ILRP Farm system upon final approval.

Furthermore, Mr. Hampton reported that on June 29, 2018 CWDC received a conditional approval of Groundwater Quality Monitor Plan (GQMP) from the Regional Board. Additional well information was submitted but additional information is still required. A time request extension was requested and granted for a new due date of September 15, 2018. Due to certain wells not being available, it has forced staff to use alternative wells. Lastly, Mr. Hampton reported that Provost and Pritchard submitted CWDC's annual report to the Regional Board on behalf of CWDC.

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** – Mr. Ansolabehere provided a brief update on Cal Water Fix in regards to activities, proposed projects and budget related items. Currently, staff is in discussions with other entities regarding a program similar to the proposed MET program.

Mr. Ansolabehere also reported that CWD will be scheduling a landowner meeting to discuss future proposed projects in regards to the Cal Water Fix.

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

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Schafer reported that he submitted a letter on June 26th to the Division of Water Rights, addressing their comments and concerns regarding the Poso Creek Diversion Petitions and should receive a response in the near future.

Mr. Schafer also reported that he has been in contact with Fish and Wildlife to resolve any concerns, comments and contract length, with respect to the draft Stream Alteration Agreement. Lastly, Mr. Schafer noted that he is currently working with staff on an Operations report for the District, spanning from 1965 to 2017, and provided a report reflecting delivery and water cost history which should be completed before the year end.

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	9,995	51,741
Landowner Deliveries	9,741	49,787
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	187
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,506
System Loss/Operational Recharge	439	1,506
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 August were as follows:

Chevron	32.0 cfs per day (1,904 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.8 cfs per day (405 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.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:43 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 October 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cawelo Water District Conference Room.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary