

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, November 08, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:18 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 October 11, 2018 were presented for approval. After review, *it was motioned by Director Miller, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the minutes for October 11, 2018 be approved.*

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of October was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles.

Balances for October were as follows:

General Funds	2,812,577.88
Construction Funds	9,602,705.73
Reserved Funds	<u>11,393,896.73</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	23,809,180.34

Receipts for September 2018	2,036,472.29
Manual Cash Disbursements	17,491.03

Net Revenue through December	4,188,924.25
Total Expenses through December	<u>721,918.88</u>

NET REVENUE / <LOSS> 3,147,705.66

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

1. **Adopt 2019 Budget – Resolution 675** - A resolution of the board of the directors of Cawelo Water District adopting budget for year 2019 and fixing and levying standby charges and fixing water tolls for 2019 and providing for penalty and interest charge on all delinquent standby charges and water tolls.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith and seconded by Director Miller that Resolution 675 be adopted, which passed by the following roll call vote:*

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Accounts Payable report for the month of October 2018 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. The report covered checks 31285 – 31319 issued November 7, 2018 and totaled \$220,705.78.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Miller, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that checks for the Accounts Payable for the month of October 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 he had no update and 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 is working with landowners to schedule on site appointments to finalize the alignment.
- c. **Well #14 & #15 Pipeline Project** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that easements for D to the Fifth Power and Delmart Farms are completed and require certificates of acceptance from the District. Mr. Ansolabehere recommends that the Board accept the easements and authorize the certificates of acceptance to be filed.

After review, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that landowner easements for D to the Fifth Power and Delmart Farms be accepted as presented.*

Mr. Ansolabehere further reported that construction of Wells 14 & 15 is near completion with one minor change of having reinforcing fibers in favor of wire mesh on the concrete lining.

- 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.

2) ILRP

Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported that the Southern Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) group met on November 7, 2018 for their annual committee meeting, and in attendance was the Regional Board. The Regional Board was in attendance to receive an updated on the progress with the MPEP Program, which included broad coverage of the group’s efforts and SWAT modeling information. The Southern 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. Both groups agreed to move forward with an extension of the current coordination agreement.

Mr. Hampton also reported that the Regional Board issued a notice for a Public Hearing on February 7/8, 2018, in regards to the proposed changes to the Central Valley General Orders, that also includes the Tulare Lake Basin General Order. It is expected that the Regional Board will address a majority of the comments that were submitted by the coalitions on the administrative draft. Written comments must be submitted by December 21, 2018.

Mr. Hampton further reported that coalitions were required to test for a list of pesticides, developed per pesticide protocol process, and specific to local water ways for the year 2018. The 2018 pesticide evaluation was completed and submitted with an updated pesticide list that was based on the pesticides used along Poso Creek within the Cawelo boundaries. The pesticide list is required to be updated annually and last year there were 23 different potential pesticides that were tested and an estimated 22 different pesticides for 2019. Mr. Hampton provided a proposed schedule of particular pesticides that are to be tested for monthly.

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 Nitrogen Assessment Reports (NAR) are being prepared for members that submitted a Nitrogen Summary Report. The NAR provides comments to growers on how their nitrogen usage compares to other members growing the same crop. The NAR meets the requirements of providing educational information to growers regarding their nitrogen practices. NAR's are to be completed by November and then provided to coalition members.

The Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) and fellow the Kern coalitions have scheduled joint workshops to cover the Farm Evaluations and Nitrogen Management Plan training to be held on December 17, 2018 in Buttonwillow, January 8, 2019 in Bakersfield, and January 10, 2019 in Wasco. Meeting notices will be provided to all members.

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 Metropolitan Water District (MWD) has decided that they are not interested in providing a transfer program for agriculture. This provides an issue for the District and other districts with water contracts that had intended to enter into a program agreement with MWD. This decision offers no cost relief for Kern County entities for the Cal WaterFix.

Mr. Hamilton further reported that Proposition 3 did not pass. This Proposition offered \$200 million dollars for the Oroville Dam repair, \$750 million dollars for the Friant Kern Canal repair, and \$250 million dollars for northern infrastructure repairs.

Mr. Hartsock noted that the Kern County Water Agency continues to work on the SWP contract extension.

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

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Schafer reported that the Division of Water Rights responded via mail in regards to the Poso Creek Diversion Petition. Representatives from Division of Water Rights have requested additional information that staff is currently working on, and he will respond in the near future.

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that staff will be scheduling a meeting in the upcoming weeks with Fish and Wildlife to discuss remaining concerns.

Lastly, Mr. Schafer noted that staff is near completion in respects to the Operations report for the District, spanning from 1965 to 2017.

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	4,366	63,175
Landowner Deliveries	3,582	59,971
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	296
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,506
System Loss/Operational Recharge	0	2,824
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 October were as follows:

Chevron	35.5 cfs per day (2,109 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.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:19 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 11:20a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for December 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cawelo Water District Conference Room.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary