

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, April 11, 2019

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, Eric Miller, John Gaugel, Brian Blackwell

STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Candice Valdez

LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock

OTHER ATTENDEES: Scott Hamilton, Andy Schweikart, Garrett Busch, Ryan Niese

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 there were none.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of Board meeting for February 28, 2019 and March 21, 2019 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 February 28, 2019 and March 21, 2019 be approved as presented.*

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- 1) **Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton provided a brief update on local SGMA activities, including the County of Kern’s withdrawal from the Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA), and various coordination related issues, including weekly manager meetings covering recent topics such native yields and discussions with the Kern County Water Agency.
- 2) **Update on Basin/Cawelo Groundwater Model** – Mr. Hampton reported that Todd Groundwater recently presented an updated Basin Groundwater Model and an update to Cawelo’s Groundwater Model. The updated model provided current information, ag management budget and included the expansion area data.
- 3) **Update on Cawelo GSP** – Mr. Hampton reported that Todd Groundwater presented an updated draft GSP for Cawelo on March 15, 2019. The updated model provided the CGSA’s minimum thresholds based on projecting the impacts of a potential 10 year drought beyond the historical low groundwater levels. The updated model also included the updated expansion area, measurable objectives and groundwater levels.
- 4) **Update on CGSA Expansion Area** – Mr. Hampton reported that the County approved the Cawelo and County of Kern JPA and executed the Land Inclusion Agreement. Staff is currently waiting on the final Landowner Inclusion Agreement from Chevron that is expected to be executed in the near future.

- E. ADJOURNMENT** – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary