

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, April 11, 2019 - 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, 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 9:25 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 March 21, 2019 were presented for approval. After review, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried that the minutes for March 21, 2019 be approved.*

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of March was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for March were as follows:

General Funds	6,367,536.77
Construction Funds	9,649,360.49
Reserved Funds	<u>9,446,437.75</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	25,463,335.01

Receipts for March 2019	349,348.56
Manual Cash Disbursements	40,502.01

Net Revenue through March
Total Expenses through March

NET REVENUE / <LOSS>

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Accounts Payable report for the month of March 2019 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. The report covered checks 31563 – 31606 issued April 10, 2019 and totaled \$1,709,040.81.

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 March 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. PUBLIC HEARING - At 10:32 a.m. President Watkins opened the Public Hearing, at which time Mr. Ansolabehere gave a brief description of the need for the assessments. No public comments were made. The Public Hearing was closed at approximately 10:35, at which time Resolution 677, Levying 2019 Special Assessments was presented to the Board for approval and adoption.

Action Item: Resolution 677:

***A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAWELO WATER
DISTRICT LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2019***

Upon a motion by Director Blackwell, and a second by Director Miller, it was moved to adopt Resolution 677, levying the 2019 Special Assessments, which was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	5	Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Miller, Blackwell
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT	0	

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Projects

- a. North Kern Transportation Agreement** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported he had no update with respect to the North Kern Transportation Agreement.
- b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project** – This matter will be deferred to closed session.
- c. Landowner Recharge** – Mr. Hampton reported that staff and legal counsel have updated the draft principles as desired by the Board of Directors. Staff recommended and the Board desires distributing the draft principles to District landowners for review and comments.

2) ILRP

Coalition Update – Mr. Hampton reported that Poso Creek continues to flow and was measured at 96 csf on Wednesday April 10th. Water quality samples were collected for the month of April and will most likely another sample will be collected in May.

Mr. Hampton also reported that, with respect to the Surface Water Monitoring Plans (SWMP), representatives from the Kern Watershed Coalition, and managers from Semitropic WSD, Rosedale Rio Bravo WSD, Wheeler-Ridge Water District, and Kern Delta Water District met with representatives from the Regional Board regarding “Waters of the State” and monitoring of agricultural conveyance canals. The Regional Board has indicated they understood that many agricultural canals are not used for municipal or domestic supplies and monitoring those canals for this program would not be appropriate. With respect to the Cawelo Distribution Canal and the North Kern Lerdo Canal, it appears that the Regional Board will not require monitoring on these canals. The Cawelo SWMP will be revised to reflect the recent discussions and will move forward with the currently proposed monitoring locations on Poso Creek.

Mr. Hampton further reported that a SWAT modeling update meeting was held on April 2, 2019 to provide information to Northern Coalitions and give them a better understanding of our MPEP program.

Mr. Hampton also noted that the grant to help fund the MPEP ends in September of 2019. The grant that funded the MPEP was the Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) for \$2 million, with a \$2 million matching contribution requirement. The match can be funded with in-kind services and the group intends on submitting an estimated \$10 million of in-kind services. The MPEP group will also prepare new grant applications to help continue the MPEP program.

Mr. Hampton further reported that coalition members were required to submit a Farm Evaluation and Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report by March 1, 2019. With the exception of one member, all members have submitted their reports and staff will continue to work with the delinquent landowner before the July reporting requirement.

Lastly, Mr. Hampton reported that staff is currently working on the 2019 budget and annual fees. As ILRP regulations continue to change and State Board fees continue to increase, the costs for CWDC continue to fluctuate. Staff will continue their efforts keep fees consistent, and to a minimum, and intends to present the proposed 2019 budget and fees at the next Board meeting for consideration.

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** – This matter was deferred until after closed session.

5) SWP

- a) **Cal Water Fix** – Consultant, Mr. Hamilton, provided a brief update on the Cal Water Fix and the potential for an opt-in approach. Mr. Hamilton also noted that KCWA will be meeting with State Water Contractors to discuss potential contract extensions.

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

I. ENGINEER’S REPORT

- 1) **Poso Creek Diversion Petition** - Mr. Ansolabehere reported that staff has responded to DWR’s comments and concerns, and has not yet received a response.
- 2) **Stream Alteration Agreement** - Mr. Ansolabehere reported that staff has received the final Stream Alteration Agreement. Mr. Ansolabehere is requesting that the board authorize him to sign and execute the agreement on the behalf of Cawelo Water District.
- After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the Board authorize Mr. Ansolabehere to sign and execute the Stream Alteration Agreement on behalf of Cawelo Water District.*

J. MANAGER’S REPORT

- 1) **Water Deliveries/Supplies** into the District for March 2019 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	12,927	21,639
Landowner Deliveries	2,660	4,733
East Poso Basin Recharge	1,168	1,531
Famoso Basin Recharge	8,666	10,831
System Loss/Operational Recharge	1,349	1,426
Diversion from Poso Creek To Famoso Basin Banking	5,840	7,072

Percolation losses Creek Channel	8,666	10,831
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	12,528	16,062

Produced Water Deliveries for the month of March were as follows:

Chevron	35.3 cfs per day (2,103 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	9.5 cfs per day (570 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.

- 3) Equipment Acquisition** – Mr. Ansolabehere is requesting the purchase of a new vehicle as a replacement of the Manager’s current 2014 Ford Expedition, due to heavy wear and increased service requirements. Staff recommends the purchase, at a cost not to exceed \$55,000 through Fleet Purchasing.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the purchase of a new vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$55,000 through Fleet Purchasing be approved.*

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m. to Closed Session.

K. 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**
- 4) Employment: Clerk Government Code Section 54957**

L. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at 11:38. It was announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that required disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

- M.** **ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. Because of the ACWA Conference scheduled May 5, 2019 to May 7, 2019, the next scheduled Board meeting will be held May 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cawelo Water District Conference Room.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary