

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, January 10, 2019

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

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

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock

CONSULTING ENGINEER: R.L. Schafer

OTHER ATTENDEES: Andy Schweikart, Scott Hamilton, Ryan Niese, Mark Payette, Jeremy Nugent, Garrett Baid, Molly Saso

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 December 13, 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 December 13, 2018 be approved as presented.*

D. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

- 1) Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton provided a brief update on the Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA) in regards to coordination related issues, including weekly manager meetings covering topics such as undesirable results and minimum thresholds. The KGA has approved the 2019 budget and CGSA's share of that budget will be an estimated \$32k.

Mr. Hampton also reported that Todd Groundwater will present an updated Groundwater Model on January 11, 2019.

- 2) Chevron Land Inclusion Agreement** – Mr. Hampton reported that staff has met with Chevron representatives and legal counsel to discuss Chevron's comments and proposed language changes. After discussions, both staff and Chevron representatives agree with the current negotiated language. Staff recommends the board approve the Chevron Land Inclusion Agreement.


After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the Chevron Land Inclusion Agreement be approved in substantially the form presented, subject to final review and approval of the agreement and the exhibit(s) by staff.*

- 3) County JPA Agreement** – Mr. Hampton reported that staff has met with representatives from the County to discuss finalizing the draft JPA. Staff presented the draft JPA and

draft GSA boundaries that include potential new lands. The board and staff discussed approaching certain landowners to potentially have their lands included within the CGSA and its boundaries. After discussions with the landowners and the intended inclusion of new lands within the CGSA pursuant to a land inclusion agreement, the updated JPA would be brought before the County for approval. Although mentioned as a possibility, the Board did not wish to approach the County with multiple amendments to the JPA based upon a potential piecemeal approach to including new lands, but instead prefers at this time to proceed with one agreement with a final exhibit of all new lands. Staff recommends that the board approve the newly proposed JPA and authorize staff to determine the final exhibit pertaining to additional lands, and to obtain additional land inclusion agreements for those areas previously authorized by the Board.

After review and discussions, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel the County JPA Agreement be approved in substantially the form presented, subject to final review and approval of the agreement and the exhibit by staff, and that staff is further authorized to obtain and execute other land inclusion agreements.*

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



Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary