

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, February 14, 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, Garrett Baid, Todd Turly

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 January 10, 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 January 10, 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 topics such as undesirable results, minimum thresholds, discussions with the Kern County Water Agency, and discussions with Shannon Grove regarding desired legislation.
- 2) **Update on Basin/Cawelo Groundwater Model** – Mr. Hampton reported that Todd Groundwater recently presented the Basin Groundwater Model and certain district model information to various interested parties. Mr. Hampton also discussed the model’s preliminary results with respect to both the entire basin and the Cawelo GSA.
- 3) **Update on Cawelo GSP** – Mr. Hampton reported that Todd Groundwater presented a draft GSP for Cawelo, and staff continues to work with Todd Groundwater on undesirable results, minimum thresholds, and budget issues.
- 4) **Update on CGSA Expansion Area** – Mr. Hampton reported that staff has met with representatives from Bel Air Oil and E&B Natural Resources on the possible inclusion of potential new lands. Staff has contacted outside landowners and has provided them with the agreement for inclusion in the Cawelo GSA.

- 5) **Proposed Stakeholder Meeting** – Mr. Hampton recommended that staff provide a stakeholder meeting February 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cawelo Water District office to discuss potential SGMA and Cawelo GSA updates. The meeting was set at such time and place.

With increasing Cawelo GSA content, Mr. Hampton requested the Board to increase the monthly board meeting time from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This would change the Cawelo Water District Board monthly board meeting time from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. The Board agreed with the suggested time extension for the monthly Cawelo GSA meetings.

- E. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.



Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary