

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Conference Room at District Office

Thursday, May 3, 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, Garrett Busch, Bruce Kelsey, Michelle Chicoine, Todd Turley, Lindsay Cedarquest

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:07 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 April 11, 2019 were presented for approval. After review, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the minutes for April 11, 2019 be approved.*

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Balances for April were as follows:

General Funds	4,555,961.33
Construction Funds	8,858,434.42
Reserved Funds	<u>9,483,954.61</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	22,898,350.36
Receipts for April 2019	444,878.78
Manual Cash Disbursements	16,641.96
Net Revenue through April	8,736,100.02
Total Expenses through April	<u>2,429,002.60</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	2,675,795.62

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Accounts Payable report for the month of April 2019 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. The report covered checks 31613 – 31647 issued May 2, 2019 and totaled \$238,209.69. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried that checks for the Accounts Payable for the month of April 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 with respect to the North Kern Transportation Agreement.
- b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there has been an alignment change to the previous construction plans. The new alignment will be moved south to bypass certain lands and will require only one bore, rather than two, and could help save on the cost of the borings. The new alignment change will require further easement discussions with the landowners. Director Miller recused himself and left the room due to a potential conflict of interest during all discussions pertaining to this matter.
- c. Landowner Recharge** – Mr. Hampton reported that draft principles were distributed to District landowners for review and comments. To date, staff has not received any comments from landowners and will encourage landowners to submit any comments or concerns.

2) ILRP

Coalition Update – Mr. Hampton reported that Poso Creek continues to flow and was measured at 57 csf on Wednesday, May 2, 2019. Water quality samples were collected for the month of May and will be collected if water flow is present.

Mr. Hampton also reported that as a result of the discussions between representatives from the Regional Board, District managers, and KRWCA, CWDC will revise and update its SWMP. The updated SWMP will reflect the decision to not monitor agricultural conveyance canals and continue with the proposed monitoring locations on Poso Creek.

Mr. Hampton further reported that an MPEP meeting was held on May 1, 2019, and the focus of the meeting was to provide an update on the SWAT model to Regional Board staff. An additional meeting will be held in the following weeks to provide additional Regional Board staff with an update.

The MPEP's consultants continue to prepare grant applications to help fund the program and keep costs to landowners at a minimum.

Lastly, Mr. Hampton presented the proposed CWDC 2019 Budget with a total of \$123,831 that includes a \$10,000 reserve. The proposed budget includes State Board Fees in the amount of \$32,831. Four sampling events have occurred this year, with an estimated two additional events to occur before the end of the year, totaling an estimated \$45,000. With the 2018 carryover, there is \$100,000 that needs to be funded, which would set the 2019 coalition fees at \$2.95 per irrigated acre and \$4.00 per irrigated acre for the supplemental coverage area (SCA). Mr. Hampton recommended the board approve the 2019 Budget for \$123,831 and to set the 2019 fees at \$2.95 per irrigated acre and \$4.00 per irrigated acre for the SCA area.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell and seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the 2019 Cawelo Water District Coalition Budget be accepted and 2019 membership fees be set at \$2.95 per irrigated acre and \$4.00 per irrigated acre for the Supplemental Coverage Area.*

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 decision that the proposed project of two tunnels has been changed to a single tunnel. An inquiry was made on what is the proposed timeline for construction of a single tunnel. In response, Mr. Hamilton reported that his estimate is 4 years, due to the many factors that need to be decided, such as contractor participation, tunnel size, and financing. Mr. Hartsock reported that the KCWA is requesting a confirmation from all SWP member units that they concur in KCWA's contract extension with the Department of Water

Resources for SWP supplies. Based upon information provided by KCWA, the contract extension is not intended to provide for funding of the California WaterFix. Mr. Hartsock recommends that the board approve of/concur in the KCWA's proposed SWP Contract extension.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that Cawelo Water District approve of/concur in the KCWA's contract extension with the Department of Water Resources for SWP supplies.*

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

H. 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 executed Stream Alteration Agreement on April 29, 2019.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	5,704	27,343
Landowner Deliveries	5,613	11,489
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,531
Famoso Basin Recharge	2,352	19,613
System Loss/Operational Recharge	194	1,620
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	2,290	9,364
Percolation losses Creek Channel	2,292	6,725
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	5,017	21,017

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

Chevron	35.1 cfs per day (2,089 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	9.5 cfs per day (565.3 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) **PWRPA – P3 Funding** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that staff submitted a reimbursement request to PWRPA for the amount of \$138,952.95 to repair and rebuild District motor and pumping units that were expensed in 2018. The district received the reimbursement funds in April and will use the funds to offset repairs and maintenance costs in 2019.

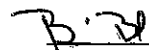
ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:46 a.m. to Closed Session.

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

K. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at 10:04. 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 10:04 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for June 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cawelo Water District Conference Room.



Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary