

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Conference Room at District Office
Friday, May 3, 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, Garrett Busch, Bruce Kelsey, Michelle Chicoine, Todd Turley, Lindsay Cedarquest

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 April 11, 2019 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried that the minutes from April 11, 2019 be approved as presented.*

D. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

- 1) **Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton provided a brief update on local SGMA activities, including coordinating efforts with the KGA and GSA'S water budget forecast numbers and potential management actions submitted, and continues to attend the weekly Managers' Meetings. The KGA continues to work with KCWA on coverage of non-district lands and will provide a draft agreement for comments and review. Mr. Hampton further reported that the KGA will be hosting an Open House on May 14th at the Ag Pavilion with fellow GSA members.
- 2) **Update on Basin/Cawelo Groundwater Model** – Mr. Hampton reported that staff continues to work with Todd Groundwater, GEI and the KGA on Cawelo's Groundwater Model. The updated model provided current information, ag management budget information, and included the expanded GSA area data. Mr. Hampton also reported he will be meeting with Todd Groundwater regarding information that has been provided in the model.
- 3) **Update on Cawelo GSP** – Mr. Hampton reported that Staff has been working on the water budget and working with Todd Groundwater on specific components and will schedule a meeting to discuss further development.
- 4) **Update on CGSA Expansion Area** – Mr. Hampton reported that the County approved the Cawelo and County of Kern Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), and the Land Inclusion Agreement.

An inquiry was made on if other GSA members have had any issues with collecting information for their water budget and meeting the required deadlines.

In response, Mr. Hampton reported that there are GSA's who have concerns that the Groundwater Model may not be representative of their specified water budgets, which may conflict with their deadlines.


ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:54 a.m. to Closed Session.

E. CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) To confer with legal counsel regarding potential litigation under authority of Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(3) (one matter):

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at 9:07 a.m. It was announced that no action was taken in closed Session that required disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

G. ADJOURNMENT – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.



Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary