

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD MEETING

Conference Room at Cawelo Water District's Office

Thursday, June 13 2019

8:35 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: Todd Turley, Tim Gobler, Ed Kuykendall, Jeff Looker, Andy Schweikart

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 8:35 a.m. in the Cawelo Water District's Conference Room 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 May 03, 2019 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried that the minutes from May 03, 2019 be approved as presented.*

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1) **Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton provided an update on local SGMA activities, including developing and coordinating the Minimum Thresholds for the KGA area and other GSAs, and continuing the weekly Managers' Meetings.

Mr. Hampton also reported the KGA sent letters to non-district landowners, who are no longer represented by the County, to notify them that they need to seek SGMA coverage with a KGA Member or other GSA. Included with the letter was a map of the different water districts and GSAs and a sample letter from the State Board. The letter indicated a deadline of July 1, 2019 to obtain coverage.

The KGA has approved an agreement with the KCWA regarding SGMA jurisdiction. The KGA also approved a draft of the Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement that allows the KGA to participate on behalf of KGA members and their respective GSAs. Mr. Hampton and legal counsel recommend approving the Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement as presented.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel and seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement be approved as presented.*

Additionally, Mr. Hampton discussed the second amended and restated KGA Joint Powers Agreement and the appropriate Cawelo organization to sign the agreement. Mr. Hartsock recommended the Cawelo Water District sign the amended JPA.

- 2) **Update on Basin/Cawelo Groundwater Model** – Mr. Hampton reported that Todd Groundwater recently provided an updated Basin Groundwater Model and has completed Cawelo’s Groundwater Model using the historical conditions from years 1995 to 2014. The updated model provided latest groundwater information, Ag management budget information, and included the expanded GSA area data. Additionally, the draft checkbook water budgets for GSAs and other management areas were discussed.
- 3) **Update on Cawelo GSP** – Mr. Hampton presented the KGA GSP development schedule and noted key due dates. It was also reported that Staff has been working on the water budget with Todd Groundwater and has provided multiple iterations for many different scenarios. Additionally, an update was provided on the development of future groundwater projections and the status of the draft Cawelo GSA GSP.
- 4) **Update on CGSA Expansion Area** – Mr. Hampton reported that CGSA, Kern River GSA, and the KGA have submitted the proposed boundary modifications to DWR. At this time, the GSA boundary changes have not been approved and posted by DWR.


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):**

The Board did not go into closed session.

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- G. ADJOURNMENT** – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.



Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary