

# ***CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY***

## ***BOARD MEETING***

***Conference Room at Cawelo Water District's Office***

***Thursday, August 8, 2019***

***8:30 a.m.***

## **MINUTES**

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<b>DIRECTORS PRESENT:</b>	Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, Eric Miller, John Gaugel
<b>DIRECTORS ABSENT:</b>	Brian Blackwell
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
<b>LEGAL COUNSEL:</b>	Robert Hartsock
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES:</b>	Stacie Ann Silva, Jeff Looker, Garrett Burns, Sydney Proffitt, Andy Schweikart

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### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 8:30 a.m. in the Cawelo Water District's Conference Room located at 17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield, CA.

### **B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Inquiry was made as to whether the information presented in the CGSA workshop, Monday August 5, 2019, would be made available to public.

Mr. Hampton affirmed that presentation will be posted to website after brief development update. There were no further public comments at this time.

### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

The minutes of Board meeting for July 11, 2019 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the minutes from July 11, 2019 be approved as presented.*

### **D. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton presented the KGA GSP development calendar. Each member will provide a brief presentation on their GSP chapter to the KGA Board of Directors on August 28, 2019. At that time, the planned process is for Directors to vote to determine whether or not to include the respective chapters into the Umbrella GSP. This is not a KGA approval of the chapter plans but just a determination to include the chapter in the plan at that time. A 75% affirmative vote by KGA Board is required.

This is a draft plan and it is understood that updates and changes will be made during the remainder of the process.

Director Gaugel made inquiry as to whether GSPs will include native yield at this point. Mr. Hampton responded not at this time, though Cawelo GSA's draft GSP does provide a native yield, sustainable yield, checkbook budget, water budget balances, and projects and management actions.

As an aside, and to advise the Board, Mr. Hartsock informed the Board that the County of Kern approved the dissolution of the Cawelo-Kern GSA. Cawelo will file an appropriate dissolution notice with the State.

- 1) **Update on Basin/Cawelo Groundwater Model** – Mr. Hampton presented draft basin wide projections with the addition of Table 6 showing a new native yield column calculated from model information for the Cawelo area. Preliminary calculations determine a native yield of about 0.16 Acre-Feet per acre but that is an average over the entire area and is not an allocation. Currently, it does not include a share of subsurface flows into basin but Cawelo will continue to evaluate subsurface GW flows to determine its future share of those flows. Additionally, sustainable yield was shown at approximately 51,000 acre feet for the Cawelo GSA area. The sustainable yield is the total of the available native yield and Cawelo Water District water stored in the ground. The District will determine the allocation of its groundwater supplies and not the Cawelo GSA.
  
- 2) **Update on Cawelo GSP** – Mr. Hampton provided a review on the latest draft of the Cawelo GSA’s GSP and discussed the most recent updates. Director Miller asked what level of groundwater quality characterization was required. Mr. Hampton responded that SGMA does require that the plans include information describing the water quality but will work to ensure the plan includes the appropriate information to meet the requirements.

Mr. Hartsock inquired about the coordination of Minimum Thresholds (MT) with other management areas. Mr. Hampton replied that there are differences on the methodologies to determine the MTs and Cawelo is continuing to coordinate with neighboring management areas. Mr. Hampton also discussed the schedule of project and management action implementation. The intent is to implement supply projects initially, evaluate the success of those projects, and then implement demand reduction management actions as needed for sustainability. The goal is to maintain agricultural production, in the Cawelo area, at current levels.

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT CGA GSP DISTRIBUTION**

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried to receive the draft GSP and authorize its distribution to the KGA and the public, and to authorize continued updates by staff.*

- 3) **Update on CGSA Expansion Area** – Expansion area approval occurred June 14, 2019. No further discussion on this point.

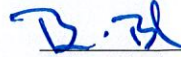
**E. CLOSED SESSION:**

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

The Board did not go into closed session.

**F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

- G. ADJOURNMENT** – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



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Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary