

# **CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD MEETING**

*Conference Room at Cawelo Water District's Office  
Thursday, October 10, 2019  
8:30 a.m.*

## **MINUTES**

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Keith Watkins, Eric Miller, John Gaugel, Brian Blackwell  
**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Mark Smith  
**STAFF PRESENT:** David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman  
**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Robert Hartsock  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Garrett Busch, Jeff Looker, Scott Hamilton

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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**

There were no public comments at this time.

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

The minutes of Special Board Meeting for September 13, 2019 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried that the minutes from September 13, 2019 be approved as presented.*

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

- 1) **Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton reported that pursuant to the guidance document, approved at the last KGA meeting, KGA Members continue to work on the KGA GSA water budget. Current KGA draft budget numbers continue to greatly underestimate the overdraft conditions but Members continue to work through the new adopted guidance methodology. Cawelo GSA's draft GSP estimates about a 10k -12k average overdraft condition for the Cawelo GSA area.  
Director Gaugel reported on the discussions regarding the guidance documents and KGA water budgets at the last KGA meeting. Mr. Hartsock mentioned the coordination agreement has still not been agreed to by all necessary parties, and if a coordination agreement is not agreed upon, he is concerned that DWR will not approve the KGA GSP, in which Cawelo intends to include its Chapter.  
Director Blackwell inquired about the process for the KGA to review the chapter plans and to address the plans that KGA deems out of compliance. Mr. Hartsock discussed the KGA voting process for including chapters and expressed concerns regarding the limited remaining available time to submit and approve such chapters.  
Mr. Hampton also mentioned that Arvin-Edison's Board of Directors recently approved forming their own GSA and that Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa also intended to form its own GSA. It was noted that Cawelo's GSP, although intended to be a Chapter in the larger

KGA GSP, is a “stand alone” GSP that could be presented on its own, independent of the KGA GSP.

Mr. Hampton also advised that Cawelo GSP numbers have been reviewed by and discussed with the KGA on multiple occasions and the KGA Manager appears to be comfortable with those numbers. Mr. Hampton continued that there is some refinement necessary regarding Poso Creek supplies.

Additionally, it was reported that first annual report is due April 2020 and the GSAs have agreed to move forward with using Todd Groundwater to prepare that report. To help prepare that report, additional ITRC ET data will be needed for the missing data years. The estimated cost to prepare the report is \$174K and \$16K to obtain the ET data. Additionally, Horizon was retained to prepare an application for a Prop 68 grant which will cost about \$25K. The Cawelo GSA Board directed staff and KGA representative Direct Gaugel to move forward with report and grant process.

- 2) **Update on Cawelo GSP** – Mr. Hampton reported that Cawelo GSP development activity was limited since the submittal at the end of August. Efforts to refine the water budget numbers and coordination continue.

E. There was no Closed Session

F. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.



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Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary