

**CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

*Conference Room at Cawelo Water District's Office
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
8:30 a.m.*

MINUTES

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: Tim Gobler, Jeff Looker

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board 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 Board Meeting for October 10, 2019 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried that the minutes from October 10, 2019 be approved as presented.*

D. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

- 1) **Update on SGMA Activities** – Mr. Hampton discussed the proposed work by Todd Groundwater to provide the annual report due in April and the additional ITRC ET data needed for the report. The proposed costs are about \$174K and \$16K respectively and the KGA members and other GSAs agreed to move forward with the proposals. Cawelo's approximate share is \$9K. The Cawelo GSA Board supported the proposed work and directed Staff and KGA representative to also move forward with the proposals. Mr. Hampton continued that the KGA has developed a draft budget for 2020 and it will be presented at the next KGA Board meeting. The total proposed budget is \$1.463 million with large budget items being proposed work for an ET study estimated at \$492K and a database system that is estimated to cost \$709K. Cawelo's estimated cost share would be in the order of \$40K to \$60K. The Cawelo GSA Board briefly discussed the increasing costs to the landowners due to the various different regulatory programs. Mr. Hampton also discussed the continued work on developing the KGA water budget and the efforts to refine the methodology. The last Todd Groundwater model indicated an average annual basin overdraft of about 324K acre-feet and the current KGA budget indicates an overdraft of about 256K acre-feet. Using the approved KGA Guidance Document, Cawelo's share of the overdraft balance was about 3K acre-feet, and with member agreed modifications to the demand numbers, Cawelo's balance increased to

about 7K of overdraft. Mr. Hampton noted that Cawelo's current draft GSP indicates about 12K acre-feet of overdraft for current conditions and the KGA manager requested to use the 12K number for Cawelo's part of the KGA water budget. It was explained that Cawelo's numbers presented in its plan are public information and there was no issue with KGA using that number, provided it was noted that Cawelo was requested to deviate from the Guidance Document. The KGA Manager continues to work with the other GSAs to coordinate the budget methodology.

2) **Update on Cawelo GSP –**

Mr. Hampton discussed recent increased efforts to finalize the Cawelo GSP. There are some needed modifications to the monitoring well sections, outreach information sections and also a new section to explain the KGA water budget number.

Mr. Hampton informed the Board that the KGA is scheduled to meet December 18, 2019 and intends to approve the final KGA Member chapters. The Cawelo GSA provided the required notice regarding the GSP availability on September 16, 2019 and the earliest it can have a hearing to adopt the Cawelo GSP is December 16, 2019. Mr. Hampton recommended moving the regularly scheduled CGSA Board meeting and having a Special Board Meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019 which will include the public hearing and potential adoption of the Cawelo GSA GSP.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried that the CGSA and CWD Special Board Meeting take place Monday, December 16, 2019 at 8:30 am and 9:00 a.m., respectively.*

Mr. Hartsock added that he would look into any necessary meeting noticing requirements for a hearing to adopt a GSP.

E. There was no Closed Session

F. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.



Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary