CAWelo GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Conference Room at Cawelo Water District’s Office
Monday, December 16, 2019
8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, Eric Miller, John Gaugel, Brian Blackwell
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartslock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Mike Maley, Andy Schweikart, Garrett Busch, Bruce Kelsey, 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 November 13, 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 November 13, 2019 be approved as presented.

D. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
1) Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the portion of the Kern County Subbasin of the Tulare Lake Groundwater Basin underlying the Cawelo GSP
President Watkins opened the hearing at 8:33 a.m. and Mr. Hampton began with introductions of Board of Directors, General Manager, CGSA & CWD Staff, Legal Counsel and Consultants. Members of the general public (Bruce Kelsey – Kingsburg Citrus; Andy Schweikart – Pioneer Nursery; Garrett Busch – Wonderful Orchards; Jeff Looker – Sunview Vineyards) introduced themselves. Introductions were followed by a brief summary regarding outreach and notices for development of the GSP.
Mr. Hampton provided an overview of the background and history of the initial GSP development in addition to revisions made to GSP since the August 29, 2019 DRAFT publication. A brief summary of the GSP and related revisions was provided for the following sections:
   Executive Summary
   A new section was added that includes information on sustainability goals, water budget, management actions, sustainable criteria, implementation, outreach information, and other information.
   1. Introduction
   Additional information on coordinated sustainability goals and KGA JPA
participation was included.

2. Cawelo GSA Plan Area
Information was updated on the planning area, and clarification that there are no State-owned or tribal lands in the Cawelo GSA was provided. Additional information on land use, GSP checklist, and stakeholder outreach was included.

3. Basin Setting
Sections of the Basin Setting were reorganized but with no significant revisions to the content.

4. Water Budget
New information was included to describe the water budget coordination with the KGA and Kern County Subbasin. The budget amounts varied depending upon the calculation methodology used.
The following brief summary of groundwater budget information for the Cawelo GSA area was discussed:
- Cawelo GSA Water Budget: -9,990 AFY
- C2VSim Model: -9,576 AFY
- Coordinated KGA GSA water budget for current conditions: -12,101 AFY
- Preliminary Sustainable Yield Calculations: 50,892 AFY
- Preliminary Native Yield Calculations: 8,867 AFY

5. Sustainability Goal and Undesirable Results
This section was updated with a new discussion on the sustainability goal coordination with the KGA members and other Kern County GSAs.

6. Monitoring Network
This section was updated with information to include a management action to secure an 8th monitoring well.

7. Minimum Thresholds, Measurable Objectives and Interim Milestones
There were no significant changes to this chapter other than noting there will be additional Minimum Threshold(s) and Monitoring Objective(s) established for the 8th monitoring well.

8. Projects, Management Actions and Adaptive Management
New information for the 8th monitoring well, and an expanded discussion on simulated changes in groundwater storage based on 3 future baseline scenarios and the impact of implementing projects and management action was added.

9. Plan Implementation
There were no significant revisions to this chapter.

Mr. Hampton noted there were comment letters received and considered, and those comments, along with Cawelo GSA corresponding responses, were summarized in a matrix format and added to the Cawelo GSP. Mr. Hampton then discussed various comments and the corresponding responses.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hampton’s overview, President Watkins opened the floor for any public comment. There were no public comments. President Watkins
2) Adoption of Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s (CGSA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)
The CGSA GSP was presented for approval, as above-referenced.

After review and discussion, President Watkins called for public comment, to include name and company affiliation of commenter – of which there were none.

President Watkins called for staff or board comments – of which there were none.

President Watkins recommended a motion to adopt the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s (CGSA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) - as presented to Board, Public and Staff with minor revisions, under authorization of Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) - seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried that the CGSA GSP is adopted.

E. Update on Local SGMA Activities
1) Approve Revised Coordination Agreement

Mr. Hartsock presented a new DRAFT Coordination Agreement for review. Some GSAs still reviewing agreement to ensure all their conditions have been met. New agreement does not give coordinating committee any actual authority, nor does it indicate water right.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried that the CGSA authorize the DRAFT Coordination Agreement and withdraw from prior Coordination Agreement.

F. There was no Closed Session

G. ADJOURNMENT – The Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

[Signature]
Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary