

**CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD MEETING**

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

**Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 NO PUBLIC ACCESS DUE TO COVID-19
Public Participation via Teleconference Dial-in (888) 431-3632 Access Code #3465392**

Thursday, April 9, 2020

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Keith Watkins*, Mark Smith*, Eric Miller*, Brian Blackwell*, John Gaugel*
STAFF PRESENT:	David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL:	Robert Hartsock*
OTHER ATTENDEES:	Garrett Busch*, Todd Turley*, Andy Schweikart*

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 8:30 a.m.

B. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that CWD has provided an Infection Prevention and Control Plan, to all employees, which addresses COVID-19 recommended safety practices. All District landowners have been sent notification that CWD will continue to operate as normally as possible and requesting that business be conducted via telephone or e-mail. Signage prohibiting public access has been posted to serve as additional reminders. The CWD website has been updated with COVID-19 advisory information for the general public. In-office cleaning has increased and includes antibacterial and germicidal agents. Antibacterial and germicidal wipes and alcohol based hand sanitizers have been provided for employee use. Vehicle use has been reduced to one person per vehicle. Number of employees allowed to gather in break room, at one time, has been reduced to ensure proper social distancing.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of Board Meeting for March 12, 2020 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from March, 2020 be approved as presented.*

AYES:	5	Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Miller, Gaugel
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	0	

E. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

1) Update on Cawelo GSP

In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported that efforts to submit the

* Attended Telephonically

first Annual Report have concluded, bringing current focus onto implementation of Cawelo GSA's GSP and appropriate management projects. The Friant pipeline is currently under construction and CWD is working to secure additional water supplies. When appropriate within the current COVID-19 environment, staff will resume work to establish the 8th monitoring well in the Kern River Field area. Cawelo GSA is working with Kern-Tulare and Eastside Water Management to propose and consider new monitoring well locations in our local region through DWR's Technical Support Services. New monitoring wells will help to fill some of the data gaps for the EWMA area, the Santa Margarita aquifer and the Olcese aquifer. This proposal will be presented to the other KGA members in the near future and requires KGA and basin approval.

F. Update on Local SGMA Activities

Mr. Hampton noted that the annual report for the Kern County Subbasin was submitted to DWR on April 1, 2020 and is available through DWR's online SGMA Portal. Due to COVID-19, DWR has extended the GSP public review period to June 3, 2020. The KGA Board meeting scheduled for March 25, 2020 has been cancelled. An on-line meeting was held on Friday March 27, 2020 with KGA legal counsel and KGA members. The meeting was to discuss complaints filed by the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CalSPA) against the filed GSP's of both the Eastern San Joaquin subbasin and the Delta-Mendota subbasin. Complaints are of a similar nature, basically requesting that the State, not DWR, determine the adequacy of both GSP's in question.

F. RETURN TO PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The CGSA Board meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. The next regular CGSA Board Meeting is set for Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., via teleconference, pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20.



Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary