

**CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

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Public Participation via Zoom 1-(699)-900-6833 / Meeting ID: 949 3835 7304 / Password: 106277
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Thursday, January 14, 2021 - 8:50 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Keith Watkins, Brian Blackwell, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch
STAFF PRESENT:	David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL:	Robert Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES:	Megan Chicoine, Tim Gobler, Andy Schweikart, Cody Tolbert

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 8:50 a.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of Board Meeting for December 10, 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 December 10, 2020 be approved as presented.*

AYES:	4	Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Gaugel
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	1	Birch (arrived at 8:52 a.m.)

D. UPDATE ON LOCAL SGMA ACTIVITIES

In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton provided an update on the Prop 68 Grant Application. The KGA, on behalf of the basin, was preparing a grant application to update the groundwater model and to fund a native yield study but at a December workshop the KGA learned the funding was intended for capital projects. There was insufficient time to develop an appropriate grant application for the January 8th deadline and therefore no application was submitted. An additional funding opportunity should be available later in 2021.

Mr. Hampton continued regarding the Data Management System (DMS) presentations and proposals from GEI and Provost & Pritchard. It was discussed that most KGA members and GSAs favored the GEI system and the Cawelo staff recommended supporting either system with a preference for the GEI DMS.

Mr. Hampton noted there was additional discussion regarding DMS options, including potential private landowner accounts, and it was proposed an ad hoc committee be formed to address the various potential options to include with the system. Staff also recommended supporting an ad hoc committee that included landowners.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Cawelo GSA supports the proposal of GEI.*

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

G. ADJOURNMENT

The CGSA Special Board meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m. The next regular CGSA Board Meeting is set for Thursday, February 11, 2021.



Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary