

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

~~17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308~~

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Thursday, February 11, 2021
9:00 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: Tim Gobler, Andy Schweikart, Cody Tolbert, Mariana Valdez

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:06 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for January 14, 2021 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from January 14, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of January was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for January were as follows:

General Funds	6,838,847.71
Construction Funds	5,558,294.86
Reserved Funds	<u>3,428,993.68</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	15,826,136.25
Receipts for January 2021	4,544,702.68
Manual Cash Disbursements	200,432.63
Net Revenue through January	12,101,546.89

Total Expenses through January	<u>432,062.42</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	11,669,484.47

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Treasurer's Report from January, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of January, 2021. The report covered checks 32942 through 32988 issued February 10, 2021 in the amount of \$663,334.83; Manual disbursements covered checks 32874 through 32941 and ACH debits and totaled \$200,432.63.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Accounts Payable from January, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. North Kern Transportation Agreement – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there was nothing new to discuss at this time.

b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project

i. Status of Project:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the boring is complete and casing pipe is being installed now. Pipe installation is expected to be complete in three weeks. Contractor is digging the receiving pit to connect to the existing pipeline and estimates three weeks to one month for project completion. Because work is taking place in the railroad right-of-way, a RailPros flagger will be required until the project's end.

Mr. Ansolabehere also reported the District has received no response from Friant Water Authority and coffer dams will have to be utilized for the future connection.

c. Landowner Recharge – Mr. Hampton reported a project update was sent to landowners via e-mail with hard copies via regular mail. Discussions with landowners interested in the project have occurred but no landowner has officially initiated the process to participate in the project.

2) ILRP - Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton discussed funding for the MPEP workplan and required validation of the SWAT modeling.

Regarding the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed (ESJ) General Order, Mr. Hampton noted after the courts decided in favor of the State Board and Coalitions, petitioners have filed a notice of appeal and it is estimated it will take another two or three years to go through the appellate courts.

Mr. Hampton advised that, due to the new and updated requirements for all coalition members and outreach requirements, a letter was sent via email with hard copies via regular mail to all members advising of requirements and notifying them of member deadline extensions due to COVID-19. A copy of the letter was included in the agenda packet.

With regard to the CV-Salts Notice to Comply and required Participation Notice, Mr. Hampton provided a copy of the Agreement for Permittees Selecting Participation in the Prioritization and Optimization Study for Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach and requested that the Board approve said agreement.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that execution of the Agreement for Permittees Selecting Participation in the Prioritization and Optimization Study for Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach be approved as presented.

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

3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Update - No update was provided because the matter was discussed at the Cawelo GSA Special Board Meeting.

4) Financial and Personnel

a) Resolution 692 – Declaration of Appreciation for Dennis Pickin

Mr. Ansolabehere presented Board Resolution No. 692, expressing the District's appreciation for District Superintendent, Dennis Pickin, who is retiring February 26th, after 40 years of service, and requesting Board approval of said resolution, including presentation of same to Mr. Pickin.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that Resolution 692 be approved with minor revisions.*

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

b) **Employee Compensation** – nothing to discuss at this time.

5) SWP

a) **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – (Previously Cal Water Fix)** – Nothing to report at this time.

b) **KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – Nothing to report at this time.

G. ATTORNEY’S REPORT – Mr. Hartsock had no report for open session.

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT

1) **Poso Creek Diversion Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere had nothing new to report at this time.

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

1) **Water Deliveries/Supplies** into the District for January 2021 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,648	2,640
Landowner Deliveries	740	740
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	0
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	0
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 132	- 132
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	0
Percolation losses Creek Channel	0	0
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	0

Produced Water Deliveries for the month of January 2021 were as follows:

Chevron	32.8 cfs per day (1,952 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	8.8 cfs per day (524 ac-ft.)

2) System Operations & Maintenance:

Copper sulfate applications to the distribution canal and reservoirs continue as needed and meter repairs are still being conducted throughout the District.

- 3) Approve Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Base Resource Contract:**
In addition to providing a written memorandum, Mr. Ansolabehere advised the existing contract with WAPA expires on December 31, 2024. A Contract extension would begin January 1, 2025 and run through December 31, 2054 (30 year contract). District allocation of Base Resource was 0.12248% with an additional requested of 0.00373% for the 2025 Resource Pool Allocation, making Total 2025 Base Resource 0.12621%. District staff is requesting Board approval and authorization for District staff execution of WAPA Base Resource Contract.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that WAPA Base Resource Contract be approved and authorizing District Staff District Staff to execute said contract.

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

- 4) North West Kern Resource Conservation District Contribution:**
In addition to providing a copy of request and NWKRCD Annual Report, Mr. Ansolabehere reported that North West Resource Conservation Districts Mobile Lab has submitted a request for \$5,000 in contributions. This is an annual request that District has previously participated in. Mobile Lab has conducted several field evaluations in District almond and pistachio orchards and District staff is requesting Board approval of contribution.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the \$5,000 contribution to the North West Kern Resource Conservation District's Mobile Lab be approved.

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

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:56 a.m. to Closed Session.


J. Closed Session:

- 1) To confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation under authority of Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) California Department Of Water Resources v**

All Persons Interested, Sac. Sup. Ct. No. 34-2020-00283112; (d)(2) (one matter) and (d)(4) (two matters):

- 2) Conference with real property negotiators and/or properties under authority of Government Code Section 54956.8**
 - a) City Water Purchase**
 - b) North Kern Canal Facility Use**
 - c) Miscellaneous Water Supplies**
 - d) Real Property Purposes; Storage/Well Sites**
- 3) Wages/salary/other terms and conditions of employment under authority of Government Code Section 54957.6**

- K. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 11:03 a.m. District Legal Counsel announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that would require disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.
- L. ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.



Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary