CAWELO WATER DISTRICT
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 Zoom 1-(699)-900-6833 / Meeting ID: 992 4286 1556 / Password: 328980
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Thursday, November 12, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Brian Blackwell, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch
DIRECTOR ABSENT: Mark Smith
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Garrett Busch, Megan Chicoine, Sam Etchegaray, Cody Fuller, Ed Kuykendal,
                  Shannon, Harry Starkey, Cody Tolbert, Don Wright

A. CALL TO ORDER
The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:07 a.m.

B. COVID-19 UPDATE
David Ansolabehere reported that coronavirus cases are again on the rise locally. The District continues to operate within State guidelines and parameters. There have been no known cases among District staff.

C. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Minutes of the Board meeting for October 10, 2020 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 October, 2020 be approved as modified.

AYES: 4 Watkins, Blackwell, Gaugel, Birch
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Smith

D. TREASURER’S REPORT
The Treasurer’s Report for the month of October was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for October were as follows:

General Funds 963,991.09
Construction Funds 6,658,084.05
Reserved Funds 6,890,849.83

**TOTAL FUNDS** 14,512,924.97

Receipts for October 2020 638,280.18
Manual Cash Disbursements 6,998.22

Net Revenue through October 5,583,806.61
Total Expenses through October 4,016,856.89
**NET REVENUE / <LOSS>** 1,566,949.72

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Treasurer’s Report from October, 2020 be approved as amended.

**AYES:** 4 Watkins, Blackwell, Gaugel, Birch

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1 Smith

a) **Adopt 2021 Budget and Set 2021 Water Rates – Resolution No. 690**

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that Resolution 690 which adopts the budget, fixes and levies standby charges, and sets water tolls, be adopted as presented.

**AYES:** 4 Watkins, Blackwell, Gaugel, Birch

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1 Smith

**E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of October, 2020. The report covered checks 32758 through 32811 issued November 12, 2020 in the amount of $1,856,993.12; Manual disbursements covered checks 32754 through 32756 and ACH debits and totaled $6,998.22.

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 October, 2020 be approved as presented.

**AYES:** 4 Watkins, Blackwell, Gaugel, Birch

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1 Smith
F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

G. 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 boring contractor began work and, after 3 days and 12-feet, had problems with the bore-head, which failed. The project is on hold for two weeks while it is repaired, or new auger head is installed.

ii. Approve Change Order:
   Mr. Ansolabehere presented a proposed $600k Nicholas Construction change order to construct a tie-in to the Friant Canal. Time is of the essence as the Friant Canal is down for next three months (which only happens once every three years or so). Mr. Ansolabehere requests Board approval for a change order.
   After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gangol, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that a Nicholas Construction Change Order for a Friant Canal tie-in be approved.

   AYES: 4 Watkins, Blackwell, Gaugel, Birch
   NOES: 0
   ABSTAIN: 0
   ABSENT: 1 Smith

c. Landowner Recharge – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the District is in receipt of two comment letters to the District’s CEQA analysis that will be reviewed. The potential Board adoption of Resolution No. 691 was tabled.

i. Adopt Resolution No. 691 Regarding Environmental Analysis and Approval of Project - Tabled

2) ILRP - Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton advised that CVGMC data is currently being processed and prepared for the reporting submissions. Submission fulfills part of the General Order requirements and the data is used in preparation for the annual Groundwater Trend Monitoring Report.

A recent workshop for the presentation of the Groundwater Protection Formulas concept to the Regional Board staff and environmental justice representatives was productive with no apparent objections or opposition.
Regarding the Eastern San Joaquin General Order Petitions, the court found in favor of the State Board and the agricultural interveners, denying the environmental justice petitioners on all challenges.

Mr. Hampton noted that our project was not selected for this round of the Conservation and Innovation Grant, which will impact MPEP. Group discussions on how to best proceed with meeting MPEP requirements continue.

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) Employee Compensations – Nothing to discuss at this time.

5) SWP
   a) Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – (Previously Cal Water Fix) - Consideration of Planning, Design and Environmental Review Participation:
   Due to certain confidentiality requirements and Brown Act considerations, this matter was deferred until after Closed Session.

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

I. ENGINEER’S REPORT
   1) Poso Creek Diversion Petition – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the draft petition submitted to State Board and Jane Ling, Senior Water Rights Engineer, is still under review. The District is requesting to amend its original petition from direct delivery of Poso Creek diversions to delivery of diversions to underground storage, which would be of greater benefit during dry years.

J. MANAGER’S REPORT
   1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District for September, 2020 were as follows:

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<th>Supply Category</th>
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<td>Supplies Received</td>
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<td>Landowner Deliveries</td>
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<td>East Poso Basin Recharge</td>
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<td>Famoso Basin Recharge</td>
<td>799</td>
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<td>System Loss/Operational Recharge</td>
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   Diversion from Poso Creek
   To Famoso Basin Banking                | 0               | 0     |
   Percolation losses Creek Channel       | 410             | 3,780 |
   Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir   | 1,121           | 11,386 |

   Produced Water Deliveries for the month of September, 2020 were as follows:
Chevron  
35.7 cfs per day (2,126 ac-ft.)

CRC/Bell Aire  
7.7 cfs per day (461 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. District staff is working with landowners on two potential new turnouts.

The Polishing Pond Liner Replacement project is proceeding well and ahead of schedule. The outlet structure has been removed & formed up and will be poured the week of November 16. Liner material is on site and should be placed during the end of November into first part of December, 2020.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:37 a.m. to Closed Session.

**K. Closed Session:**

1) To confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation under authority of Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) (one matter) (d)(4) (four 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) Storage/Well Sites
   e) Oil Field Waters

3) **Wages/salary/other terms and conditions of employment under authority of Government Code Section 54957.6**

**L. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 11:41 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. The Board then considered agenda item 5 a., Delta Conveyance Planning, Design, and Environmental review Participation.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the District participation in the Planning, Design and Environmental Review process funding agreement for the DCP be limited at this time to 20% of the District’s Table 1 supply, and for two years.**

**AYES:**  4  Watkins, Blackwell, Gaugel, Birch

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1  Smith
M. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

[Signature]

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary