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, December 10, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Brian Blackwell, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabeherbe, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Matt Brady, Garrett Busch, Cody (Chevron via 661-369-1758), Farmworx (username), Tim Gobler, Doug Gosling, Bruce Kelsey, Dana Munn, Andy Schweikart, Cody Tolbert, unknown

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 November 12, 2020 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from November, 2020 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 November was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for November were as follows:

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<th>Fund Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>General Funds</td>
<td>1,412,861.74</td>
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<td>Construction Funds</td>
<td>7,379,756.46</td>
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<td>Reserved Funds</td>
<td>7,473,964.34</td>
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**TOTAL FUNDS** 16,266,582.54

Receipts for November 2020 3,754,449.47
Manual Cash Disbursements 252,834.11

Net Revenue through November 19,999,536.99
Total Expenses through November 19,435,192.69
NET REVENUE / LOSS 564,344.30

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Treasurer’s Report from November, 2020 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 November, 2020. The report covered checks 32820 through 32868 issued December 10, 2020 in the amount of $4,212,072.60; Manual disbursements covered checks 32812 through 32819 and ACH debits and totaled $252,834.11.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Accounts Payable from November, 2020 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 the boring contractor has faced several equipment failures and delays during course of project. The boring is about 150’ completed, and the project is currently continuing with approximately 50 feet bored yesterday. The only additional cost carried by District due to delay is that of the required railroad observation crews through RailPros.
Friant Water Authority has been in possession of plans and specifications for a Friant-Kern Canal tie-in for nearly a month and have yet to review. Project engineer, Dee Jaspar & Associates, has been in contact with the Authority and will continue to follow up.

c. **Landowner Recharge** – Mr. Hampton briefly discussed the CEQA process, required notices, and the CEQA analysis for the Landowner Groundwater Recharge and Banking Project. He also discussed the various comment letters received during the process. It was noted that revisions were made to the General Principles and Template Agreement and also non-substantial revisions were incorporated into the Negative Declaration.

1. **Adopt Revised General Principles and Revised Template Agreement**

   After Review and Discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Revised General Principles and Revised Template Agreement be adopted, as presented.*

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

2. **Adopt Resolution No. 691 Regarding Environmental Analysis and Approval of Project**

   After Review and Discussion, *it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that Resolution No. 691 Regarding Environmental Analysis and Approval of Project be adopted, as presented.*

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

2) **ILRP - Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton began with a discussion on the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed General Order and the Expert Panel process to review the adequacy of the Surface Water Monitoring Program. Other basin coalitions opted to participate in the process because of precedential impacts.

A draft of the Panel’s findings and recommendations were provided for review and on November 6, a public hearing was held. Overall, the panel found the monitoring program to be adequate with several key findings and recommendations that Mr. Hampton discussed. The Southern MPEP group is working on a formal response for the review process.
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Mr. Hampton continued with information on the administrative draft of the Tulare Lake Basin Order which was provided for review and comment on November 23 of this year. Proposed revisions include provisions to implement the CV-SALTS Basin Plan Amendments in the ILPR. A committee to provide in-depth review of the proposed changes has been formed and coalitions will work together to provide a coordinated response.

Mr. Hampton advised that the Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority recently reconciled past special activities for their associate members dating back to 2014. Invoices have been received and a meeting has been scheduled with the KRWCA Manager to review the information. In addition, Mr. Hampton has asked that Special Activity Agreements be reviewed, ensuring that they are appropriate for current and future tasks, and updated accordingly.

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 Compensation – Mr. Ansolabehere requested that the Board approve a COVID-19 Safety Award to employees in the form of a $300 gift card. The award is based on efforts made by employees to reduce the spread of the virus by exercising caution and following safety procedures which has resulted in zero cases of COVID-19 in the District workplace. This would be both an award and an incentive to continue with all District implemented safety procedures regarding COVID-19.

   After Review and Discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that District staff be presented a $300 gift card as an award for exercising caution and following safety procedures and as an incentive to continue adhering to COVID-19 safety procedures.

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

5) SWP
   a) Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – (Previously Cal Water Fix) – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there have been no revisions to the local participation levels. KCWA is currently working through agreements and a Member Unit Meeting will be held later today, to review.

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

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT
   1) Poso Creek Diversion Petition – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that according to Jane Ling, Senior Water Rights Engineer, the State Board is still reviewing petition. Ms. Ling has stated that process is moving along.
I. MANAGER’S REPORT

1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District for November 2020 were as follows:

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<td>Supplies Received</td>
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<td>72,680</td>
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<td>Landowner Deliveries</td>
<td>2,643</td>
<td>61,469</td>
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<td>East Poso Basin Recharge</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>337</td>
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<td>Famoso Basin Recharge</td>
<td>799</td>
<td>4,549</td>
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<td>System Loss/Operational Recharge</td>
<td>-234</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 32.8 cfs per day (1,952 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire 7.7 cfs per day (460 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. Both liners of the duel liner system have been installed and tested. Chevron will be re-installing the barrier rails and other safety structures and should have the project completed within the next three weeks.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 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 (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

K. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 10:19 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 10:19 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, January 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

[Signature]
Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary