

# **CAWELO WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

*17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308*

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**Thursday, May 13, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

## MINUTES

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| <b>DIRECTORS PRESENT:</b> | Keith Watkins, Brian Blackwell, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch |
| <b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>     | David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman          |
| <b>LEGAL COUNSEL:</b>     | Robert Hartsock  |
| <b>OTHER ATTENDEES:</b>   | Audrey Arnao, Jessica Bertao, Cody Tolbert                             |

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:04 a.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Board meeting for April 8, 2021 were presented for approval.

*After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from April 8, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>5</b> | <b>Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Gaugel, Birch</b> |
| <b>NOES:</b>    | <b>0</b> |   |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>0</b> |   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>0</b> |   |

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2021 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for April were as follows:

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| General Funds             | 7,429,110.66         |
| Construction Funds        | 4,414,068.50         |
| Reserved Funds            | <u>3,454,548.69</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <b>15,297,727.85</b> |
|                           |                      |
| Receipts for April 2021   | 110,407.25           |
| Manual Cash Disbursements | 499,762.67           |
|                           |                      |
| Net Revenue through April | 12,361,825.81        |

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Expenses through April      | 6,092,388.96        |
| <b>NET REVENUE / &lt;LOSS&gt;</b> | <b>6,269,436.85</b> |

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 April, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>5</b> | <b>Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Gaugel, Birch</b> |
| <b>NOES:</b>    | <b>0</b> |   |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>0</b> |   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>0</b> |   |

**D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of April, 2021. The report covered checks 33107 through 33158 issued May 11, 2021 in the amount of \$514,562.73; Manual disbursements covered checks 33055, 33099, 33101, 33102 and ACH debits and totaled \$499,762.67.

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 April, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>5</b> | <b>Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Gaugel, Birch</b> |
| <b>NOES:</b>    | <b>0</b> |   |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>0</b> |   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>0</b> |   |

**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 pipeline leak discovered during the hydrostatic testing required further investigation as the contractor claimed the leak was caused by defective pipe. The pipe manufacturer agreed to perform a forensic analysis in an attempt to identify the issue that caused the leak. District representatives witnessed the forensic analysis which identified that neither the pipe or gasket materials were defective and were, in fact, damaged during construction. Due to this complication, the Notice of Project Completion has been delayed. It was noted the contractor was advised of the forensic analysis but did not attend.

- 2) **ILRP - Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff discussed the 2021 annual member reporting totals, advising that 91% of members have submitted their reports and he is communicating with members still needing to submit the annual reports.

Work on the 2020 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) has begun with the due date being August 31, 2021.

The Central Valley Coalitions continue to make progress on the Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values, and Targets (GWP). Updates to the Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plans incorporating the GWP Values need to be submitted to the Regional Board by July.

In addition to including a copy of the Draft 2021 CWDC Budget, Mr. Halopoff reported that actual CWDC expenditures for 2020 were \$167,078 with revenue of \$118,773 from 2020 Membership fees of \$3.32 per irrigated acre for the CWDC and \$4.91 per irrigated acre for the SCA. The carryover from the previous year's budget and reserve (2019) was \$49,905. The surplus at the end of the 2020 budget year was \$1,600.

The Draft 2021 CWDC Budget includes accommodations for the Kern River Watershed Coalition (KRWCA) repayment for Special Activity Agreement (SAA) costs incurred from 2014-2019, the Annual Monitoring Report, Central Valley Groundwater Collaborative (CV GMC) reporting and 5-year update, Groundwater Quality Assessment Report (GAR) 5-year update, Management Plan And Evaluation Program (MPEP) support through the South San Joaquin Valley (SSJV) Group, and GWP development work. Due to the dry conditions no Poso Creek sampling events have taken place, to date, in 2021 and there are no sampling events forecasted or budgeted for the fall/winter season.

The Draft 2021 CWDC Budget is \$165,426, requiring a Membership Fee of \$4.74 per irrigated acre for the CWDC and \$6.45 per irrigated acre for the SCA. The Draft 2021 CWDC Budget does not carry over the \$1,600 2020 budget year surplus nor include a Reserve line item.

*After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Draft 2021 CWDC Budget of \$165,426 and that the 2021 CWDC Membership fees of \$4.74 per irrigated acre for the CWDC and \$6.45 per irrigated acre for the SCA be approved.*

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| <b>NOES:</b>    | <b>0</b> |   |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>0</b> |   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>0</b> |   |

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** – No discussion.

**5) SWP**

- a) **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – (Previously Cal Water Fix)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that construction and related meetings are ongoing, with no new significant matters occurring.
- b) **KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that, beyond the 5% allocation, there was nothing new to discuss.

**G. ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – Mr. Hartsock had no report for open session, but did mention the Governor’s recent Proclamation of a State of Emergency regarding drought conditions in certain watersheds, including the Tulare Lake Basin Watershed.

**H. ENGINEER’S REPORT**

- 1) **Poso Creek Diversion Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the Poso Creek Diversion Petition has been completed and submitted to State Engineer, Jane Ling. Updates will follow as received.

**I. MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

|                                      | <u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Supplies Received                    | 4,070                  | 13,858     |
| Landowner Deliveries                 | 3,338                  | 9,649      |
| East Poso Basin Recharge             | 0                      | 836        |
| Famoso Basin Recharge                | 0                      | 1,092      |
| System Loss/Operational Recharge     | - 204                  | - 693      |
| Diversions 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 April 2021 were as follows:

|               |                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Chevron       | 33.7 cfs per day (2,009 ac-ft.) |
| CRC/Bell Aire | 7.96 cfs per day (472 ac-ft.)   |

Mr. Ansolabehere also discussed various water return obligations of the District.

**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.

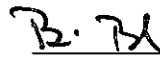
**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:42 a.m. to Closed Session.

**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; Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v KCWA, KCSC BCV-21-100418; (d)(2) (one matter) and (d)(4) (one matter):
- 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 10:06 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 10:06 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.



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Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary