

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

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Thursday, June 10, 2021
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Brian Blackwell, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Jessica Bertao, Jeff Looker, Cody Tolbert

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:01 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for May 13, 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 minutes from May 13, 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 May, 2021 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for May were as follows:

General Funds	10,003,685.51
Construction Funds	4,414,993.50
Reserved Funds	<u>3,456,557.68</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	17,875,236.69
Receipts for May 2021	3,796,606.89
Manual Cash Disbursements	576,490.92
Net Revenue through May	12,936,221.00

Total Expenses through May	8,441,521.02
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	4,494,699.98

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

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

1) REVIEW OF 2020 AUDIT

District Controller, Ms. Giles, reported that 2020 Audit is almost complete and, pending Financial Committee review, will be presented to the Board for approval. Because Ms. Giles will not be present at the July Meeting and after review and discussion, it was decided that consideration of acceptance of the 2020 Audit would occur at the August 2021 regularly scheduled meeting.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of May, 2021. The report covered checks 33162 through 33199 issued June 9, 2021 in the amount of \$1,464,977.25; Manual disbursements covered checks 33103 through 33106, 33159 through 33161, and ACH debits and totaled \$576,490.92. Additionally, Ms. Giles reported that 2020-2021 Winter Water Refunds would be in the amount of \$111,739.25 and that 2020 Regular Water Refunds would be in the amount of \$163,306.45, if approved for disbursement.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Accounts Payable from May, 2021 be approved as presented and that the 2020-2021 water refunds be approved.*

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 hydrostatic testing has been completed and there are a few remaining items to be completed by the contractor

prior to a Notice of Completion being issued. Project Engineer, Dee Jaspar & Associates, is in receipt of proposed change orders from the contractor that will be reviewed in the next few weeks. It is anticipated that the project Notice of Completion will be issued prior to next months' Board Meeting.

- ii. **Pipe Failure Investigation Report:** Mr. Ansolabehere further reported that the forensic analysis has been completed and the report identified the contractor as responsible for the pipeline damage/failure. Associated costs and project delays will be discussed with the contractor during the change order meeting.

- 2) **ILRP - Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff discussed the 2021 annual member reporting totals, advising that 100% of members have submitted their reports. The 2021 Coalition Member Invoices were mailed out June 8th and members have until July 23rd to provide payment and make any revisions to their membership for the 2021 calendar year.

The 2021 1st Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report for Poso Creek was submitted to the Regional Board on May 28th and the 2020 Annual Monitoring Report is due for submittal to the Regional Board by August 31, 2021. Work on the AMR is progressing.

Updates to the Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plans, incorporating the GWP values, are to be submitted to the Regional Board by July 19th. This will be completed in a single report and submitted to the Regional Board for all Central Valley Coalitions.

Work continues on the CVC Technical Workplan 5-Year Update which will also serve as the Groundwater Quality Assessment Report 5-year Update for all Central Valley Coalitions.

The SSJV MPEP has approved preparation of a grant application for the Natural Resources Conservation Service CIG Program. The grant application will include field studies of nitrogen leaching and transformation processes in the rootzone.

The Priority 1 Nitrate Area PMZP's and EAP's have been conditionally approved by the Regional Board and implementation of respective programs has begun, including testing of private domestic water wells and providing replacement water, if needed.

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.
- b) **Approval and Adoption of Petty Cash Policy**

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Petty Cash Policy be approved as presented.*

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

c) Approval and Adoption of Asset Capitalization Policy

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Asset Capitalization Policy be approved as presented.*

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 construction and related planning meetings are ongoing.

b) KCWA and Related SWP Matters – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there was nothing new to discuss at this time.

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

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT

Poso Creek Diversion Petition – Mr. Ansolabehere had no report.

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	7,282	21,140
Landowner Deliveries	6,390	16,039
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	836
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,092
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 364	- 1,057
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 May 2021 were as follows:

Chevron	32.8 cfs per day (1,958 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	8.7 cfs per day (522 ac-ft.)

Mr. Ansolabehere reviewed various water return obligations of the District and current transfer and exchange agreements.

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. Status of District wells was discussed, including funding options available to cover necessary well repairs.

3) Review & Update Ag Water Management Plan:

Mr. Ansolabehere advised that the Draft 5-year AWMP (Ag Water Management Plan) has been completed by GEI Consultants and submitted to District for staff review. The Plan is anticipated to be available for further review and approval at next month's meeting.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 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 10:13 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.

4) Financial and Personnel

- a) **Employee Compensation –**

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the change in position and increase wage rate for the new Office Manager as recommended by staff be approved as presented.*

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

ABSENT: 0

- L. ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:13a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Brian Blackwell

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary