

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

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Thursday, July 8, 2021

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Jessica Bertao, Bruce Kelsey, Jeff Looker, Brody Russell, Andy Schweikart, Cody Tolbert, Unknown

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:00 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for June 10, 2021 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the minutes from June 10, 2021 be approved as presented.*

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

Presentation of the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2021 was tabled due to technical difficulties.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Presentation of Accounts Payable for the month of June, 2021 was tabled due to technical difficulties.

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 no report.

b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the project is nearing completion with only a few outstanding items remaining on the punch list. A meeting with Contractor will be held within the next few weeks to finalize potential change orders and other project details. It is anticipated that the Notice of Completion will be issued prior to next month's Board Meeting.

c. Well Bid Award

In addition to providing a written copy of the Bid Proposal Review and Recommendation, Mr. Ansolabehere advised that two bids were received: NorCal Pump and Bakersfield Well and Pump. The apparent low bid for the Project was received from Bakersfield Well & Pump in the amount of \$1,997,560. All necessary and appropriate bid documents were submitted and have been verified as compliant. Accompanying licenses and references have also been checked and found to be satisfactory. It is the recommendation of District staff that the low bid received from Bakersfield Well & Pump is accepted and that the District *Well Drilling, Construction and Development of Two Water Supply Wells* Project is awarded to Bakersfield Well & Pump.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried that the Well Drilling Construction and Development of Two Water Supply Wells project be awarded to Bakersfield Well and Pump.

- 2) **ILRP - Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff advised that 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. Staff is processing invoices and accompanying membership revisions, if applicable.

The Central Valley Coalitions are progressing on the Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values, and Targets (GWP.) Updates to the Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plans (CGQMP) incorporating the GWP Values are to be submitted to the Regional Board by July 19, 2021. This will be completed in a single report and submitted to the Regional Board for all Central Valley Coalitions.

Progress continues on the Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative (CVGMC) Technical Workplan 5-Year Update which will also serve as the Groundwater Quality Assessment Report 5-Year Update for the Central Valley Coalitions. The Draft Report is expected for review by September 2021 with submittal to the Regional Board due November 30, 2021.

After receiving the required supplemental information from the Central Valley Salinity Coalition, the Cawelo Water District Coalition (CWDC) submitted the Notice of Intent for Pathway 2: Alternative Salinity Approach (Prioritization and Optimization Study) to the Regional Board June 17, 2021. The Regional Board acknowledged receipt of the CWDC Notice

of Intent June 23, 2021. Waste dischargers are required to submit a Notice of Intent indicating their approach to comply with the Salt Control Program to the Regional Board by July 15, 2021. Mr. Halopoff reported that the four Kern County Coalitions met June 29th to discuss options for organizing and developing required management zones under the CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program. The Regional Board has identified three subbasins in Kern County: (1) Poso, (2) Westside South, and (3) Kern River. Poso Subbasin and Westside South Subbasin have been identified as Priority 2 by the Regional Board. Kern River Subbasin is currently *not* prioritized. CWDC is located within the Poso Subbasin. It is anticipated that waste dischargers within the Priority 2 Subbasins will receive a Notice to Comply from the Regional Board for the Nitrate Control Program in early to mid-2022. A Notice to Comply timetable has not been set for waste dischargers within non-prioritized subbasins.

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 planning meetings continue.

b) **KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that other than some North of Delta water being withdrawn from dry year programs, there was nothing new to discuss at this time.

G. ATTORNEY’S REPORT

A brief discussion occurred regarding the State Water Resource Control Boards’ Racial Equity Resolution and the opportunity for the public to make comments.

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	8,150	29,289
Landowner Deliveries	7,573	23,611
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	836
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,092
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 373	- 1,430
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 June 2021 were as follows:

Chevron	34.5 cfs per day (2,052 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. Status of District wells and well water quality was discussed.

3) Review & Update Ag Water Management Plan:

Mr. Ansolabehere advised that the Draft 5-year Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) is nearing completion by GEI Consultants, under review of District staff. It is anticipated the plan will be presented for review and approval at next month's meeting.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 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 10:30 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 10:30a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Brian Blackwell

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary