

**CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**  
**SPECIAL 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-(669)-900-6833 / Meeting ID: 979 1651 8490 / Password: 917932**  
**Or via Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97916518490?pwd=a2dzVkxvNERtZFh0NTJBcE1YeGVGZz09>**  
**Thursday, August 12, 2021 - 8:45 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>	Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
<b>LEGAL COUNSEL:</b>	Robert Hartsock
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES:</b>	Jessica Bertao, Neeraj Datto, Tim Gobler, Lindsey McGuire, Andy Schweikart

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 8:45 a.m.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments at this time.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

The minutes of Special Board Meeting for July 8, 2021 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from July 8, 2021 be approved as presented.*

<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. UPDATE ON LOCAL SGMA ACTIVITIES**

In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff reported that GEI is beginning to work on the next iteration of the Data Management System (DMS) to include access levels specific to Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA's), Management Areas (MA's) and smart phone / tablet-based access. Public access to the DMS data for landowners and interested parties will also be included. The Kern Groundwater Authority (KGA) is planning to hold landowner / interested party outreach regarding the DMS soon.

The KGA adopted the Action Plan Related to Exceedance of Minimum Thresholds (Action Plan) as a draft policy at the July board meeting with the intent to address any comments received by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) after Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) review comments are received. It should be noted that Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District did provide comments and revisions to the Action Plan that were not included in the adopted draft policy as they were received after the comment deadline.

The KGA received a copy of a Kern County Proposed General Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Precise Development Plan review letter in which the county directed the applicant to provide “proof of water” for the proposed project. Because the proposed project site is located within the KGA and is to be served with groundwater, Kern County is requiring a written response from the KGA related to the availability of water for the project. The KGA is involved in the process of drafting a response. This could potentially impact the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) as future development is anticipated in the southern portion of the CGSA. Mr. Halopoff included a copy of the Kern County review letter with his written report.

There was a brief discussion regarding the KGA comment letter submitted regarding the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Draft Resolution Condemning Racism, Xenophobia and Racial Injustice and Strengthening Commitment to Racial Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Access and Anti-racism and a copy was included.

A brief discussion of the July 2021 KGA Board Meeting followed, and a copy of the meeting agenda was included.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

The CGSA Special Board meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m. The next regular CGSA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021.

*Brian Blackwell*

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Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary