

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

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Thursday, September 9, 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, Cody Tolbert

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 August 12, 2021 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the minutes from August 12, 2021 be approved as presented.*

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	7,247,855.85
Construction Funds	2,966,454.43
Reserved Funds	<u>4,182,624.66</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	14,396,934.94
Receipts for August 2021	777,601.15
Manual Cash Disbursements	3,923.92
Net Revenue through August	17,655,896.83
Total Expenses through August	<u>10,983,804.98</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	6,672,091.85

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch, and unanimously carried, that the Treasurer's Report from August, 2021 be approved as presented.*

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of August, 2021. The report covered checks 33367 through 33394 issued September 9, 2021 in the amount of \$1,092,413.77; Manual disbursements covered ACH debits and totaled \$3,923.92.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from August, 2021 be approved as presented.*

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

F. REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. North Kern Transportation Agreement

i. **Status of Project:** No report.

b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project

i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that conversations are still on going with the contractor negotiating potential change orders.

c. Well Construction Project

i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Well F-2 has been abandoned and drilling has begun on Well #17. Staff is working on utility coordination with PG&E and PWRPA.

2) ILRP - Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff advised that the deadline for Coalition Members to pay 2021 fees and submit membership revisions was July 23rd. Staff is reaching out to members who have not submitted payment and membership information.

The 2020 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is normally to be submitted to the Regional Board by August 31st. Due to COVID-19, the submittal date has been extended to October 31, 2021. The 2020 AMR is nearly complete.

The Central Valley Coalitions have begun to work on the Groundwater Protection (GWP) Targets process. The group has reallocated billing percentages for this task and CWDC's portion was slightly reduced. The deadline for public comments on the GWP Values Report was September 1, 2021. It is anticipated that there will be public workshops with the Regional Board to discuss the Report.

Progress continues on the Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative (CV GMC) Technical Workplan 5-Year Update. The update will also serve as the Groundwater Quality Assessment Report (GAR) 5-Year Update for the Central Valley coalitions. The draft report has been provided and is currently being reviewed by staff. The final report is due to the Regional Board November 30, 2021.

The four Kern County coalitions continue to discuss and develop options for organizing and creating required management zones under the CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program. It is anticipated that waste dischargers within the Priority 2 subbasins will receive a Notice to Comply (NTC) from the Regional Board for the Nitrate Control Program mid-2022.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) notified the SSJV MPEP that the Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Program application submitted was deemed complete. The tentative grant award date is late 2021 and, if awarded, work is to begin in March 2022.

The group has requested Ken Miller with Formation Environmental to submit a proposal for the SSJV MPEP technical consultant lead, replacing John Dickey. It is planned to have the proposal reviewed, accepted, and a contract in place prior to January 1, 2022.

The Central Valley coalitions submitted a comment letter (copy included in presentation) to the SWRCB regarding the proposed 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Ag Lands (ILRP) Water Quality Fees. The group requested that the SWRCB consider a reduction or an extended deferral in the pending fees due to the current issues facing agriculture.

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)** – No discussion.

b) **KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – No discussion.

G. ATTORNEY’S REPORT - Mr. Hartsock briefly reported that Governor Newsom issued a new Executive Order (N-08-21) and that the previous temporary suspension of various Brown Act provisions regarding teleconference meetings pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 will no longer be effective after September 30, 2021.

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

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

Ac-Ft Delivered

YTD

Supplies Received	8,181	45,513
Landowner Deliveries	7,481	38,387
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	836
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,092
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 403	- 2,230
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 August 2021 were as follows:

Chevron	33.8 cfs per day (2,015 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.9 cfs per day (469 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.

3) Consideration of Kern Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP):

- a) **Adopt Resolution No. 696 – RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAWELO WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE UPDATED MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that Resolution No. 696 be adopted as presented.*

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

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 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 10:52 a.m. It was 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 10:52 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, October 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Brian Blackwell

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary