

# CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

## BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308  
Public Participation Possible via Zoom 1-(669)-900-6833  
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Thursday, October 14, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

### MINUTES

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**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:** Audrey, Jessica Bertao, Taylor Blakslee, Tim Gobler, Maryse Suppiger

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**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 September 9, 2021 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the minutes from September 9, 2021 be approved as presented.*

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

General Funds	5,550,977.62
Construction Funds	2,966,472.99
Reserved Funds	<u>4,394,943.38</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>12,912.393.99</b>
Receipts for September 2021	219,736.46
Manual Cash Disbursements	474,691.07
Net Revenue through September	17,910,338.28
Total Expenses through September	<u>14,457,987.78</u>
<b>NET REVENUE / &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>3,452,350.50</b>

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

**D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of September, 2021. The report covered checks 33400 through 33446 issued October 13, 2021 in the amount of \$2,339,217.85; Manual disbursements covered ACH debits and checks 33396 through 33398 totaling \$474,691.07.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from September, 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 there has been no response from the contractor after the last proposal from District Staff.

**c. Well Construction Project**

i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Well #17 has been drilled to approximately an 1,800-foot depth, cased with 18” casing, and sealed. Well development is scheduled to start next week.

**2) ILRP - Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff advised that the 2020 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) was submitted to the Regional Board October 13, 2021, prior to the October 31, 2021 extended deadline.

The Regional Board received two comment letters on the Groundwater Protection (GWP) Values Report during the public comment period. The Regional Board will present the GWP Values Report on October 15, 2021. The Central Valley Coalitions are continuing with the development of a workplan for the GWP Targets process.

The Central Valley Coalitions continue to make progress on the CV-GMC Technical Workplan 5-Year Update. This 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 staff has provided revisions and comments to the CV-GMC. The final report is due to the Regional Board by November 30th of this year.

The four Kern County Coalitions have attended workshops with other Kern County waste discharger stakeholders to discuss and develop options for organizing and creating required management zones under the CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program on September 10<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that waste dischargers within the Priority 2 subbasins (which includes CWDC) will receive a Notice to Comply (NTC) from the Regional Board for the Nitrate Control Program mid-2022.

The South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP) will transition to Formation Environmental as the technical consultant lead, replacing John Dickey and PlanTierra, as of January 1, 2022.

UC Davis has begun planning for the citrus specific field studies to support the N Removed work through the Fertilizer Research and Education Program (FREP) grant.

The Regional Board recently sent out postcards to members enrolled in all Central Valley Coalitions to remind them that under the General Order, they are required to sample any on-farm well used for human consumption for nitrate + nitrite (as N) by December 31, 2021 and submit the sample to an ELAP certified laboratory. If a member does not have an on-farm well used for human consumption, no action is necessary.

**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 discussed Governor Newsom’s recent Executive Order (N-08-21), effective September 30, 2021, that lifted the temporary suspension of various Brown Act provisions regarding teleconference meetings. The Board of Directors of Cawelo Water District and District Staff agree that it is in the District’s best interest to continue with monthly meetings pursuant to the standard Brown Act provisions pertaining to in-person and teleconference meetings, but that teleconferencing will continue to be made available to the public for the present time.

**H. ENGINEER’S REPORT**

**1) Adopt Resolution No. 697 – RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAWELO WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM: DROUGHT RESILIENCY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.**

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. 697 be adopted as presented.*

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

**I. MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	5,967	51,480
Landowner Deliveries	4,687	43,074
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	836
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,092
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 85	- 2,315
Diversion 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 September 2021 were as follows:

Chevron	32.8 cfs per day (1,952 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.7 cfs per day (458 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.

There was a brief discussion regarding Famoso Solar Project and PG&E approval / analysis for increased capacity and expansion. Mr. Ansolabehere advised that White Pine/Scooby Solar LLC has made a proposal that could be very beneficial with additional kilowatt hours at a varied cost. Staff will review and advise in upcoming meetings.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:37 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 10:28 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 10:28 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

*Brian Blackwell*

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Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary