

# 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, December 9, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

### MINUTES

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

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at approximately 9:03 a.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Board meeting for November 11, 2021 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the minutes from November 11, 2021 be approved as presented.*

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

General Funds	2,366,515.35
Construction Funds	2,968,359.09
Reserved Funds	<u>6,214,231.92</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>11,549,106.36</b>
Receipts for November 2021	2,190,177.52
Manual Cash Disbursements	1,390,957.39
Net Revenue through November	17,910,338.28
Total Expenses through November	<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 Smith, and unanimously carried, that the Treasurer's Report from November, 2021 be approved as presented.*

**D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of November, 2021. The report covered checks 33491 through 33535 issued December 8, 2021 in the amount of \$4,891,681.60; Manual disbursements covered ACH debits and check numbers 33485 through 33490 totaling \$1,390,957.39.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from November, 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 the final change order has been approved and the District's consultant is preparing a Notice of Completion.

**c. Well Construction Project**

i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that project is progressing as scheduled.

**2) ILRP**

**a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff advised that the 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report for Poso Creek was submitted to the Regional Board November 30, 2021.

The Central Valley Coalitions submitted the CVGMC five-Year Assessment Report and the Cawelo Water District Coalition Groundwater Quality Assessment Report (GAR) Five-Year Update to the Regional Board November 30, 2021.

The 2020 Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring (GQTM) data was submitted November 29, 2021.

Mr. Halopoff advised that the four (4) Kern County Coalitions have attended workshops with other Kern County discharger stakeholders 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 SSJV MPEP is beginning to discuss the General Order requirements for nitrogen applied and removed (A/R) metrics. The General Order requires the coalitions to develop a range of acceptable A/R or A-R metrics to assist in grower education and outreach. The group is developing a scope to develop the A/R metrics, which is planned to involve commodity groups and the UC Extension. It is anticipated that this work product will have overlap with the GWP Targets process.

The Kern County Coalitions are beginning to plan the January 2022 winter grower outreach meetings for the ILRP members. There will be one (1) Zoom meeting option, January 12, 2022, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and one (1) in-person meeting option at the Kern County Ag Pavilion, January 11, 2022, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Zoom meeting will be recorded and made available on the internet for members that are unable to attend the live or in-person meetings. Postcard and e-mail notices will be sent out to members this month.

### 3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

- a) **Local SGMA Activities** – No update was provided because the matter was discussed at the Cawelo GSA Special Board meeting.
- b) **Approve LandIQ Proposal** – In addition to providing a written copy of the LandIQ Proposal, Mr. Halopoff reported that the LandIQ proposal includes development of monthly field by field estimates of actual evapotranspiration (ET) occurring within the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) boundary. Included in the deliverables will also be monthly precipitation data, twice-yearly field by field crop mapping, and installation of data monitoring stations in various locations throughout the CGSA. A web tool will be used to relay the results each month. Proposed costs are \$3,925 / month for a period of 36 months.

*After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the LandIQ Proposal for Data Driven Method (LDDM) For Evapotranspiration, Precipitation, and Crop Type at the Field Level – Cawelo Water District, be approved as presented.*

### 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** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the current State Water Allocation for 2022 is estimated to be 0%.

G. **ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – No report at this time.

**H. ENGINEER’S REPORT** – No report at this time.

**1) Resolution No. 699:**

In Support of Filing and Application with the Bureau of Reclamation for a Grant Under the Bay-Delta Restoration Program: *Calfed Water Use Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2022.*

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that Resolution 699 In Support of Filing an Application with the Bureau of Reclamation for a Grant Under the By-Delta Restoration Program: Calfed Water Use Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2022, be approved as presented.*

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Watkins, Blackwell, Smith</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Gaugel, Birch</b>

**I. MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	3,309	59,569
Landowner Deliveries	1,985	48,660
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	836
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,092
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 232	- 2,786
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 November 2021 were as follows:

Chevron	32.6 cfs per day (1,942 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.8 cfs per day (464 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) Resolution No. 700:**

Approve Execution of United States Department of Energy Contract 20-SNR-02303 for Electrical Service Base Resource with Cawelo Water District:

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that Resolution 700 Approving the Execution of United States Department of Energy Contract 20-SNR-02303 for Electrical Service Base Resource with Cawelo Water District be approved as presented.*

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Watkins, Blackwell, Smith</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Gaugel, Birch</b>

**4) Review Support Request from Sustainable Kern:**

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District has received a request for support from Sustainable Kern and has some questions regarding the matter. District staff recommends that consideration be deferred at this time.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:38 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 10:03 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 10:03 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

*John Gaugel*

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John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary