

# **CAWELO WATER DISTRICT**

## **BOARD MEETING**

*17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308*

**Public Participation Possible via Zoom 1-(669)-900-6833**

**Meeting ID: 852 7215 7079 / Passcode: 711004**

**Or via Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85275157079?pwd=MEVJZGVldUIRN2hnQkRMaWRZU3Uxdz09>

***Thursday, May 12, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.***

### **MINUTES**

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch, Eric Robbins

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** N/A

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Robert Hartsock

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Jessica Bertao, Maryse Suppiger

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#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at approximately 9:19 a.m.

#### **B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Board meeting for April 14, 2022 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Robbins and unanimously carried, that the minutes from April 14, 2022** be approved as presented.

#### **C. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2022 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for April were as follows:

General Funds	3,670,088.20
Construction Funds	721,091.36
Reserved Funds	<u>3,132,074.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>7,523,253.56</b>
Receipts for April 2022	5,869,329.86
Manual Cash Disbursements	921.58
Net Revenue through April	13,225,166.62
Total Expenses through April	<u>4,758,670.48</u>
<b>NET REVENUE / &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>8,466,496.14</b>

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried, that the Treasurer's Report from April, 2022** be approved as presented.

#### **D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of April, 2022. The report covered checks 33741 through 33795 issued May 11, 2022 in the amount of \$953,867.32; Manual disbursements covered ACH debits totaling \$921.58.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Robbins and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from April, 2022** 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:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that he has spoken with the North Kern Water Storage District manager and the information sent to its manager is still under review.

###### **b. Well Equipping Project**

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that project is currently on schedule, equipment and material is being installed, and the foundations are complete.

###### **c. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station**

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that project is at approximately 70% design completion. Motor control buildings and equipment options are being reviewed for efficiency, etc.

##### **2) ILRP**

- a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the Annual Member Reporting, Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values and Targets, Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative (CVGMC), CV-SALTS, and the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP). Mr. Halopoff did advise that the CWDC 2021 Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring Report was submitted to the Regional Board on April 29, 2022.

##### **3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update**

- a. Local SGMA Activities** – Mr. Halopoff provided an update on the Land IQ eddy covariance station installations.

**4) Financial and Personnel**

- a) **Employee Compensation** – No report at this time.

**5) SWP**

- a) **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)** – No report at this time.  
b) **KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – Nothing at this time.

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

**H. ENGINEER’S REPORT** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that District staff will contact the new permitting representative, Scott McFarlane.

**1) Adopt Resolution No. 706 – Supporting 2023 WaterSmart Grant Application**

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 706 – approving the 2023 WaterSmart Grant Application and authorizing District General Manager, David Ansolabehere, to enter into an agreement with Reclamation on behalf of the District,** be approved as presented.

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Birch, Robbins</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>0</b>	

**I. MANAGER’S REPORT**

**1) Water Deliveries/Supplies** into the District for April 2022 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	3,394	12,296
Landowner Deliveries	3,068	9,156
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	962
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,690
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 170	- 615
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 April 2022 were as follows:  
Chevron 35.3 cfs per day (2,102 ac-ft.)

CRC/Bell Aire

7.8 cfs per day (469 ac-ft.)

**2) System Operations & Maintenance:**

Copper sulfate applications to the distribution canal and reservoirs continue as needed. Meter repairs are still being conducted throughout the District.

**a) Pump Station “B” MCC Modernization**

Proposals have been received from WEG & Schneider to modernize the Pump Station “B” motor control center (MCC). Both proposals have been reviewed by District staff for cost, efficiency, etc. Staff reported the WEG proposal is preferable as it includes all new equipment and enclosures while Schneider’s proposal is a retrofill using existing elements. WEG is a US manufacturer based in Georgia with all items reported to be in stock.

Mr. Ansolabehere further advised that PWRPA Cap & Trade funds could be used to cover nearly 90% of associated costs, minimizing impacts to the District’s approved 2022 budget.

**3) Adopt Resolution No. 705 – Approving PG&E Easement:**

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 705 – *authorizing the District General Manager, David Ansolabehere, to execute the PG&E easement deed and to take any other action reasonably necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution*** be approved as presented.

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Birch, Robbins</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>0</b>	

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:58 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)(3) (two matters) and (d)(4) (three matters):**
- 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 11:09 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 11:09 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

  
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John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary