

# CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

## BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

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Thursday, August 11, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

### MINUTES

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Keith Watkins

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Robert Hartsock

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Kevin P., Parker Rous

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Smith 9:01 a.m.

#### B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for July 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 July 14, 2022** be approved as presented.

#### C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	2,287,843.61
Construction Funds	346,909.24
Reserved Funds	<u>3,135,404.48</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>5,770,157.33</b>
Receipts for July 2022	260,206.65
Manual Cash Disbursements	24,327.68
Net Revenue through July	15,949,169.47
Total Expenses through July	<u>13,526,869.43</u>
<b>NET REVENUE / &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>2,422,300.04</b>

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

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

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of July 2022. The report covered checks 33932 through 33983 issued August 10, 2022 in the amount of \$1,716,154.93; Manual disbursements covered checks 33856, 33903 through 33905, 33930 and ACH debits totaling \$24,327.68.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Robbins and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from July, 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 district staff is in the process of scheduling an in-person meeting with NKWSD staff and possibly legal counsel.

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

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported Well #17 is operational on temporary diesel generator power. The Well #16 primary electrical conduit is installed and PG&E power is expected sometime after October.

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

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the plans have been submitted to USBR and Friant Water Authority for review and comment. The electrical design is being developed by L&L Electrical and JPES.

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

- a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the Annual Member Invoices, Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values, and Targets, South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP), and CV-SALTS. In addition, Mr. Halopoff reported the Annual Monitoring Report is currently being developed to be submitted to the Regional Board August 31, 2022, and the CWDC Annual Membership List was submitted to the Regional Board July 28, 2022.

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

- a. Local SGMA Activities** – No report at this time.

**b. Approve Monitoring Access Agreements**

The District is in the process of obtaining access agreement for purposes of SGMA and the District’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Director Gaugel abstained from the discussion and vote on this particular agreement due to a potential conflict of interest.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Robbins and carried, with Director Gaugel abstaining, that the Monitoring Access Agreements** be approved as presented.

**4) Financial and Personnel**

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

**5) SWP**

**a. Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the Draft Environmental Impact Report has been circulated for public review.

**b. KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – No report at this time.

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

**H. ENGINEER’S REPORT**

**1) Proposition 1 Round 2 Poso Creek IRWM Grant Application**

Mr. Halopoff reported that GEI is completing the IRWM Grant Application for the Districts’ Reuse of Produced Water Project. There is \$15M in available funds across (7) IRWM regions. The Poso Creek IRWM is submitting five (5) projects in the grant application. Grant funds, if awarded, will be divided equally between the Poso IRWM project applicants. The Grant Application is due August 19, 2022.

**I. MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	7,910	33,181
Landowner Deliveries	6,881	27,701
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	962
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,690
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 390	- 1,471
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 July 2022 were as follows:  
Chevron 35.1 cfs per day (2,089 ac-ft.)

CRC/Bell Aire

8.3 cfs per day (497 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.

**3) Pump Station “B” MCC Modernization:**

In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Ansolabehere presented the District staffs’ proposal for maintenance/replacement of starters and electrical metering equipment at Pump Station “B”. District staff has repeatedly met with equipment suppliers and electrical consultants to discuss all available options for the MCC modernization. After reviewing all options, District staff is recommending the following course of action:

- Have starters re-built at a cost of \$23k per starter (8 X \$23k = \$184,000) providing a 25-year life.
- X-ray all cables to verify exact locations of conduit runs.
- Prepare a plan to replace conduit runs in an alternate location when cables cannot be reliably operated.
- Megger all cables annually to verify ability to carry electrical load efficiently.
- Prepare plan to either modify existing MCC building with above-ground new conduit runs or cut the center out of existing buildings(s) and install underground conduit runs.
- Same planned operations will be performed for Pump Station “C”.

Mr. Ansolabehere added that this planned maintenance operation is intended to provide the pump stations an additional 25-year life expectancy with the ability to replace conduits without stopping operations of the pump stations. Staff would begin conduit replacement only when megger test results show a degradation of the existing cables. This approach would allow the work to be performed in phases, as needed, and require minimal down time for the pump stations.

**4) Malibu Vineyards Industrial Parkway Notice of Preparation:**

District is in receipt of a Notice of Preparation from the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department for the Malibu Vineyards Industrial Parkway Project. The proposed project would be developed in 2 phases. Phase 1 includes 534 acres within Cawelo WD Service Area and Phase 2 includes 205 acres within North Kern WSD. Staff will review the proposed project to identify any potential issues or conflicts with District facilities and respond to the County if needed. Responses must be submitted to Kern County Planning by September 5, 2022. Cawelo will also have opportunities to submit comments during the EIR and other environmental studies that will be performed for the proposed project.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:57 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 10:13 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 10:13 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

  
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John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary