

# **CAWELO WATER DISTRICT**

## **BOARD MEETING**

*17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308*  
**Public Participation Possible via Zoom 1-(669)-900-6833**  
**Meeting ID: 852 7588 3888 / Passcode: 338673**

**Or via Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85275883888?pwd=ZnV0VkFEckk0TVY5M2dWYmZMTkhaZz09>

***Thursday, September 8, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.***

### **MINUTES**

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel  
**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Spencer Birch, Eric Robbins  
**STAFF PRESENT:** David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman  
**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Robert Hartsock  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Kevin P., Cody Tolbert

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

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:02 a.m.

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

Minutes of the Board meeting for August 11, 2022 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the minutes from August 11, 2022** be approved as presented.

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

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

General Funds	3,972,134.04
Construction Funds	346,937.21
Reserved Funds	<u>3,704,267.28</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>8,023,338.57</b>
Receipts for August 2022	4,681,220.31
Manual Cash Disbursements	19,549.92
Net Revenue through August	19,716,485.52
Total Expenses through August	<u>15,403,771.42</u>
<b>NET REVENUE / &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>4,312,714.10</b>

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

**1) Consideration of 2021 Audit**

Mr. Neeraj Datto, CPA, and Ms. Lindsey Gentry, CPA, presented and discussed the 2021 Independent Audit findings of Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation and included a written report.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote*, that the 2021 Audit be accepted as presented.

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

**D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of August 2022. The report covered checks 34034 through 34081 issued September 7, 2022 in the amount of \$1,529,986.86; Manual disbursements covered checks 33931, 34029 through 34030 and ACH debits totaling \$19,549.92.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from August, 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 has scheduled a meeting with North Kern staff to discuss the Transportation Agreement.

**b. Well Equipping Project**

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported Well #17 is operational via temporary diesel generator power and is expected to be shut down in the next few weeks. Well #16's electrical cabinets were set and the block building will be constructed this month. PG&E power is still expected sometime after October.

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

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that all submittals have been made to USBR and Friant Water Authority. Additionally, the project may be bid in two separate bid packages to separate the Friant-Kern Canal turnout from the pump station so the turnout construction can occur during the scheduled Friant-Kern Canal shut down period this winter.

**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, and CV-SALTS. In addition, Mr. Halopoff reported on the newly formed Kern Water Collaborative (KWC) and advised of Board of Director appointments for the represented industries. The 2021 Calendar Year Annual Monitoring Report and 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report were both submitted to the Regional Board on August 31, 2022.

**3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update**

- a. Local SGMA Activities** – Mr. Halopoff reported that District staff is reviewing proposals for post-processing the Land IQ evapotranspiration data to provide to District landowners for informational purposes.

**4) Financial and Personnel**

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

**5) SWP**

- a. Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there is a KCWA meeting at 1:30 p.m. today to discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Report status.
- b. KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – No report at this time.

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

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

**I. MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	8,076	41,257
Landowner Deliveries	7,347	38,253
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	962
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,690
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 389	- 2,008

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 August 2022 were as follows:

Chevron	35.4 cfs per day (2,106 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.5 cfs per day (448 ac-ft.)

It was also noted that because of the scheduled dewatering of the Friant Kern Canal, the return of water to Zone 7 will likely be reduced this fall.

**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. MCC Modernization at Pump Station “B” is underway and District staff is anticipating replacement of all starters at both Pump Stations “B” and “C”.

**3) Resolution No. 707 – Approving CAWELO WATER DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER (Amended February 8, 2000)**

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following roll-call vote, that Resolution No. 707 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAWELO WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AND SETTING FORTH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER* be adopted as presented:

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

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m. to Closed Session.

**J. CLOSED SESSION:**

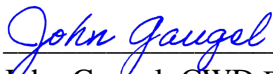
- 1) To confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation under authority of Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) California Department of Water Resources v All Persons Interested, Sac. Sup. Ct. No. 34-2020-00283112; Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v KCWA, KCSC BCV-21-100418; (d)(2)(3) (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 10:14 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 10:14 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

  
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John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary