

# 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 13, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

### MINUTES

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Keith Watkins (via Zoom), Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Eric Robbins

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Isaac St. Lawrence (via Zoom)

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Jessica Bertao, Kevin Padway, Maryse Suppiger, Cody Tolbert

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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 8, 2022 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, *that the minutes from September 8, 2022*** be approved as presented.

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Birch</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Robbins</b>

#### C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	1,745,879.74
Construction Funds	346,979.85
Reserved Funds	<u>5,197,371.11</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>7,290,230.70</b>
Receipts for September 2022	1,632,017.71
Manual Cash Disbursements	681,286.83
Net Revenue through September	19,730,043.87

Total Expenses through September	<u>17,615,834.34</u>
<b>NET REVENUE / &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>2,114,209.53</b>

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch, and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, *that the Treasurer's Report from September, 2022*** be approved as presented.

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Birch</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Robbins</b>

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

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of September 2022. The report covered checks 34091 through 34150 issued October 12, 2022 in the amount of \$2,136,174.63; Manual disbursements covered checks 34033, 34082 through 34086 and ACH debits totaling \$681,286.83.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, *that the Accounts Payable from September, 2022*** be approved as presented.

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Birch</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Robbins</b>

**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 met with North Kern staff to discuss the Transportation Agreement and discussions are progressing.

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

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported Well #17's generators have been removed and the District is waiting for PG&E electrical distribution and service design. Well #16's electrical service is expected to be completed by late November after PG&E inspection of the solar facility.

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

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there was a mandatory pre-bid job-walk October 12, 2022 for the Friant-Kern Canal Turnout/In & Appurtenances portion of the project. Bids are due to the District October 21, 2022. After

discussion, the Board requested District staff to attempt to schedule a Special Board Meeting to review the received bids. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported that District staff has been coordinating with Friant Water Authority and USBR to obtain the required license agreement for construction within the USBR right of way.

2) **ILRP**

- a. **Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values, and Targets (GWP), and CV-SALTS. Mr. Halopoff advised that the Kern Water Collaborative (KWC) is in the process of filing IRS paperwork for 501(c)(3) status and other administrative tasks. It was also noted that suspected waste dischargers within the Priority 2 subbasins will receive a Notice to Comply (NTC) from the Regional Board for the Nitrate Control Program in August, 2023.

3) **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update**

- a. **Local SGMA Activities** – Mr. Halopoff reported that District staff has executed agreements with two (2) landowners for placement of the ET stations. District staff is currently reviewing proposals from Provost & Pritchard and Land IQ for post-processing the ET data to distribute to District landowners. District staff recommends proceeding with the Land IQ proposal to post-process the ET data for continuity and efficiency.

4) **Financial and Personnel**

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

5) **SWP**

- a. **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the public comment period for the administrative draft of the environmental analysis has been extended to December 2022.
- 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 September 2022 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	6,755	48,012
Landowner Deliveries	5,301	43,554
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	962
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,690

System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 395	- 2,412
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 September 2022 were as follows:

Chevron	32.3 cfs per day (1,920 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.6 cfs per day (454 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 MCC Modernization:**

Mr. Ansolabehere reported the District staff has removed four (4) starters from Pump Station “B” and one (1) from Pump Station “C” for refurbishment. When the refurbished starters are completed and installed additional starters will be removed for refurbishment. Costs are as anticipated and progress will be updated again next month.

**4) Recovery for Zone 7:**

Mr. Ansolabehere reported the Zone 7 recovery operations did not start in September, as anticipated, due to Friant-Kern Canal dewatering complications. After discussions with Friant Water Authority and USBR staff, recovery operations commenced October 2022 and will continue through November 15, 2022 and start again in January/February, 2023.

**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)(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**

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- K. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 9:51 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 9:51 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

*John Gaugel*

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John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary