

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

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Thursday, December 8, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Spencer Birch

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jessica Bertao, D. Gosling, Kevin Padway

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 November 10, 2022 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Robbins and unanimously carried, that the minutes from November 10, 2022** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	1,729,352.90
Construction Funds	347,218.02
Reserved Funds	<u>4,288,957.92</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	6,365,528.84
Receipts for November 2022	1,338,695.01
Manual Cash Disbursements	84,119.02
Net Revenue through November	21,459,372.79
Total Expenses through November	<u>19,767,338.68</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	1,692,034.11

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of November 2022. The report covered checks 34195 through 34235 issued December 7, 2022 in the amount of \$472,800.84; Manual disbursements covered checks 34191 through 34194 and ACH debits totaling \$84,119.02. Ms. Giles advised that 2023 KCWA invoices, due January 4, 2023, total \$3,796,817.00. A manual check will be issued for same and hand delivered on due date.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Robbins and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from November, 2022 and the payment to KCWA,** 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 and North Kern Water Storage District (North Kern) Staff have met and proposed edits to the draft revised Transportation Agreement to address current conditions. The Transportation Agreement modifications have been provided to the City of Bakersfield (COB) and COB comments are being reviewed by North Kern.

b. Equipping of Well #16 and Well #17

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Well #16 is still waiting for power dependent on the solar interconnection with PG&E. Due to material delays, completion of the interconnection is anticipated February 2023. There is no schedule from PG&E for Well #17 power connection, and District Staff is working with a landowner on the powerpole alignment easement.

c. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that contractors have been on site for about two weeks. The Friant-Kern Canal panels have been cut into and the contractor is framing the turnout/in structure. The first structure concrete pour is scheduled for the week of December 19th.

2) **ILRP**

- a. **Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values, and Targets (GWP), CV-SALTS, and reported that the 2022 3rd Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report for Poso Creek was submitted to the Regional Board November 30, 2022.

3) **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update**

a. **Local SGMA Activities**

- i. **Landowner Reports** – Mr. Halopoff reported that District Staff continues to work with LandIQ to develop quarterly reports. Web platforms to support the quarterly reports are under review, as well.

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** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that DWR has provided an initial allocation of 5% for the SWP.

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

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

1) **Adopt Resolution No. 709 - Poso Creek Drought Contingency Plan (DCP):**

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. 709 – Poso Creek Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)*** be adopted as presented.

AYES:	4	Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Robbins
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	1	Birch

2) **Adopt Resolution No. 710 – Amendment to the 2019 Poso Creek Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Update:**

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Robbins and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, *that***

Resolution No. 710 – Amendment to the 2019 Poso Creek Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Update be adopted as presented.

AYES: 4 Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Robbins
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Birch

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,338	54,506
Landowner Deliveries	1,988	48,565
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	962
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,690
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 164	- 2,783
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 2022 were as follows:

Chevron	30.7 cfs per day (1,826 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	8.5 cfs per day (503 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) Recovery for Zone 7:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that November deliveries totaled 544 AF from November 1st to November 15th. Deliveries will resume in February 2023.

4) Adopt Resolution No. 711 – In Appreciation of Robert W. Hartsock’s Years of Service as CWD Legal Counsel:

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. 711 – In Appreciation of Robert W. Hartsock’s Years of Service as CWD Legal Counsel**, be adopted as presented.

AYES: 4 Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Robbins
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Birch

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 10:41 a.m. It was announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that would require disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

The Board then considered Agenda Item F.4(a), Employee Compensation / Benefits.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Robbins, seconded by Director Smith and carried, that the General Manager's recommendations for compensation increases be approved, in addition to an increase in compensation to the General Manager of 8.4%.*

L. ADJOURNMENT – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary