

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, January 12, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, 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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jessica Bertao, Whitney Jackson, Kevin Padway, Parker Rous, Maryse Suppiger, Cody Tolbert

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 December 8, 2022 were presented for approval.

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

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	1,370,726.90
Construction Funds	347,296.03
Reserved Funds	<u>4,707,509.37</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	6,425,532.30
Receipts for December 2022	763,758.20
Manual Cash Disbursements	6,375.13
Net Revenue through December	21,847,642.87
Total Expenses through December	<u>20,629,032.49</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	1,218,610.38

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2022** be approved as presented.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of December 2022. The report covered checks 34241 through 34295 issued January 11, 2023 in the amount of \$1,905,486.49; Manual disbursements covered checks 34236 through 34238 and ACH debits totaling \$6,375.13.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from December, 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 City of Bakersfield comments on the revisions to the agreement are under review by North Kern Water Storage District.

b. Equipping of Well #16 and Well #17

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Well #16 is still waiting for power which is dependent on the solar interconnection with PG&E, tentatively scheduled for February 2023. The PG&E site plan for Well #17 is expected early next week. There is no schedule from PG&E for Well #17 construction improvements and service, and District Staff continues work with the landowner on the power pole alignment easement.

c. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that turnout/in structure construction is completed and being backfilled. Concrete panels were poured yesterday. Friant-Kern Canal is scheduled to be back online February 2023.

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,

South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation (SSJV MPEP), and the Kern County Coalition Winter Outreach Meetings.

3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

- a. **Local SGMA Activities** – Mr. Halopoff reported that District Staff is still working with LandIQ on developing quarterly reporting templates. Web reporting options are also being discussed and reviewed. District Staff is still reaching out to landowners for the additional two (2) ET measurement stations.

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, and even with recent heavy hydrologic events, the allocation has not changed.

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 December 2022 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,491	56,997
Landowner Deliveries	762	49,326
East Poso Basin Recharge	763	1,599
Famoso Basin Recharge	967	2,059
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 125	- 2,909
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 December 2022 were as follows:

Chevron	34.2 cfs per day (2,036 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	8.5 cfs per day (455 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) Malibu Vineyards:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that District Staff is working with Malibu Vineyards and Oildale Mutual Water Company to provide requested information for Oildale Mutual Water Company's development of a Water Supply Assessment. Legal Counsel explained the purpose of a Water Supply Assessment and presented a proposed response in the form of a draft letter. The Board discussed the proposed response which noted the District cannot guarantee a future water supply.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that Draft Letter regarding Malibu Vineyards, be approved, subject to final legal review.**

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:42 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 10:18 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 10:18 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary