

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, February 9, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jessica Bertao, Nicole Bonna, John Ocana, Kevin Padway, Maddie Reyes, Parker Rous, Cody Tolbert, Todd Turley

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:01 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for January 12, 2023 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 January 12, 2023** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2023 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for January were as follows:

General Funds	5,541,079.74
Construction Funds	347,386.04
Reserved Funds	<u>1,710,090.47</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	7,598,556.25
Receipts for January 2023	6,560,004.18
Manual Cash Disbursements	3,905,309.92
Net Revenue through January	7,459,187.16
Total Expenses through January	<u>5,842,990.15</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	1,616,197.01

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 January, 2023** be approved as presented.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of January 2023. The report covered checks 34310 through 34355 issued February 8, 2023 in the amount of \$753,606.93; Manual disbursements covered checks 34239 through 34305 and ACH debits totaling \$3,905.309.92.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from January, 2023**, 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. PG&E has provided the site plan and power extension plans for Well #17. The Contractor will begin to construct the Well #17 site improvements as per the PG&E plans.

c. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that turnout/in structure construction is complete. The turnout/in structure outlet is stubbed out and the flow meter, vault, and additional pipeline will be constructed next month. Easement and access/egress agreements will be finalized with the landowner prior to end of construction.

2) ILRP

- a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on Annual Member Reporting due March 1, 2023, Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values, and Targets (GWP), CV-SALTS, South San Joaquin Valley

Management Practices Evaluation Program (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 in discussion with 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 updated allocation of 30% (reservoir based) for the SWP. Mr. Ansolabehere also provided an update on the DWR Health & Human Safety Guidelines.

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 January 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,388	2,388
Landowner Deliveries	294	294
East Poso Basin Recharge	754	754
Famoso Basin Recharge	1,221	1,221
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 119	- 119
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 January 2023 were as follows:

Chevron	32.8 cfs per day (1,956 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.2 cfs per day (432 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. Modernization continues and now includes a SCADA HMI update to Geo-SCADA. The District's existing SCADA HMI software does not have support services offered anymore and to ensure system reliability the HMI update is needed.

3) 215 Application Resolution:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that District Staff is working on completing applications for USBR Section 215 temporary water. Once applications are complete, District Legal Counsel will draft a Resolution for the Board. The USBR requires Board Resolution for approval of Section 215 Temporary Water Contracts.

4) Bond Update:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that District Staff is working with Bond Counsel to develop a bond schedule. Once the bond schedule is established, District Staff will present it to the Board to ensure that the proposed schedule meets the needs of the District.

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 10:45 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 10:45 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary