

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, April 13, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch,
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
STAFF ABSENT: Dave Halopoff
LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence
OTHER ATTENDEES: Jeremy Blackwell, Michael Beagle, Bruce Kelsey, Kevin Padway, Parker Rous, Cody Tolbert

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:05 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for March 16, 2023 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the minutes from March 16, 2023 be approved as presented.**

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	3,699,970.20
Construction Funds	347,669.17
Reserved Funds	<u>1,736,202.18</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	5,783,841.55
Receipts for March 2023	615,159.92
Manual Cash Disbursements	87,187.08
Net Revenue through March	13,604,291.00
Total Expenses through March	<u>6,312,391.65</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	7,291,899.35

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2023** be approved as presented.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of March 2023. The report covered checks 34435 through 34478 issued April 12, 2023 in the amount of \$544,913.11; Manual disbursements covered checks 34359 through 34432 and ACH debits totaling \$87,187.08.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from March, 2023**, be approved as presented.

E. PUBLIC HEARING at 9:30 a.m.

President Watkins continued with the subsequent agenda items and returned to Agenda Item E just prior to 9:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m. President Watkins opened the Public Hearing; at which time a brief description was given on the need for and amount of the proposed 2023 Special Assessments.

No public comments were made nor received.

The Public Hearing was closed at approximately 9:32, at which time Resolution No. 714 – Levying Special Assessments for the Year 2023, was presented to the Board for approval and adoption.

1) Adopt Resolution 714 – Levying 2023 Special Assessments

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 714 – Levying 2023 Special Assessments**, be approved as presented.

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

G. REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. North Kern Transportation Agreement

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the 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. Well #17 electrical conduit and transformer pad has been installed. PG&E needs to construct the pole line and no timeline has been provided.

c. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that turnout construction is complete, with the flowmeter vault, flowmeter, and meter spool remaining. Easement and access/egress agreements are being finalized with the landowner.
- ii. **Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere advised that District staff has been in discussion with W.M. Lyles regarding the future pump station construction. W.M. Lyles is willing to agree to a T&M + 10% contract that is allowed by the District's Purchasing Policy. District Staff is to provide a proposal from W.M. Lyles for the Board to review at a later date.

d. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. **Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that 2023 Poso Creek Flood Emergency Repairs are underway and will continue until completed.
- ii. **Ratify Emergency W.M. Lyles T & M Contract:** In addition to providing a hard copy, Mr. Ansolabehere presented the W.M. Lyles T & M Contract.
After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the W.M. Lyles T & M Contract for Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs,** be ratified.
- iii. **Ratify Emergency L & L Electrical T & M Contract**
After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the L & L Electrical T & M Contract for Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs,** be ratified.
- iv. **Ratify Emergency A-C Electric T & M Contract**
After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the A-C Electric T & M Contract for Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs,** be ratified.
- v. **Adopt Resolution 715 – Poso Creek Flood Emergency**
After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following roll call**

**vote, unanimously carried, that Resolution 715 – Declaring An
Emergency As a Result of the 2023 Flooding, be adopted, as presented.**

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

2) **ILRP**

- a. **Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Ansolabehere provided updates on the Annual Member Reporting (due March 1st), Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values, and Targets (GWP), CV-SALTS, and the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP).
- b. **Approve 2023CY Budget and Proposed Fee** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Ansolabehere reviewed the proposed 2023CY Budget and proposed that the CWDC 2023CY fees be increased to cover proposed budget - \$6.25 per irrigated acre for the CWDC and \$8.50 per irrigated acre in the Supplemental Coverage Area (SCA).

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the 2023CY Budget and Proposed Fee** be approved as instructed by the Board so that reserves would total \$55,000 rather than \$90,000 as presented.

3) **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update**

- a. **Local SGMA Activities** – No report at this time.
- b. **Appoint Board Alternate for KGA / SGMA Representation** – Mr. Ansolabehere indicated the need for appointing a KGA Board Alternate, with Board Director Spencer Birch volunteering to fill the alternate position.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that Spencer Birch be appointed as the District's KGA / SGMA Board Member Alternate Representative.**

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 35% (reservoir based) for the SWP with probable increase, to be announced.

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 March 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,722	7,339
Landowner Deliveries	2,069	3,811
East Poso Basin Recharge	325	1,444
Famoso Basin Recharge	236	1,646
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 106	- 367
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	2,378
Percolation losses Creek Channel	1,251	3,189
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	33,381	40,257

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the City of Bakersfield has offered the District 27,000 AF in accordance with the City of Bakersfield Agreement’s Extension Term. In accordance with the Agreement, the cost of the Extension Term water is \$135/AF.

Produced Water Deliveries for the month of March 2023 were as follows:

Chevron	33.7 cfs per day (2,012 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.8 cfs per day (460 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. Pump Station “B” MCC Modernization continues. The SCADA HMI modernization continues to Geo-SCADA.

3) **Resolution No. 713 – 2023 PG&E Utility Easement:**

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 713 – Authorizing Execution of an Easement Deed in Favor of Pacific Gas and Electric Company**, be approved as presented.

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

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 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 10:30 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 10:30 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary