

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, May 11, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch, Jeremy Blackwell

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Keith Watkins

STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman

STAFF ABSENT: Dave Halopoff

LEGAL COUNSEL: James Worth

OTHER ATTENDEES: Ariel Auffant, Michael Beagle, Jessica Bertao, Craig Bono, John Ocana, Bruce Kelsey, Brennan Ott, Kevin Padway, Parker Rous, Cody Tolbert

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Smith at 9:03 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for April 13, 2023 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the minutes from April 13, 2023** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	2,986,897.15
Construction Funds	347,775.65
Reserved Funds	<u>1,739,931.61</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	5,073,931.61
Receipts for April 2023	3,163.11
Manual Cash Disbursements	11,271.53
Net Revenue through April	13,604,291.00
Total Expenses through April	<u>6,312,391.65</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	7,291,899.35

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of April 2023. The report covered checks to be issued April 14, 2023 in the amount of \$886,096.25; Manual disbursements covered checks 34433, 34434 and ACH debits totaling \$11,271.53.

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

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 procured easement land and that District Staff will provide a pump station construction 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.

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 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 Birch and unanimously carried, that the 2023CY Budget and Proposed Fee** be approved as presented.

3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

- a. **Local SGMA Activities** – No report at this time.

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 100%. It is of note that allocation percentages like this have not been seen since 2006.

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 April 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	6,924	14,263
Landowner Deliveries	5,815	9,625
East Poso Basin Recharge	540	1,984
Famoso Basin Recharge	1,221	2,172
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 346	- 713
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	2,378
Percolation losses Creek Channel	1,785	4,974
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	7,660	47,918

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

Chevron	33.4 cfs per day (1,986 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.9 cfs per day (414 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) North West Kern Resource Conservation District Request for Contributions:

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birth and unanimously carried, that North West Kern Resource Conservation District 2023 Contribution**, be approved as presented.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:54 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, June 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary