

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, June 8, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch, Jeremy Blackwell
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence
OTHER ATTENDEES: Jessica Bertao, Nicole Bonna, Craig Bono, John Ocana, Brennan Ott, Kevin Padway, Parker Rous

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:06 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for May 11, 2023 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the minutes from May 11, 2023** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	6,724,967.77
Construction Funds	347,988.11
Reserved Funds	<u>1,741,016.39</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	8,813,972.27
Receipts for May 2023	5,114,040.78
Manual Cash Disbursements	17,107.28
Net Revenue through May	16,710,768.77
Total Expenses through May	<u>7,759,343.12</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	8,951,425.65

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of May 2023. The report covered checks 34530 through 34565 issued June 7, 2023 in the amount of \$3,455,963.64; Manual disbursements covered Standard Water Allocation Refunds, Winter Water Refunds and ACH debits totaling \$495,481.38.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from May, 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.

b. Equipping of Well #16 and Well #17

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Notice of Completion was filed May 19, 2023. Well #17 is complete and waiting for PG&E transmission power. To initiate the solar project commercial power for Well #16 PG&E requires pole replacement along Highway 99. Permits for the pole replacement and work on Highway 99 are complete and waiting for PG&E to schedule work.

c. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that turnout construction is complete, with the flowmeter vault installed and pipeline completed to the future pump station forebay.
- ii. **Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that project will be moving into next phase when the Turnout/In Project is completed.

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. All levees have been repaired and we are actively recharging. District Staff is compiling required FEMA documentation from initial inspection and District damage inventory and a second inspection will be scheduled in the near future. Repairs to Pump Stations E and F are progressing. District Staff has procured one starter and

as soon as the second is ready from the manufacturer, it will be picked up and installed.

2) **ILRP**

- a. **Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff reported that CWDC member invoices were mailed June 10, 2023. Members have until July 1, 2023 to provide payment and revise irrigated acreage. Mr. Halopoff also provided updates on Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values, and Targets (GWP), CV-SALTS, the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP), Poso Creek Surface Water Sampling, and the 2023 1st Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report.

3) **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update**

- a. **Local SGMA Activities** – No report at this time.
- b. **Appoint SGMA Representative and Alternate Representative** – Mr. Halopoff reported that the District has previously appointed KGA representatives. However as the District has elected to withdraw from the KGA the Board should appoint SGMA representatives rather than just KGA representatives to represent the District at the KGA as well as the new NCK Group.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that Director Gaugel be appointed as the District's SGMA representative with Director Birch as the alternate.**

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 the 100% DWR 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 May 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	11,521	25,784
Landowner Deliveries	8,484	18,110

East Poso Basin Recharge	365	2,349
Famoso Basin Recharge	2,150	4,322
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 230	- 944
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	468	2,842
Percolation losses Creek Channel	1,785	4,974
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	3,750	49,278

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

Chevron	33.8 cfs per day (2,010 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.3 cfs per day (433 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. The SCADA HMI modernization continues to Geo-SCADA.

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, July 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary