

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, August 10, 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: Nicole Bonna, Bruce Kelsey, John Ocana, Brennan Ott, Kevin Padway

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:02 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

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

C. APPROVE 2022 AUDIT

In order to provide the Board sufficient time to review the 2022 Audit, it was determined that approval of 2022 Audit will be postponed until September 2023 Board meeting.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	2,455,885.96
Construction Funds	348,296.97
Reserved Funds	<u>1,746,973.10</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	4,551,156.05
Receipts for July 2023	98,096.61
Manual Cash Disbursements	23,478.18
Net Revenue through July	19,650,589.16
Total Expenses through July	<u>16,669,705.56</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	2,980,883.60

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 July, 2023** be approved as presented.

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of July 2023. The report covered checks 34705 through 34760 issued August 10, 2023 in the amount of \$1,618,114.37; Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$23,478.18.

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

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 still under review by North Kern Water Storage District.

b. Equipping of Well #16 and Well #17

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported for Well #16 that PG&E has completed the power pole replacement across Highway 99 and the solar facility is waiting for PG&E inspection and meter installation.

c. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that turnout construction is complete. Staff is working on the land acquisition with landowner.
- ii. Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the project is ready to move to the next phase and presented the W.M. Lyles estimate for pump station construction.

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. FEMA submittals are in process and will continue.

2) ILRP

- a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the 2023 member invoices, Groundwater Protection Formulas, Values, and

Targets (GWP), CV-SALTS, the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP), April 2023 Poso Creek Surface Water Sampling, 2023 Annual Membership List submittal, and the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report that will be submitted August 31, 2023.

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 the 100% DWR allocation has not changed. Article 21 water may be available through Fall & Winter 2023.

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 July 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	17,680	61,029
Landowner Deliveries	13,549	43,864
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	2,778
Famoso Basin Recharge	2,780	8,723
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 824	- 2,709
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	3,655
Percolation losses Creek Channel	0	8,788
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	79,278

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

Chevron	33.7 cfs per day (2,008 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	8.1 cfs per day (485 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. Permanent starters for pump station E have been received and will be installed soon.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 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 10:23 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 10:23 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary