

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

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Thursday, September 14, 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: Mike Aguilar (Admin), Anuf7, Ariel Aufant, Jessica Bertao, Nicole Bonna, John Ocana, Parker Rous, Tim Sullivan

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for August 10, 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 August 10, 2023** be approved as presented.

C. APPROVE 2022 AUDIT

Mr. Neeraj Datto, CPA, CGMA, and Ms. Sarabeth Prior-Dalmas, CPA, presented and discussed the 2022 Independent Audit findings of Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation and included a written report. It was noted that there were no issues of concern raised in the 2022 audit.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following Roll Call Vote,** that the 2022 Audit be accepted as presented.

AYES:	5	Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Birch, Blackwell
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	0	

D. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	1,200,620.57
Construction Funds	348,462.54
Reserved Funds	<u>1,752,573.64</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	3,301,656.75
Receipts for August 2023	1,051,684.42
Manual Cash Disbursements	261,592.34
Net Revenue through August	21,012,047.16
Total Expenses through August	<u>17,017,683.96</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	3,994,363.20

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

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of August 2023. The report covered checks 34766 through 34821 issued September 13, 2023 in the amount of \$1,247,418.74; Manual disbursements included ACH debits and checks 34762 through 34764, totaling \$261,592.34.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from August 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 should have the solar project energized by the end of September. The PG&E meter installation for the solar facility has not been completed. The power line extension for Well #17 is scheduled to begin this month.

c. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that turnout construction is complete. District Staff is working on the land acquisition with landowner.
- ii. Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the project is 90% complete at this time.

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 continuing.

2) ILRP

- a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the 2023 member invoices, CV-SALTS, the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP), the 2022 Annual Monitoring Report and the 2023 2nd Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report.

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.

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 August 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	17,579	79,158
Landowner Deliveries	10,776	65,416
East Poso Basin Recharge	1,123	2,708
Famoso Basin Recharge	4,236	12,959

System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 819	- 3,528
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	3,655
Percolation losses Creek Channel	0	4,974
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	79,278

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

Chevron	32.2 cfs per day (1,920 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.9 cfs per day (472 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.

3) Truck Acquisition:

In addition to a written report, Mr. Ansolabehere recommended the Board approve the acquisition of four vehicles (3 light trucks for approximately \$153,000 and 1 for approximately \$60,000). Mr. Ansolabehere reported that these vehicles would replace vehicles in the fleet that are aging, have high miles and are in continual need of repairs.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the Truck Acquisition Request** be approved as presented.

4) White Pine Solar Generation Facility Update:

In addition to a written report, Mr. Ansolabehere advised that PG&E has energized the switchboard and the circuit breaker that feeds the District's pump building. Waiting on PG&E Telemetry Unit to commission their RTU so that White Pine can request the final inspection which will trigger site PTO (permission to operate).

5) Friant-Water Quality Agreement:

- a. **Adopt Resolution No. 716 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Cawelo Water District Adopting Responsible Agency Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Cooperative Agreement for the Implementation of the New Guidelines for Accepting Water into the Friant-Kern Canal.**

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. 716, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Cawelo Water District Adopting Responsible Agency Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Cooperative Agreement for the Implementation of the New Guidelines for Accepting Water into the Friant-Kern Canal,** be approved as presented.

AYES:	5	Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Birch, Blackwell
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	0	

6) PWRPA Update:

In addition to a written report, Mr. Ansolabehere reported that PWRPA annual reconciliation is complete and District should receive approximately \$400k.


ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:51 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 10:15 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 10:15 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary