

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308
Public Participation Possible via Zoom 1-(669)-900-6833
Meeting ID: 822 4562 7894 / Passcode: 560581

Or via Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82245627894?pwd=1X4VSPQFV4bYAp4e4CcTgcbdjFCGS7.1>
Thursday, October 12, 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: Ariel Aufant, Sonia Lemus, John Ocana, Kevin Padway, Parker Rous

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:13 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for September 14, 2023 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the minutes from September 14, 2023** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	2,232,700.48
Construction Funds	348,590.69
Reserved Funds	<u>3,185,550.78</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	5,766,841.95
Receipts for September 2023	4,095,648.58
Manual Cash Disbursements	224,090.84
Net Revenue through September	20,639,470.50
Total Expenses through September	<u>16,907,613.59</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	3,731,856.91

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of September 2023. The report covered checks 34829 through 34871 issued October 11, 2023 in the amount of \$1,721,218.27; Manual disbursements included ACH debits and checks 34822, 34823, 34825, totaling \$224,090.84.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from September 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 still under review by North Kern Water Storage District.

b. 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 the landowner.
- ii. Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the project design is 90% complete at this time. PG&E is requiring enlarging of the building and the design is being completed now.

c. 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 CV-SALTS, the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP), and reported that the Surface Water Monitoring Plan Quality Assurance Project Plan required an update and was submitted to the Regional Board October 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 there hasn't been much recent activity but the KCWA SWP Presentation / meeting for the month of October is scheduled for later today.

G. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – No report at this time.

H. ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Halopoff reported that GEI is preparing a USBR WaterSMART Drought Response Program grant application for the expansion of reservoir "C" and permanent recharge facilities.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District for September 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	13,714	92,322
Landowner Deliveries	6,962	61,602
East Poso Basin Recharge	956	3,664
Famoso Basin Recharge	4,892	17,851
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 395	- 3,923
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 September 2023 were as follows:

Chevron	32.4 cfs per day (1,926 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.7 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. The SCADA HMI modernization continues to Geo-SCADA. Operational updates to equipment will take place in the next 30 days. Permanent starters for pump station E have been received and will be installed soon.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 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 10:33 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 10:33 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary