

# **CAWELO WATER DISTRICT**

## **BOARD MEETING**

*17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308*

**Public Participation Possible via Zoom 1-(669)-900-6833**

**Meeting ID: 847 0942 0769 / Passcode: 881621**

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***Thursday, November 9, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.***

### **MINUTES**

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**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, Bruce Kelsey, Jose Marin, John Ocana, Maddie Reyes, Parker Rous

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#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:16 a.m.

#### **B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes of the Board meeting for October 12, 2023 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the minutes from October 12, 2023** be approved as presented.

#### **C. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

General Funds	1,740,201.23
Construction Funds	5,848,800.24
Reserved Funds	<u>3,065,335.94</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>10,654,337.41</b>
Receipts for October 2023	7,685,965.01
Manual Cash Disbursements	931,957.34
Net Revenue through October	20,639,470.50
Total Expenses through October	<u>16,907,613.59</u>
<b>NET REVENUE / &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>3,731,856.91</b>

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

**D. RESOLUTION NO. 717 – BOND REIMBURSEMENT**

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 717 – Bond Reimbursement,** be approved as presented.

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Birch, Blackwell</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>0</b>	

**E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of October 2023. The report covered checks 34874 through 34911 issued November 8, 2023 in the amount of \$797,208.17; Manual disbursements included ACH debits and checks 34826 through 34848, totaling \$931,957.34.

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

**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 RWQCB Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report Notice of Violation Letters recently mailed to non-compliant members, CV-SALTS, and the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP).

**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 District will be able to extend the Buena Vista Water Storage District exchange through the end of the year. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported the District intends to carry over approximately 4 to 6 TAF and current DWR projections are not forecasting a San Luis Reservoir spill condition.

**G. ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – Mr. Saint Lawrence provided a public report on the preliminary injunction that was ordered by the Court in the Bring Back the Kern et al. v. City of Bakersfield case and potential impacts on the District operations.

**H. ENGINEER’S REPORT** – No report at this time.

**I. MANAGER’S REPORT**

- 1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District** for October 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	8,502	102,597
Landowner Deliveries	5,122	66,725
East Poso Basin Recharge	1,123	4,787
Famoso Basin Recharge	1,826	19,677
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 365	- 4,288

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 October 2023 were as follows:

Chevron	32.2 cfs per day (1,920 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.

**3) White Pine Solar Update:**

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District Solar Generation project received full permission to operate from Pacific Gas & Electric on October 17, 2023. This date will serve as the “Commercial Operation Date” for purpose of the PPA.

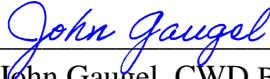
**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:56 a.m. to Closed Session.

**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 10:57 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 10:57 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

  
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John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary