

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, December 14, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel (9:59 arrival), Spencer Birch, Jeremy Blackwell

STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, John Ocana, Parker Rous

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 November 9, 2023 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the minutes from November 9, 2023** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	1,721,156.42
Construction Funds	5,848,974.28
Reserved Funds	<u>3,158,387.99</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	10,728,518.69
Receipts for November 2023	1,143,591.49
Manual Cash Disbursements	101,278.45
Net Revenue through November	20,639,470.50
Total Expenses through November	<u>16,907,613.59</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	3,731,856.91

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

1) Resolution No. 718 – Adopt 2024 Budget and Set 2024 Water Rates

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 718 – Adopt 2024 Budget and Set 2024 Water Rates,** be approved as presented.

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of November 2023. The report covered checks 34918 through 34968 issued December 13, 2023 in the amount of \$755,023.04; Manual disbursements included ACH debits and checks 34912 through 34914, totaling \$101,278.45.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from November 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. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that turnout construction is complete.
- ii. Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported Dee Jasper & Associates continues work on design and District Staff is working on the land acquisition with the landowner. The District has procured the pump soft start and VFD units and the switchgear is approximately 1 year for delivery.

b. 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 the 2023 3rd 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)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that DWR released the Final Environmental Impact Report for the DCP.
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the DWR allocation is currently 10% but that is expected to increase to possibly 60-70% based on various forecasting methodologies.

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 November 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	4,718	107,315
Landowner Deliveries	1,873	68,598
East Poso Basin Recharge	980	5,767
Famoso Basin Recharge	1,495	21,172
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 November 2023 were as follows:

Chevron	32.1 cfs per day (1,915 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.3 cfs per day (435 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) Potential Famoso Nut Company Land Purchase:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the Famoso Recharge Basins were constructed in 2006 and the existing fence line was inadvertently not installed along the District property line. Therefore, a portion of District land is currently within the Famoso Nut fence line. The land discrepancy is approximately 5 acres. Staff recommends ordering an appraisal for the land and selling the land to Famoso Nut Company for the appraised amount, under review of District Counsel.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 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 10:48 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 10:48 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary