

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, January 11, 2024 - 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: Sonia Lemus, John Ocana, Parker Rous

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 December 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 December 14, 2023** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	4,116,379.94
Construction Funds	5,849,100.63
Reserved Funds	<u>2,112,132.40</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	12,077,612.97
Receipts for December 2023	2,092,791.56
Manual Cash Disbursements	21,239.33
Net Revenue through December	23,745,593.06
Total Expenses through December	<u>20,716,715.69</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	3,028,877.37

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of December 2023. The report covered checks 34973 through 35010 issued January 10, 2024 in the amount of \$1,815,914.85; Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$21,239.33.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from December, 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 the Project plans are being finalized.
- ii. Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported District Staff is working on the land acquisition with the landowner. The District has procured the 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. The Board requested staff to advise FEMA that their processing delays are impacting the District's ability to operate.

2) ILRP

- a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on Groundwater Protection (GWP) Formulas, Values and Targets, CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program, and the Kern County Coalition Joint Winter Outreach Meetings.

3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

- a. Local SGMA Activities** – No report at this time.

4) Financial and Personnel

- a. Employee Compensation** – This item was tabled until after Closed Session.

5) SWP

- a. **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that DWR has certified 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.

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 December 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	3,570	103,909
Landowner Deliveries	1,315	69,206
East Poso Basin Recharge	870	7,830
Famoso Basin Recharge	1,112	23,025
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 179	- 4,037
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 December 2023 were as follows:

Chevron	33.8 cfs per day (2,015 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.6 cfs per day (454 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.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:32 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 10:46 a.m. District Legal Counsel announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that would require disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

The Board then considered agenda item F.4 (a), Employee Compensation.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that employee wages be increased in accordance with the General Manager’s recommendations as presented, and that the General Manager’s wage be increased as per the Board’s stated recommendation.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary