

# **CAWELO WATER DISTRICT**

## **BOARD MEETING**

*17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308*  
**Public Participation Possible via Zoom 1-(669)-900-6833**  
**Meeting ID: 882 4747 3093 / Passcode: 292318**

**Or via Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88247473093?pwd=qlx7y0bcTJZRTcArCWeEkrETZNCEfv.1>**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2024 - 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:** Ashley Claunch, Bruce Kelsey, Sonia Lemus, John Ocana, Kevin Padway

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

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:10 a.m.

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

Minutes of the Board meeting for January 11, 2024 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 January 11, 2024** be approved as presented.

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

The Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2024 was presented by Controller, LeeAnn Giles. Balances for January were as follows:

General Funds	5,402,608.36
Construction Funds	5,350,326.79
Reserved Funds	<u>1,623,575.74</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>12,376,510.89</b>
Receipts for January 2024	6,274,917.39
Manual Cash Disbursements	4,111,996.30
Net Revenue through January	15,350,589.41
Total Expenses through January	<u>4,547,711.27</u>
<b>NET REVENUE / &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>10,802,878.14</b>

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2024** be approved as presented.

#### **D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of January, 2024. The report covered checks 35012 through 35065 issued February 7, 2024 in the amount of \$749,192.82; Manual disbursements included checks 34969 through 34972, 35011 and ACH debits totaling \$4,111,996.30.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from January, 2024** 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:** Nothing to report at this time.
- ii. Pump Station Construction:** Nothing to report at this time.

##### **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. Both FEMA and Cal-OES submittals are in process and continuing.

##### **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.
- b. Adopt Personnel Manual** – The Board reviewed the draft and requested legal counsel make further changes. This item was tabled until next month's Board meeting, March 14, 2024.

##### **5) SWP**

- a. Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that project is still on track according to DWR's schedule updates.

- b. KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the DWR allocation is still set at 10% which is expected to increase, though it has not to date.

**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 January 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,400	2,400
Landowner Deliveries	3,020	3,020
East Poso Basin Recharge	620	620
Famoso Basin Recharge	1,086	1,086
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 120	- 120
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	0
Percolation losses Creek Channel	200	200
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	1,230	1,230

- Produced Water Deliveries** for the month of January 2024 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.

- 3) North West Kern Resource Conservation District Request for Contributions**

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that North West Kern Resource Conservation District 2024 Contribution, in the amount of \$5,000** be approved as presented.

- 4) Temporary CVC Shutdown**

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that CVC is anticipating a shutdown of the CVC for either a 4-6 week period in March or a full 3-month shutdown. This will be for construction of the Pioneer Turnout. The shutdown period will be dependent on the method of construction.

- 5) Proposed Land Sale to Famoso Nut Company, APN 073-050-19**

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that approximately 6.5 acres of District land (APN 073-050-19) be sold to Famoso Nut company for \$10,975 per acre.**

**6) Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Dump Truck**

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that based on the California CARB Laws, the District dump truck will be out of compliance by July 2024. Staff anticipate selling the existing dump truck and renting a dump truck, when necessary. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that District staff dispose of the surplus equipment.**

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 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):**

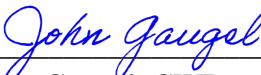
- 2) Conference with real property negotiators and/or properties under authority of Government Code Section 54956.8**
- a) City Water Purchase**
  - b) North Kern Canal Facility Use**
  - c) Miscellaneous Water Supplies**
  - d) Real Property Purposes; Storage/Well Sites**
- 3) Wages/salary/other terms 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 11:23 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 / Benefits.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Operations Manager wage be increased in accordance with the General Manager's recommendation as presented.*

**L. ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

  
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John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary