

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, March 14, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Jeremy Blackwell

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Spencer Birch

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, K Puryear, Maddie Reyes, Parker Rous, (661) 809-2659

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 February 8, 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 February 8, 2024*** be approved as presented.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 719 – DECLARING NECESSITY FOR LEVYING 2024 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, *that Resolution No. 719 – Declaring Necessity for Levying 2024 Special Assessments,*** be approved as presented.

AYES:	4	Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Blackwell
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	1	Birch

D. TREASURER’S REPORT

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

General Funds	6,371,363.10
Construction Funds	5,350,457.88
Reserved Funds	<u>1,627,425.51</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	13,349,246.49
Receipts for February 2024	1,921,023.47
Manual Cash Disbursements	45,812.14
Net Revenue through February	15,350,589.41
Total Expenses through February	<u>4,547,711.27</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	10,802,878.14

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 February, 2024** be approved with the correction to item # 49450 on the Profit and Loss Statement as discussed.

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of February, 2024. The report covered checks 35066 through 35103 issued March 13, 2024 in the amount of \$2,236,295.20; Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$45,812.14.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from February, 2024** 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. 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. It was further reported that the District has been assigned a new FEMA Representative, and the review process is still moving forward.

2) ILRP

- a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on CWDC Annual Member Reporting, Groundwater Protection (GWP) Formulas, Values and Targets, CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program, South San Joaquin Valley

Management Practices Evaluation Program, and the 2023 4th Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report.

- b. KWC Participation Agreement:** The Board reviewed the KWC Participation Agreement. Mr. Halopoff reported that he and District Legal Counsel had reviewed the agreement and recommend approval, subject to minor revisions. After review and discussion **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the KWC Participation Agreement** be approved with cost to the District approximately \$45,000, subject to minor revisions approved by staff and legal counsel and receipt of a contribution statement from KWC.

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.
b. Adopt Personnel Manual

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the Personnel Manual** be approved as presented.

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 has increased to 15%.

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 February 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,211	4,612
Landowner Deliveries	1,172	1,619
East Poso Basin Recharge	325	945
Famoso Basin Recharge	598	1,684
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 22	- 142
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	0
Percolation losses Creek Channel	900	1,100
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	1,974	4,522

Produced Water Deliveries for the month of February 2024 were as follows:

Chevron	31.0 cfs per day (1,786 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.4 cfs per day (870 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) Terra Verda:

Mr. Ansolabehere reviewed Terra Verda (Advance Clean Air Rules consultant) proposal which was tabled until further notice.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:02 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 11:17 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.

L. ADJOURNMENT – The Board meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary