

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, April 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: Bruce Kelsey, Sonia Lemus, John Ocana, Kevin Padway, Maddie Reyes

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:17 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the CWD Board meeting for March 14, 2024 and Minutes of the CWD Special Board Meeting for March 22, 2024 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the minutes from March 14, 2024 and the Special Minutes from March 22, 2024** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	4,386,341.60
Construction Funds	5,351,737.85
Reserved Funds	<u>1,639,178.60</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	11,377,258.05
Receipts for March 2024	15,903.10
Manual Cash Disbursements	89,048.32
Net Revenue through March	8,339,662.09
Total Expenses through March	<u>8,887,286.11</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	<547,624.02>

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

1) Brown Armstrong 2024 Contract

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Brown Armstrong 2024 Contract.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the Brown Armstrong 2024 Contract** be approved as presented.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of March, 2024. The report covered checks 35110 through 35165 issued April 10, 2024 in the amount of \$1,717,080.17; Manual disbursements included checks 35104, 35105 and ACH debits totaling \$89,048.32.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from March, 2024** be approved as presented.

E. PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:15 AM

At 9:28 a.m., President Watkins opened the Public Hearing; at which time a brief description was given on the need for and amount of the proposed 2024 Special Assessments.

No public comments were made nor received.

The Public Hearing was closed at approximately 9:29 a.m., at which time Resolution No. 720 – Levying 2024 Special Assessments, was presented to the Board for approval and adoption.

1) RESOLUTION NO. 720 –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. 720 –Levying 2024 Special Assessments,** be approved as presented.

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

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:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the Wesco submittals for the electrical switchgear have been received and provided to PG&E for review and approval.

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.

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, the CWDC Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan (CGQMP), the 2023FY State Water Resources Control Board ILRP Fees, and provided a copy of the Draft 2024CY ILRP Budget and Fees.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the 2024 CWDC ILRP Draft Budget Summary and Proposed 2024 CWDC Membership Fees of \$3.45 per acre in Primary Boundary and \$4.70 per acre in the Supplemental Coverage Area** be approved as presented.

- b. KWC Participation Agreement:** In addition to providing a paper copy, Mr. Halopoff reviewed the KWC contribution statement to the CWDC in the amount of \$32,187.32.

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 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 30%. Mr. Ansolabehere also provided an update on the California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP).

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 March 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	3,389	8,001
Landowner Deliveries	2,310	3,929
East Poso Basin Recharge	235	1,180
Famoso Basin Recharge	660	2,344
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 169	- 311
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	0
Percolation losses Creek Channel	900	1,100
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	1,237	5,759

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

Chevron	34.0 cfs per day (2,023 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.4 cfs per day (438 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 Geo-SCADA Modernization has been completed, and the program is operational. Geo-SCADA will continue to be monitored and debugged prior to fully transitioning.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:09 a.m. to Closed Session.

J. CLOSED SESSION:

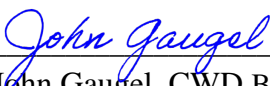
- 1) To confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation under authority of Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) California Department of Water Resources v All Persons Interested, Sac. Sup. Ct. No. 34-2020-00283112; Rosedale-Rio Bravo**

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 10:51 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 10:52 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