

**CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Cawelo Water District Conference Room

Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 8:50 a.m.

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

Public Participation Possible via Zoom 1-(669)-900-6833

Meeting ID: 853 4953 0784 / Passcode: 990236

Or via Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85349530784?pwd=KZjl8VNngP7FAbfwRLH6COYm5jn3sQL.1>

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: Craig Bono, Bruce Kelsey, Sonia Lemus, John Ocana, Parker Rous, (661) 809-2659

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 8:50 a.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of Special Board Meeting(s) from April 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 April 11, 2024** be approved as presented.

D. UPDATE ON LOCAL SGMA ACTIVITIES

In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided an update on the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Review, the Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee, the TWG & SWRCB Technical Meeting, and the proposed Kern Subbasin Sustainability Goal.

- 1) Discussion and possible action to (a) approve final draft amendments to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), (b) authorize their submission by the Kern County Subbasin Point of Contact to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) before May 29, 2024 for review by SWRCB staff, and (c) authorize the release for public review and comment:

Mr. Halopoff provided the Board and public with a presentation highlighting the elements of the revised GSP and how areas of concern were addressed. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that draft amendments to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan** are approved as presented in substantial form, **pending final review by District Staff and legal counsel, to authorize their**

submittal by the Kern County Subbasin Point of Contact to the SWRCB before May 29, 2024 for review by SWRCB Staff, and authorize the release for public review and comment.

- 2) Discussion and possible action to authorize execution of the amended and restated Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies:

After review and discussion, the Board instructed staff to include the Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement as in draft form in the submittal to the SWRCB but elected not to approve the Subbasin Coordination Agreement at this time. **Item D.(2) was tabled to a later date.**

- 3) Discussion and possible action to authorize execution of the Third Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (formerly Kern Groundwater Authority):

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that District Staff is authorized to execute the Third Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (formerly Kern Groundwater Authority),** as presented, with District Staff and legal counsel authorized to approve minor revisions if necessary.

- 4) Discussion and possible action to authorize execution of the Kern Water Collaborative MOU:

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that District Staff is authorized to execute the "DRAFT" Kern Water Collaborative MOU,** in substantial form with minor revisions pending final review by District Staff and legal counsel.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The CGSA Special Board meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m. The next regular CGSA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 13, 2024.



John Gaugel, CGSA Board Secretary