

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, September 12, 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: Matt Brady, Neeraj Datto, Devon Hammack, Helena Holmberg, Sonia Lemus, Kevin Padway, SaraBeth Prior-Dalmas, Parker Rous

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:14 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the CWD Special Board meeting for August 15, 2024 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the minutes from August 15, 2024** be approved as presented.

C. APPROVE 2023 AUDIT

Mr. Neeraj Datto, CPA, CGMA, and Ms. Sarabeth Prior-Dalmas, CPA, presented and discussed the 2023 Independent Audit findings of Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation and included a written report.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the 2023 DRAFT Audit** be approved in substantial form subject to finalization of report.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	1,061,530.53
Construction Funds	5,352,807.37
Reserved Funds	<u>1,654,505.36</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	8,068,843.26
 Receipts for August 2024	 15,152.66
Manual Cash Disbursements	99,492.99

Net Revenue through August	17,174,537.53
Total Expenses through August	<u>13,968,045.47</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	3,206,492.06

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

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of August, 2024. The report covered checks 35447 through 35496 issued September 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,201,214.91; Manual disbursements included checks 35443 through 35445 and ACH debits totaling \$99,492.99.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from August, 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:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the property purchase and easement agreements for the pump station are in progress.
- ii. Pump Station Construction:** Nothing at this time.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that 2023 Poso Creek Flood Emergency Repairs continue until completed. FEMA and Cal-OES submittals are in process and review of submittals continuing. The District is in receipt of payment for some items of work and is awaiting additional reimbursements. Work extensions have been submitted and additional construction projects to complete required projects are underway.

2) ILRP

- a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on 2024 CWDC Annual Member Invoices, Groundwater Protection (GWP) Formulas, Values and Targets, CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program, the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report, and the 2024 1st and 2nd Quarter Surface Monitoring Reports.

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)** – No report at this time.
- b. KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – No report at this time.

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 August 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	12,760	63,104
Landowner Deliveries	14,628	42,090
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,336
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	2,518
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 576	- 2,605
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	2,953
Percolation losses Creek Channel	0	1,356
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	6,521

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

Chevron	33.7 cfs per day (2,007 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.5 cfs per day (392 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.

- 3) Generator Standby Power:**

In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Ansolabehere noted that the District is in need a of new standby generator as the current generator’s engine tier is out of compliance with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Board (SJVACPD). After review and discussion, it was determined that District Staff will research battery backup as an alternative to fuel generators. The item will be tabled and re-addressed at a later date.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:04 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 11:18 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 CWD Board meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary