

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, October 10, 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: Devon Hammack, Parker Rous, Glen Weirheim

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 Regular Board meeting for September 12, 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 September 12, 2024** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	946,290.72
Construction Funds	5,353,014.57
Reserved Funds	<u>3,196,816.55</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	9,496,121.84
Receipts for September 2024	2,845,459.44
Manual Cash Disbursements	74,037.55
Net Revenue through September	23,797,560.38
Total Expenses through September	<u>16,797,333.88</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	7,000,226.50

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of September, 2024. The report covered checks 35498 through 35539 issued October 9, 2024 in the amount of \$1,670,561.60; Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$74,037.55.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from September, 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:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that property purchase and easement documents are in process.
- ii. Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that District staff is in process of scheduling a pre-construction meeting with PG&E.

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 Groundwater Protection (GWP) Formulas, Values and Targets, and CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program.

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 there is a meeting later today and he is anticipating discussion of a new participation agreement for 2025.

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 September 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	5,659	68,762
Landowner Deliveries	5,742	59,532
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,336
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	2,518
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 395	- 3,000
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 September 2024 were as follows:

Chevron	33.8 cfs per day (2,015 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.4 cfs per day (380 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.

- a. Pump Station “B” PLC and Control Rewiring** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District is going to begin the project to replace the Pump Station “B” PLC and control wiring will begin in October. The project is anticipated to take approximately two weeks.

3) PWRPA Comparison with PG&E:

Mr. Ansolabehere presented a 5-year comparison showing the District’s benefit as a PWRPA member results in an annual savings of 29-65% vs. PG&E.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 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 11:04 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 11:05 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary