

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

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins , John Gaugel, Spencer Birch, Jeremy Blackwell

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mark Smith

STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Parker Rous, Molly Thurman, Glen Weirheim

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:23 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the CWD Regular Board meeting for October 10, 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 October 10, 2024** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	1,600,180.01
Construction Funds	5,353,167.75
Reserved Funds	<u>2,128,117.69</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	9,081,465.45
Receipts for October 2024	1,032,940.93
Manual Cash Disbursements	244,198.00
Net Revenue through October	24,204,828.00
Total Expenses through October	<u>17,708,710.49</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	6,496,117.51

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

1) Resolution No. 722 – Adopt 2025 Budget and Set 2025 Water Rates

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, *that Resolution No. 722 – Adopt 2025 Budget and Set 2025 Water Rates***, be approved as presented.

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of October, 2024. The report covered checks 35544 through 35591 issued November 12, 2024 in the amount of \$1,016,916.74; Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$244,198.00.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, *that the Accounts Payable from October, 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 continue.

2) ILRP

- a. Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on Groundwater Protection (GWP) Formulas, Values and Targets, CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program, and the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP). A copy of the SSJV MPEP California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) WETA grant sponsored water and nitrogen management trainings in January 2025 informational flier was included

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 the Board will need to consider future DCP participation percentage as a decision will be required early 2026.
- b. KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – No report at this time.

G. ATTORNEY’S REPORT – No report at this time.

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT

1) Authorize Rate Study and Engineer’s Report for 218 Election

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that staff is directed to cause a Rate Study and Engineer’s Report to be prepared for a potential Proposition 218 rate increase hearing and protest process..**

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District for October 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	4,434	67,538
Landowner Deliveries	4,438	63,970
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,336
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	2,518
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 133	- 3,133
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 October 2024 were as follows:

Chevron	34.0 cfs per day (2,019 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.0 cfs per day (355 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. Pump Station “B” PLC and control rewiring is completed and the process was exceptionally smooth. Pump

Station “C” PLC and control rewiring planning is in process and, weather permitting, is planned to occur January 2026.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:26 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 11:10 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 11:11 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary