

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Cawelo Water District Conference Room

Thursday, December 12, 2024 – 8:50 a.m.

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

Public Participation Possible via Zoom : 1 (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 864 4790 5118 / Passcode: 333638

Or via Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86447905118?pwd=gz5GfdapfXeTttwtM7NTRsAfnYxaE.1>

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Jeremy Blackwell

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Spencer Birch

STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Molly Thurman, Glen Weirheim, Sonia Lemus

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 November 14, 2024 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the minutes from November 14, 2024** be approved as presented.

D. Public Hearing

1) Public Hearing to consider adoption of the 2024 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Kern County Subbasin

At approximately 8:55 A.M., President Watkins opened the Public Hearing; at which time Staff provided a presentation on the Cawelo GSA 2024 GSP.

No public comments were made or received.

The Public Hearing was closed at approximately 9:07 A.M., at which time the Cawelo GSA 2024 GSP was presented to the Board for approval and adoption.

i. Adoption of the 2024 GSP – Available Here: www.kerngsp.com

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, to adopt the 2024 Kern Subbasin**

GSP for the Cawelo GSA, including any minor changes made necessary by ongoing basin coordination.

E. 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, Technical Working Group (TWG) and SWRCB Technical Meetings, Kern Subbasin Draft 2024 GSP public comment responses, and the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA) October 2024 board meeting.

1) Consider approving the Second Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Mr. Halopoff presented the Second Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, to approve the Second Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement in substantial form subject to final review and approval by Staff and Counsel.*

2) Consider approving a contract with Self-Help Enterprises to administer the Kern County Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Program.

Mr. Halopoff presented the contract with Self-Help Enterprises to administer the Kern Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Program. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, to approve the contract with Self-Help Enterprises to administer the Kern Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Program in substantial form subject to final review and approval by Staff and Counsel.*

F. ADJOURNMENT

The CGSA Special Board meeting adjourned at approximately 9:16 A.M. The next CGSA Special Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Spencer Birch, CGSA Board Secretary