

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 12, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

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

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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 Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:17 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The CWD Regular Board meeting minutes for November 14, 2024 were presented for approval.

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

C. APPOINT BOARD OFFICERS

President Watkins and Vice-President Smith notified the Board that while they will remain Directors, they are stepping down from their respective officer positions and entertained nominations for Board Officers.

After discussion, **Director Gaugel was nominated for Board President by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that Director Gaugel be appointed as Board President.**

After discussion, **Director Blackwell was nominated for Board Vice-President by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that Director Blackwell be appointed as Board Vice-President.**

After discussion, **Director Birch was nominated for Board Secretary by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that Director Birch be appointed as Board Secretary.**

D. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	744,494.17
Construction Funds	5,353,167.75
Reserved Funds	<u>2,821,798.85</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	8,919,460.77
Receipts for November 2024	1,830,720.78
Manual Cash Disbursements	810,218.55
Net Revenue through November	26,035,548.78
Total Expenses through November	<u>19,535,519.39</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	6,500,029.39

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

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of November 2024. The report covered checks 35597 through 35635 issued 30 November 2024 in the amount of \$1,016,590.35. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$810,218.55. Controller Giles noted that there may be a few invoices outstanding, which will be added to next month's payables.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Watkins and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from November 2024** be approved as presented.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for any public comments, at which time the Board received one public comment.

G. 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 Staff has scheduled a preconstruction 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.

c. Cawelo Collection Basin and Pipeline Project

- i. **Review and Consider Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for Cawelo Collection Basin and Pipeline Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported on the status of the Cawelo Collection Basin and Pipeline Project Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cawelo Collection Basin and Pipeline Project. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cawelo Collection Basin and Pipeline Project** be adopted as presented.

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, the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP), and the submittal of the 2024 3rd Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report for Poso Creek submittal to the Regional Board.

3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

- a. **Local SGMA Activities** – No report at this time.
- b. **Adopt Cawelo Water District Land Fallowing Program:** Mr. Halopoff reported on and provided the Cawelo Water District Land Fallowing Program. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Cawelo Water District Land Fallowing Program** be adopted incorporating Board comments and Staff be authorized to further develop the program.
- c. **Adopt Cawelo Water District Water Purchase Fund:** Mr. Halopoff reported on and provided the Cawelo Water District Water Purchase Fund. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the Cawelo Water District Water Purchase Fund** be adopted incorporating Board comments and Staff be authorized to further develop the program.

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 mid-2025.

b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the initial SWP allocation is 5-percent.

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 November 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,665	75,861
Landowner Deliveries	2,040	66,010
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,336
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	2,518
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 184	- 3,317
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 November 2024 were as follows:

Chevron	31.4 cfs per day (1,870 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.3 cfs per day (374 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) **Bond Update:**

Mr. Ansolabehere provided an update on the status of the District bonding status.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 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 10:45 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 10:46 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary