

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 13, 2025 - 9:00 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

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MINUTES

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Matt Brady, Kevin Padaway, Molly Thurman

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:11 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The CWD Regular Board meeting minutes for December 12, 2024 and January 9, 2025 and Special Board meeting minutes for January 21, 2025 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the minutes from December 12, 2024 and January 9, 2025 and January 21, 2025** be approved as presented.

C. REVIEW BOARD COMMITTEES

District Staff provided the Cawelo Water District Committee list for review and discussion. After Discussion, President Gaugel assigned to the existing standing committees members of the Board as was presented.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2024 and January 2025 were presented by Controller, LeeAnn Giles. Balances for December 2024 were as follows:

General Funds	1,652,954.73
Construction Funds	5,353,468.95
Reserved Funds	<u>1,424,747.67</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	8,431,171.35
Receipts for December 2024	4,349,845.49

Manual Cash Disbursements	3,668,583.42
Net Revenue through December	24,414,599
Total Expenses through December	<u>20,229,348</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	4,185,251

Balances for January 2025 were as follows:

General Funds	6,332,416.83
Construction Funds	5,353,547.57
Reserved Funds	<u>1,428,804.88</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	13,114,769.28
Receipts for January 2025	5,535,781.48
Manual Cash Disbursements	75,848.71
Net Revenue through January	16,704,740
Total Expenses through January	<u>662.805</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	16,041,935

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, *that the Treasurer's Report for the months of December 2024 and January 2025* be approved as presented.

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER 2024

Controller, Ms. LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of December 2024. The report covered checks 35656 through 35694 issued 20 January 2025 in the amount of \$600,586.92. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$3,668,583.42.

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

F. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR JANUARY 2025

Controller, Ms. LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of January 2025. The report covered checks 35700 through 35748 issued 12 February 2025 in the amount of \$732,591.36. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$75,848.71.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, *that the Accounts Payable from January 2025* be approved as presented.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for any public comments, at which time the Board received one public comment regarding the District's website.

H. REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that property purchase and easement documents are in the process of being finalized.
- ii. **Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there was no update 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 continue. Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District received payment from FEMA for one project.

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 Blackwell 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), annual member reporting, Kern County Coalition joint winter outreach meetings, and comments on the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Report.

3) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

- 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 mid-2025.
- b. KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the SWP allocation increased to 20-percent.

I. ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report at this time.

J. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that District Staff and Legal Counsel met with the District Engineer to begin the Proposition 218 and Engineer's Report process for SGMA implementation.

K. MANAGER'S REPORT

1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District for January 2025 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,328	2,328
Landowner Deliveries	2,124	2,124
East Poso Basin Recharge	605	605
Famoso Basin Recharge	480	480
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 116	- 116
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	0
Percolation losses Creek Channel	0	0
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	0

Produced Water Deliveries for the month of January 2025 were as follows:

Chevron	33.4 cfs per day (1,986 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	5.7 cfs per day (3482 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 9:57 A.M. to Closed Session.

L. CLOSED SESSION:

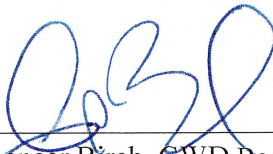
- 1) To confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation under authority of Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) California Department of Water Resources v All Persons Interested, Sac. Sup. Ct. No. 34-2020-00283112; Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v KCWA, KCSC BCV-21-100418; (d)(2)(3) (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

M. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 11:11 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.

The Board then considered agenda item H.4 (a), Employee Compensation / Benefits.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Watkins, and unanimously carried, that employee wages be increased in accordance with Staff's recommendations as presneted.**

N. ADJOURNMENT – The CWD Board meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.



Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary