

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 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

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

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	John Gaugel, Jeremy Blackwell, Spencer Birch, Mark Smith
DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Keith Watkins
STAFF PRESENT:	David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles
LEGAL COUNSEL:	Isaac St. Lawrence
OTHER ATTENDEES:	Matt Brady, Kevin Padaway, Sonia Lemus, Molly Thurmaan

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:19 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The CWD Regular Board meeting minutes for 13 February 2025 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the minutes from 13 February 2025 be approved as presented.**

C. RESOLUTION NO. 723 – DECLARING NECESSITY FOR LEVYING 2025 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 723 – Declaring Necessity for Levying Special Assessments and Calling and Noticing a Public Hearing Thereon, be approved as presented.**

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

D. TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2025 were presented by Controller, LeeAnn Giles. Balances for February 2025 were as follows:

General Funds	5,348,083.91
Construction Funds	5,353,813.88
Reserved Funds	<u>1,435,111.76</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	12,137,009.55
Receipts for February 2025	9,724.85
Manual Cash Disbursements	126,857.37
Net Revenue through February	16,748,769.97
Total Expenses through February	<u>1,336,687.76</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	15,412,109.18

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2025** be approved as presented.

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of February 2025. The report covered checks 35754 through 35799 issued 12 March 2025 in the amount of \$674,107.21. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$126,857.37.

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

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 the process of being finalized.
- ii. Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District has received updated quotes and is in the process of reviewing.

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.

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, and 2024 4th Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report.

3) **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update**

- a. **Local SGMA Activities:** No report at this time.
- b. **Landowner Pilot Program Banking & Recharge Agreement:** Mr. Halopoff reviewed the Cawelo Water District Landowner Pilot Program Banking and Recharge Agreement. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Landowner Pilot Program Banking and Recharge Agreement** be approved with revisions as discussed.

4) **Financial and Personnel**

- a. **Employee Compensation:** No report at this time.
- b. **Personal Manual Update:** Mr. Ansolabehere reviewed the proposed updates to the Personal Manual. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the revisions to the District's Personal Manual** be approved as presented.

5) **SWP**

- a. **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP):** The Board discussed the request from KCWA for commitment to fund the next phase of DCP. After discussion the Board directed staff to seek confirmation from KCWA regarding certain matters prior to making any commitment for continued funding of the DCP.
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the SWP allocation increased to 35-percent.

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

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

J. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,097	4,425
Landowner Deliveries	1,792	3,916

East Poso Basin Recharge	0	605
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	480
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 21	- 137
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 February 2025 were as follows:

Chevron 29.5 cfs per day (1,756 ac-ft.)

CRC/Bell Aire 5.7 cfs per day (341 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.

After review and discussion, President Gangel was appointed as an Alternate Director to the North Kern / Cawelo Financing Authority.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:27 A.M. to Closed Session.

K. 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):

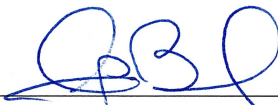
2) Conference with real property negotiators and/or properties under authority of Government Code Section 54956.8

- a) City Water Purchase
- b) North Kern Canal Facility Use
- c) Miscellaneous Water Supplies
- d) Real Property Purposes; Storage/Well Sites

4) Wages/salary/other terms and conditions of employment under authority of Government Code Section 54957.6

L. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 12:11 P.M. District Legal Counsel announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that would require disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

M. ADJOURNMENT – The CWD Board meeting adjourned at 12:12 P.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.



Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary