

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 2025 - 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: John Gaugel, Keith Watkins, Spencer Birch, Mark Smith
DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jeremy Blackwell
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff
LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence
OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, Glen Weerheim, Parker Rous

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:03 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The CWD Regular Board meeting minutes for 10 April 2025 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the minutes from 10 April 2025 be approved as presented.**

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2025 was presented by Mr. Ansolabehere. Balances for April 2025 were as follows:

General Funds	7,515,414.79
Construction Funds	5,354,145.77
Reserved Funds	<u>1,452,605.59</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	14,322,166.15
Receipts for April 2025	4,642,755.33
Manual Cash Disbursements	851,322.23
Net Revenue through April	16,823,883
Total Expenses through April	<u>4,374,089</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	12,449,794

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 April 2025** be approved as presented.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR APRIL 2025

Mr. Ansolabehere, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of April 2025. The report covered checks 35863 through 35925 issued 12 May 2025 in the amount of \$1,675,528.66. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$851,322.23. Mr. Ansolabehere noted that District Staff was reviewing checks 35909 and 35924 and therefor those respective checks were pulled and will be considered for approval at a later date, if warranted.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from April 2025** be approved as presented subject to District Staff's review of the pulled checks as noted above.

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 were finalized.
- ii. **Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Halopoff reported that the District has been negotiating the construction contract and proposal with W.M. Lyles and a copy of the draft construction contract and proposal was included with the Board Packet for review and discussion.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried, that the Draft Construction Contract and Time and Material Guaranteed Maximum Price Construction Proposal with W.M. Lyles for the Friant-Kern Pump Station Construction** be approved in substantial form subject to final review and non-substantial revisions by District Staff and Legal Counsel and in an amount not to exceed \$3.69 million.

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 continues. Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the Well

Recovery Pipeline construction is complete and the project will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

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).
- b. **2025 Membership Fees:** Mr. Halopoff reported that the Draft 2025CY Budget and Proposed Fees were included with the Board Packet for review and comment and provided a summary of the Draft 2025CY Budget and Proposed Fees.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Watkins, and unanimously carried, that the Draft 2025CY Budget and Proposed Fees** be approved utilizing \$40,000 in reserves to offset the budget and for the fees to be adjusted accordingly.

3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

- a. **Local SGMA Activities:** No report at this time.

4) Financial and Personnel

- a. **Employee Compensation:** Mr. Ansolabehere, announced the District has formally hired Myrna Sandoval for the Executive Administration position.

5) SWP

- a. **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP):** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the KCWA has been discussing the 2026-2027 DCP Funding Agreement and various Member Unit committees have been developed to address outstanding items related to the 2026-2027 DCP Planning. It was further reported that the District was awaiting a response from KCWA regarding its request to confirm certain matters prior to approving participation in the 2026-2027 DCP Planning.
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the SWP allocation increased to 50 percent.

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

H. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there will be a meeting with the State Water Resources Control Board Department of Water Rights to discuss the status of the Poso Creek Diversion Petition.

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District Staff reviewed the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) draft budget that will be used in the Engineer's Report and Proposition 218 process. The draft budget included two (2) potential alternatives to levy proposed SGMA implementation fees. After discussion the Board directed Staff on the preferred alternative. District Staff also provided a general timeline of the Proposition 218 process.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	5,688	14,211
Landowner Deliveries	4,480	9,814
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,065
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	840
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-284	-627
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	0
To P.S. E	0	89
Percolation Losses Creek Channel	380	2,363
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	1,427	5,804

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

Chevron	28.8 cfs per day (1,715 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.6 cfs per day (337 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 and reported that the bond pricing will occur 15 May 2025 and will close the week of 26 May 2025

4) Trio Project:

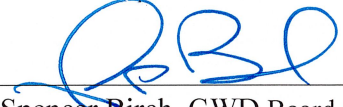
Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District has published a notice inviting bids for the Project, with bids due to the District 25 June 2025. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will hold a hearing 20 June 2025 for the waste discharge requirement order related to the Project.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:11 A.M. to 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
- 5) 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 10:48 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 10:49 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.



Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary