

**CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

*Cawelo Water District Conference Room*

*Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 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***

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Dawne Parsons, Myrna Sandoval

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Isaac St. Lawrence

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sonia Lemus, Parker Rous, Kevin Padway,

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel 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 15 May 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 15 May 2025** be approved as presented.

**D. 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, Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee, Technical Working Group (TWG) and SWRCB technical meetings, Kern Subbasin Well Mitigation Program (Version 2.0), Draft 2025 Kern Subbasin GSP, Draft 2025 Kern Subbasin GSP Public Workshops, and the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA) June board meeting. Mr. Halopoff also provided a verbal update on the Kern Subbasin 2025 GSP TWG budget and the Kern Subbasin LandIQ evapotranspiration (ET) extended services.

- 1) Discussion and possible action to:
  - i. Approve final draft amendments to Groundwater Sustainability Plan and supporting appendix of projects and management actions for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency;

- ii. Authorize their submissions by the Kern County Subbasin Point of Contact to the State Water Resources Control Board before June 20<sup>th</sup> for review by SWRCB staff; and,
- iii. Authorize their release for public review and comment.

Mr. Halopoff provided a presentation on the Draft 2025 Kern Subbasin GSP. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch, and unanimously carried, to approve the final draft amendments to the GSP and supporting appendix of projects and management actions for the GSA, authorize their submission by the Kern County Subbasin Point of Contact to the SWRCB for review by SWRCB staff, and authorize their release for public review and comment.**

- 2) Consider Joining Opposition for Assembly Bills 1413 and 1466

Mr. Halopoff provided a summary of Assembly Bills 1413 and 1466 and a draft copy of a letter opposing unless amended Assembly Bill 1413. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried, to join the opposition for Assembly Bills 1413 and 1466 and authorize signing onto the Assembly Bill 1413 oppose unless amended letter.**

#### E. ADJOURNMENT

The CGSA Special Board meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 A.M. The next CGSA Special Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025.

  
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Spencer Birch, CGSA Board Secretary