

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 12, 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, Dawne Parsons, Myrna Sandoval

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, Parker Rous, Kevin Padway

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:25 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The CWD Regular Board meeting minutes for 15 May 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 15 May 2025** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	7,901,451.19
Construction Funds	5,354,252.54
Reserved Funds	<u>1,150,428.19</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	14,406,131.92
Receipts for May 2025	1,870,295.60
Manual Cash Disbursements	90,696.58
Net Revenue through May	16,916,976.18
Total Expenses through May	4,719,657.63

NET REVENUE / <LOSS>

12,197,318.55

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR MAY 2025

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of May 2025. The report covered checks 35930 through 35976 issued 11 June 2025 in the amount of \$3,174,568.35. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$90,696.58.

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

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 PG&E will require another preconstruction meeting due to recent changes to new construction requirements.
- ii. **Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Halopoff reported that the District has finalized the contract with W.M. Lyles and the contract is in the process of being executed. Once the contract is executed and required documents are received a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. **Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the 2023 Poso Creek Flood Emergency Repairs are continuing. FEMA and Cal-OES submittals are in process and review continues.

2) ILRP

- a. **Coalition Update:** 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 SWRCB Second Ag Expert Panel.

3) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

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

4) FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL

- a. **Employee Compensation / Benefits:** Mr. Ansolabehere announced the District has hired Assistant Controller Ms. Dawne Parsons. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported the District will be hiring summer help.

5) SWP

- a. **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP):** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District has received a response from the KCWA regarding the District's request to confirm certain matters prior to approving participation in the 2026-2027 DCP Planning. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported various Member Unit committees have been developed to address outstanding items related to the 2026-2027 DCP Planning and an ad-hoc has been developed to review the KCWA Draft MOU.
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the KCWA has recently undergone changes to management.

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.

1) Engineer's Report: Proposition 218 Rate Study for Special Assessment

District Staff reviewed the Cawelo Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) draft budget that will be used in the Engineer's Report and Proposition 218 process and provided a proposed schedule for the Proposition 218 process.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	9,220	23,431
Landowner Deliveries	8,511	18,325
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,065
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	840
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-124	-751
Diversion from Poso Creek		

To Famoso Basin Banking	0	0
To P.S. E	0	89
Percolation Losses Creek Channel	0	2,363
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	5,804

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

Chevron	28.3 cfs per day (1,685 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.5 cfs per day (385 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. District staff provided examples of annual meter repair tracking.

3) Bond Update:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported the Bond Sale was finalized May 28, 2025 with the following fund sources and fund uses:

Fund Sources:

- Principle Amount of Bonds - \$15,805,000
- Funds held under 2010B bonds - \$290,808
- Net Original Issue Premium - \$727,296
 - Total \$16,823,104

Fund Uses:

- Acquisition Fund (Projects) - \$13,000,000
- Deposit to Reserve Fund - \$561,631
- Refunding Cawelo's 2010B Bond - \$2,925,931
- Delivery Costs - \$335,541
 - Total \$16,823,104

4) Authorize District Staff to Begin Election Procedures:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that District staff has met with Legal Counsel to review requirements for Board elections and recommends the Board to authorize the General Manager to prepare for the required election procedures. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried, to authorize staff and legal counsel to prepare necessary notices and satisfy the required election procedures.**

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:08 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

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 10:35 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 10:36 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.



Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary