

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 10, 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, Joel Kimmelshue, Glen Weerheim, Matt Brady, Jay Payne

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:05 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The CWD Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 12 June 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 12 June 2025** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	7,288,854.94
Construction Funds	18,195,199.84
Reserved Funds	<u>1,731,227.74</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	27,215,282.52
Receipts for June 2025	16,531,735.98
Manual Cash Disbursements	176,229.37
Net Revenue through June	18,043,463.24
Total Expenses through June	8,761,815.17

NET REVENUE / <LOSS>

9,281,648.07

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 June 2025** be approved as presented.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR JUNE 2025

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of June 2025. The report covered checks 35983 through 36023 and 36025 through 36031 issued 8 July 2025 in the amount of \$1,492,414.53. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$176,229.37.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell, and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from June 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 the District has obtained the required easements and work is scheduled to begin next month.
- ii. **Pump Station Construction:** Mr. Halopoff reported that the District has finalized the contract with W.M. Lyles and the contract is executed. A pre-construction meeting was held with W.M. Lyles on 2 July 2025 and W.M. Lyles will mobilize 28 July 2025. Completion is expected March 2026.

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, with approximately \$800,000 in claims outstanding.

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 the 2025 CWDC Member Invoices.

3) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

- a. **Local SGMA Activities:** No report at this time.
- b. **Land IQ Presentation:** Mr. Halopoff provided a background of LandIQ evapotranspiration (ET) services for the Cawelo Water District GSA and Kern County Subbasin and introduced Mr. Kimmelshue with LandIQ. Mr. Kimmelshue provided a presentation on LandIQ's ET services and the daily ET tool that is being beta tested in the District.

4) FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL

- a. **Employee Compensation / Benefits:** No report at this time.

5) SWP

- a. **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP):** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there have been no significant status changes. .
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere stated there was nothing new to report.

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

H. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that in the following week 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 Engineer's Report prepared to support a special assessment for SGMA related costs. After review and discussion **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried, that the Engineer's Report in substantial form subject to minor revisions by Staff and Legal Counsel and discussed be authorized for release for public comment and notice of a public hearing be provided as required by law.**

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	12,552	35,983
Landowner Deliveries	11,052	29,377
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,065
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	840

System Loss / Operational Recharge	-628	-1,439
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 June 2025 were as follows:

Chevron	26.4 cfs per day (1,569 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.4 cfs per day (382 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) Award Bid for Produced Water Project:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that three bids were received for the produced water project with W.M. Lyles Co. being the low bidder in an amount of \$3,720,000. It was reported that the W.M. Lyles Co. bid met the requirements of the Request for Bids and Staff recommends awarding W.M. Lyles Co. the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. After discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Birch, and unanimously carried to award W.M. Lyles Co. the contract in the amount of \$3,720,000.00.**

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:09 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

4) **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 10:50 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 10:51 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.



Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary