

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Cawelo Water District Conference Room

Thursday, August 14, 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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, Kevin Padway, Ty Alexander, Maryse Suppiger, Matt Brady
Josh Gautreau, Chris Wilson, Glen Weerheim

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 one comment was received.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of Special Board Meeting 10 July 2025 were presented for approval.

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

D. PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) Public hearing to consider adoption of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Cawelo Water District GSA and Kern County Subbasin**
[\(https://kerngsp.com/gsp-documents/\)](https://kerngsp.com/gsp-documents/)

District Legal Counsel outlined the public hearing process and Mr. Halopoff provided an overview of the revisions to the 2025 GSP. President Gaugel opened the public hearing, at which time one comment was received. There being no further comments, President Gaugel closed the public hearing.

- i. Adoption of 2025 GSP for the Cawelo Water District GSA and Kern County Subbasin**

The Board discussed the Adoption of 2025 GSP. After discussion, it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Birch and

unanimously carried, that the Adoption of 2025 GSP for Cawelo Water District GSA and Kern County Subbasin be approved for adoption in substantial form subject to final review by District Staff and Legal Counsel.

E. 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, Draft 2025 Kern Subbasin GSP Public Comments, Kern County Subbasin Probationary Hearing Continuance, and the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA). Mr. Halopoff also provided a verbal update on the Kern Subbasin 2025 GSP TWG budget and the Kern Subbasin LandIQ evapotranspiration (ET) services.

1) Consider approving the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement among Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies

Mr. Halopoff presented the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement and provided a verbal update on the revisions from the previous version for discussion. After discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Third Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement be approved in substantial form subject to final review by District Staff and Legal Counsel.**

F. ADJOURNMENT

The CGSA Special Board meeting adjourned at approximately 9:13 A.M. The next CGSA Special Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025.



Spencer Birch, CGSA Board Secretary