

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 14, 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, 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 Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:13 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The CWD Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 10 July 2025 were presented for approval.

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

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	8,688,466.26
Construction Funds	18,401,434.24
Reserved Funds	<u>1,733,175.19</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	28,823,075.69
Receipts for July 2025	3,859,781.89
Manual Cash Disbursements	541,193.66
Net Revenue through July	20,356,898.82
Total Expenses through July	10,666,365.13
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	9,690,533.69

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR JULY 2025

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of July 2025. The report covered checks 36036 through 36086 issued 11 August 2025 in the amount of \$1,602,168.53. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$541,193.66.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell, and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from July 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 construction began, and the project is progressing well.
- ii. **Pump Station Construction:** No report at this time.

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 \$718,000 received last month and approximately \$580,000 in claims outstanding.

c. Reuse of Produced Water Project

- i. Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the preconstruction meeting was conducted, and pipe installation will begin in early September. The project is scheduled to be completed before the end of 2025.

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), SWRCB

Second Ag Expert Panel, 2025 CWDC Member Invoices, 2025 Annual Monitoring Report, and 2025 CWDC Annual Membership List.

3) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

- a. **Local SGMA Activities:** No report at this time.
- b. **Fourth Amended Kern Non-Districted Land Authority:** After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Fourth Amended Kern Non-Districted Land Authority JPA be approved as presented.

4) FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL

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

5) SWP

- a. **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP):** No report at this time.
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere stated there were no new updates to report.

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

H. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- 1) **District Annexation Process** – Mr. Halopoff updated the Board on a past request for annexation into the District. A resolution initiating the annexation will be brought to the Board at a later time. The Board also discussed detachment of an island that has been developed and does not receive service from the District. Staff was directed to confer with LAFCo and initiate the detachment process.
- 2) **Proposition 218 Update on Proposed SGMA Special Assessment** – Mr. Halopoff reported that notices for the September 11, 2025 public hearing were mailed out and the District has begun to receive ballots. The Board was updated on the process, and no action was taken.
- 3) **Poso Creek Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the scheduled meeting was pushed back to the first part of September.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) **Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District** for July 2025 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	12,776	48,759
Landowner Deliveries	12,415	41,792

East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,065
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	840
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-639	-2,077
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 July 2025 were as follows:

Chevron	27.9 cfs per day (1,662 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.0 cfs per day (358 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.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:01 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

3) 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 11:06 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.

The Board then considered agenda item F.5 (a)(i), 2026 & 2027 DCP Planning Funding.

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The Board discussed the District's participation in 2026 & 2027 DCP Planning Funding. No decision was made and Mr. Ansolabehere was asked to look into various alternatives. Participation decision was tabled until the September board meeting.

- L. ADJOURNMENT** – The CWD Board meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Birch', is written over a horizontal line.

Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary