

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 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, Mark Smith

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Keith Watkins

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, John, Maryse Suppiger, Glen

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:06 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The CWD Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 11 September 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 11 September 2025** be approved as presented.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 729 – SETTING SGMA SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DUE DATE FOR 2025

Resolution No. 729 – Setting SGMA Special Assessment Due Date for 2025 was presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell, and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 729 – Setting SGMA Special Assessment Due Date for 2024**, be approved as presented.

AYES: (4) Gaugel, Blackwell, Birch, Smith
NOES: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Watkins

D. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	8,645,128.47
Construction Funds	18,507,469.77
Reserved Funds	<u>1,720,070.20</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	28,872,668.44
Receipts for September 2025	1,266,042.01
Manual Cash Disbursements	142,039.92

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

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of September 2025. The report covered checks 36178 through 36225, issued 8 October 2025 in the amount of \$1,872,571.03. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$142,039.92.

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

G. REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the contractor has started to pour the pump station walls.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the 2023 Poso Creek Flood Emergency Repairs are continuing and District staff is preparing to begin contracting work for the remaining rehabilitation projects.

c. Reuse of Produced Water Project

- i.** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the preconstruction biological mitigation measures are completed and construction is anticipated to begin next week.

2) ILRP

- a. **Coalition Update:** Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the Groundwater Protection (GWP) Formulas, Values and Targets, CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program, 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.
- b. **Land IQ Daily ET Tool Proposal:** Mr. Halopoff provided the Land IQ Daily ET Tool Proposal for review and discussion. As proposed, the contract would be for a three-year term.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the Land IQ Daily ET Tool Proposal** be approved as presented.

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 is a KCWA meeting with DWR Director Nemeth to discuss the DCP.
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere stated there were no new updates to report.

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

I. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- 1) **Poso Creek Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the SWRCB is still reviewing the notice.
- 2) **Consider Resolution No. 726: A Resolution of Application Proposing Proceedings for Annexation of Territory to the Cawelo Water District** – This item was tabled to a future date.
- 3) **Consider Resolution No. 727: A Resolution of Application Proposing Proceedings for Detachment of Territory from the Cawelo Water District** – This item was tabled to a future date.

J. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	6,985	65,260
Landowner Deliveries	7,105	57,685
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,065
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	840
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-289	-2,933
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	840
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 September 2025 were as follows:

Chevron	29.5 cfs per day (1,756 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 9:49 A.M. to Closed Session.

K. 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

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L. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 10:29 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.

M. ADJOURNMENT – The CWD Board meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.



Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary