

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

***Thursday, November 13, 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***

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, John Frankhouser, Myrna Sandoval

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, John, Matt Brody, Glen Weerheim

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:08 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The CWD Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 9 October 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 9 October 2025** be approved as presented.

C. RECEIVE AND APPROVE 2024 AUDIT

Ms. Sarabeth Prior-Dalmas, CPA, presented and discussed the 2024 Independent Audit findings of Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation and included a written report. It was reported that the District received a clean audit report with an unmodified opinion.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried, that the 2024 DRAFT Audit** be approved in substantial form subject to finalization of the report.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025

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

General Funds	5,952,219.95
Construction Funds	18,550,132.99
Reserved Funds	<u>1,891,129.14</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	26,393,482.08
Receipts for October 2025	269,672.71
Manual Cash Disbursements	779,972.97
Net Revenue through October	26,675,074.95
Total Expenses through October	21,215,779.44
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	5,459,295.51

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

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of October 2025. The report covered checks 36229 through 36292, issued 12 November 2025 in the amount of \$4,082,928.46. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$779,972.97.

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comments, at which time Mr. Ansolabehere introduced the new District Assistant Controller, John Frankhouser. There were no other public comments.

G. REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the pump station reinforced concrete slab and walls have been poured and W.M. Lyles is progressing to form the pump station deck.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. **Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the 2023 Poso Creek Flood Emergency Repairs are continuing and that the District will be meeting with contractors to begin the next phases of work. It is anticipated contractors will begin work at the end of the month.

c. Reuse of Produced Water Project

- i. Construction Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the preconstruction biological mitigation measures are completed and construction has begun. Approximately 5,000 linear feet of pipeline has been installed and basin construction is anticipated to begin before the end of the month.

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. Mr. Halopoff also reported the 2026 PEP Calendar Year Update was submitted to the Regional Board and a joint comment letter was submitted to CDFA on the *Regulatory Alignment Study – Draft Final Recommendations and Implementation Steps*.

3) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

- a. Local SGMA Activities:** Mr. Halopoff reported the LandIQ Daily ET Tool Workshop will be held on 19 December 2025 with both in-person and virtual options available.

4) FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL

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

5) SWP

- a. Delta Conveyance Project (DCP):** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District will need to advise the KCWA on the District's continued participation in the DCP Planning for 2026 and 2027 in the upcoming months. After discussion, Staff was directed to notify the KCWA the District would continue participating in the DCP Planning for 2026 and 2027 at either the District's pro-rata Table A share of the M&I contract, if feasible, or 1% of the District's Table A amount.
- b. KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Eric Averett was named the new KCWA General Manager.

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

I. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- 1) Poso Creek Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the SWRCB is still preparing the notice and it is planned to be released at the end of the month for public review.
- 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 October 2025 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	3,967	69,096
Landowner Deliveries	3,204	60,889
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	1,065
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	840
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-115	-2,944
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 October 2025 were as follows:

Chevron	27.4 cfs per day (1,632 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	6.2 cfs per day (374 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.

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) (one matter) and (d)(4) (two 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**

L. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 10:38 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 10:39 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary