

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 11, 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, Keith Watkins, Mark Smith

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Spencer Birch

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, Michael, Glen Weerheim

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:07 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The CWD Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 13 November 2025 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Watkins and unanimously carried, that the minutes from 13 November 2025** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

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

General Funds	1,689,915.05
Construction Funds	18,593,881.90
Reserved Funds	<u>4,957,014.68</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	25,240,811.63
Receipts for November 2025	3,201,066.06
Manual Cash Disbursements	65,113.89
Net Revenue through November	28,561,825.11
Total Expenses through November	22,262,522.51
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	6,299,302.60

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 November 2025** be approved as presented.

D. APPROVE 2026 BUDGET

The proposed 2026 Budget was presented by Controller, LeeAnn Giles.

The 2026 Budget Committee reported that they had met and fully reviewed the proposed budget and recommend approval. After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the 2026 Budget** be approved as presented.

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Controller, LeeAnn Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of November 2025. The report covered checks 36304 through 36353, issued 10 December 2025 in the amount of \$5,078,772.97. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$65,113.89.

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comments, at which time the Board received one public comment in regards to the SGMA special assessment.

G. REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the reinforced concrete pump station structure is complete and W.M. Lyles is beginning to backfill the structure.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. **Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the 2023 Poso Creek Flood Emergency Repairs are continuing and the District is actively working on four (4) projects.

c. Reuse of Produced Water Project

- i. **Construction Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that approximately 8,500 linear feet of pipeline has been installed and construction should be complete mid January 2026.

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 2025 2nd Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report for Poso Creek was submitted to the Regional Board.

3) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

- a. **Local SGMA Activities:** Mr. Halopoff reported the District and LandIQ are holding a landowner workshop 19 December 2025 to roll out the LandIQ Daily ET Tool to District and GSA landowners.

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 notified the KCWA that the District will continue participating in the DCP Planning for 2026 and 2027 at 1% of the District's Table A amount.
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the initial SWP allocation is 10%.

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

I. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- 1) **Poso Creek Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the SWRCB noticed the Petition 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 November 2025 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	1,991	71,218
Landowner Deliveries	857	61,746
East Poso Basin Recharge	140	1,205
Famoso Basin Recharge	325	1,165
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-139	-3,187
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	325
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 November 2025 were as follows:

Chevron	25.6 cfs per day (1,523 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	5.7 cfs per day (343 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 9:50 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 10:35 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. DISTRICT FACILITY SITE VISIT** – This item was tabled to a future date.
- N. ADJOURNMENT** – The CWD Board meeting adjourned at 10:36 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary