

**CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Cawelo Water District Conference Room**

**Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 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**

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Isaac St. Lawrence

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sonia Lemus, Kevin Padway, Michael

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 8:53 A.M.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

The Special Board Meeting Minutes for 12 February 2026 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the minutes from 12 February 2026** be approved as presented.

**D. UPDATE ON LOCAL SGMA ACTIVITIES**

In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided an update on the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee, Kern Subbasin transition to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority (KNDLA) board meeting, 2025 Water Year Annual Report process, and LandIQ Daily ET Tool.

**1) 2026 Kern Subbasin Implementation Cost Share**

Mr. Halopoff provided an update on the Kern Subbasin-wide 2025 GSP implementation and consultant proposals for the 2026 calendar year totaling \$622,064.00. In addition, Mr. Halopoff provided an update on the Kern Subbasin proposed cost share for the subbasin-wide implementation tasks.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director**

***Blackwell and unanimously carried, that the 2026 Kern Subbasin Implementation Cost Share and Agreement 26-01 be approved as presented, not to exceed \$37,465.22.***

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

The CGSA Special Board meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 A.M. The next CGSA Special Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026.

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Spencer Birch, CGSA Board Secretary