

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

Public Participation Possible via Zoom 1 (669) 444-9171

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MINUTES

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jeremy Blackwell

STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, John Frankhouser, Myrna Sandoval, Jennifer Brown

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, Kevin Padway, Michael Boccadero, Michael Miller, Blake Wallace, Wendy Lauchland

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:09 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The CWD Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 14 May 2026 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the minutes from 14 May 2026** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2026

The Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2026 was presented by Controller, Mr. Frankhouser. Balances for May 2026 were as follows:

General Funds	9,190,915.66
Construction Funds	8,641,129.74
Reserved Funds	<u>1,604,760.82</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	19,436,806.22
Receipts for May 2026	10,528,270.10
Manual Cash Disbursements	205,538.31

Net Revenue through May	19,614,116.18
Total Expenses through May	9,577,333.01
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	10,036,783.17

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Watkins, and unanimously carried, that the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2026** be approved as presented.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT FOR MAY 2026

Controller, Mr. Frankhouser, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of May 2026. The report covered checks 36705 through 36753, issued 10 June 2026 in the amount of \$3,419,570.22. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$205,538.31.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Birch, and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from May 2026** be approved as presented.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comments, at which one (1) public comment was received from Michael Boccadero and Wendy Lauchland with the Agricultural Energy Consumers Association (AECA) requesting the Cawelo Water District to consider increasing their annual contribution.

F. REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the project is continuing on schedule and the 48" manifold is being connected to the pump station.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District has re-initiated work at Trenton Weir and the well drilling for the F-1 replacement has commenced.

c. Reuse of Produced Water Project

- i. Construction Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that deliveries to the collection basin have commenced. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported that after the pipeline hydrostatic testing continuous deliveries will begin at the end of the month.

2) ILRP

- a. Coalition Update:** Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the Groundwater Protection (GWP) Formulas, Values and Targets, Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative (CV-GMC), CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program, South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP), SWRCB Second Ag Expert Panel, 2025 4th Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report, and Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)

3) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

- a. Local SGMA Activities:** No report at this time.

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 is still working with the KCWA and participating Member Units on future planning funding.
- b. KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the SWP allocation was increased to 45%.

G. ATTORNEY'S REPORT: District Legal Counsel, Mr. St. Lawrence, notified the Board that the Chevron Agreement has been fully executed.

H. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- 1) **Poso Creek Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the District is working with Provost and Pritchard to comply with the State Board CEQA requirements.
- 2) **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 meeting.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) **Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District** for May 2026 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	6,888	20,132
Landowner Deliveries	5,923	15,478
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	0

Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,627
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-138	-729
Diversion from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	0
To P.S. E	0	0
Percolation Losses Creek Channel	0	63
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	845

Produced Water Deliveries for the month of May 2026 were as follows:

Chevron	26.6 cfs per day (1,582 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	5.0 cfs per day (297 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.

a. Golden Mussel Update

Mr. Ansolabehere and Mr. Halopoff provided the Board with an update on the invasive Golden Mussel infestations within Kern County, and status on the District's preventative treatment program.

3) AECA Increase of Contribution Request

Mr. Ansolabehere notified the Board that if updated as requested by AECA, the District's annual contribution based on the AECA request would be \$6,000.00 per year.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Birch, and unanimously carried, that the District's annual contribution to AECA be increased to \$6,000.00 per year.**

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 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) (three 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**

K. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 10:51 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.

L. ADJOURNMENT – The CWD Board meeting adjourned at 10:52 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary