

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 9, 2026 - 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, Keith Watkins

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, Michael Miller

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:00 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The CWD Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 11 June 2026 and Special Board Meeting Minutes for 29 June 2026 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 11 June 2026 and 29 June 2026** be approved as presented.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2026

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

General Funds	10,809,950.57
Construction Funds	7,549,871.74
Reserved Funds	<u>1,610,274.17</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	19,970,096.48
Receipts for June 2026	5,376,556.16
Manual Cash Disbursements	132,524.52

Net Revenue through June	25,182,337.53
Total Expenses through June	<u>12,771,853.27</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	12,410,484.26

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 June 2026** be approved as presented.

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT FOR JUNE 2026

Controller, Mr. Frankhouser, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of June 2026. The report covered checks 36792 through 36848, issued 8 July 2026 in the amount of \$3,069,789.41. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$132,524.52.

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

F. REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the project is continuing and most of the electrical is completed. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported that the contractor is constructing the discharge manifold connection to the existing pipeline.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the Trenton Weir repairs have been completed and construction is proceeding on the two (2) replacement groundwater wells. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported that FEMA has been funded.

c. Reuse of Produced Water Project

- i. Construction Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that water deliveries commenced on 22 June 2026. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported that the first Regional Board inspection took place on 8 July 2026.

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:** Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee, DWR and Kern Subbasin Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) meeting, Kern Non-Districted Land Authority, and LandIQ Daily ET Tool.

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's participation remains at 1% and the District continues to work with the KCWA and participating Member Units on future planning funding and participation.
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there are no new updates.

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

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**

Mr. Halopoff provided information on Resolution No. 727 – A Resolution of Application Proposing Proceedings for Detachment of Territory from the Cawelo Water District

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 727 – A Resolution of Application Proposing Proceedings for Detachment of Territory from the Cawelo Water District, be approved as**

presented.

AYES: (5) Gaugel, Blackwell, Watkins, Smith, Birch
NOES: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District for June 2026 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	9,208	29,340
Landowner Deliveries	9,185	24,663
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	0
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,627
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-400	-1,128
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 June 2026 were as follows:

Chevron	27.8 cfs per day (1,658 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	5.2 cfs per day (313 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 provided the Board with an update on the on-going District Golden Mussel treatment operations and Kern County and State efforts.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:46 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 matters)

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
- e) Real Property Negotiations; APNs: 060-390-06, 060-390-24, 060-390-26, and 060-390-22

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 10:30 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 10:31 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.



Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary