

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 13, 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, Glen Weerheim

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Gaugel at 9:02 A.M.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The CWD Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 9 July 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 9 July 2026 be approved as presented.**

C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2026

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

General Funds	7,670,591.41
Construction Funds	7,570,547.32
Reserved Funds	<u>1,691,117.02</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	16,932,255.75
Receipts for July 2026	639,846.20
Manual Cash Disbursements	143,181.52
Net Revenue through July	25,587,635.39

Total Expenses through July	<u>15,074,001.20</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	10,513,634.19

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT FOR JULY 2026

Controller, Mr. Frankhouser, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of July 2026. The report covered checks 36854 through 36900 and 36902 through 36917, issued 12 August 2026 in the amount of \$2,204,602.16. Staff reported check 36901 will be paid via ACH and was therefore pulled from the register. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$143,181.52.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried, *that the Accounts Payable from July 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 progressing and the contractor is currently addressing pressure testing issues. The contractor is planning to set the pumps in the pump station forebay next week.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. **Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the Trenton Weir rehabilitation has been completed and SCADA equipment is being installed, and the F-1 and F-3 well replacement is progressing.

c. Reuse of Produced Water Project

- i. **Construction Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that construction has been completed and the reservoir fencing should be completed in 2 weeks and SCADA integration should be completed in mid-September.

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), and Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). Mr. Halopoff also reported that Senator Hurtado's office requested the District to sign on to a letter requesting that the SAFER General Fund backfill be reactivated.

3) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

- a. **Local SGMA Activities:** Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee, Kern Non-Districted Land Authority and LandIQ Daily ET Tool. Mr. Halopoff also reported KNDLA approved a 2026 budget increase of \$159,260.00 to fund previously unbudgeted 2026 activities. Cawelo GSA's share of the budget increase is \$7,963.00.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch, and unanimously carried, to ratify the KNDLA 2026 Budget increase and Cawelo GSA's share of \$7,963.00** as presented.

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 the KCWA has hired a new assistant general manager based in Sacramento.

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

H. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- 1) **Poso Creek Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the required environmental documentation is being prepared and District Staff is working with the consultant on the documents.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	12,006	41,330
Landowner Deliveries	11,441	36,104
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	0
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,627
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-600	-1,712
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 July 2026 were as follows:

Chevron	29.5 cfs per day (1,756 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	5.2 cfs per day (253 ac-ft.)
TRIO	0.25 cfs per day (14.8 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. Mr. Ansolabehere also reported that current Golden Mussel treatment expenses are approximately \$540,000. The District plans to continue Golden Mussel maintenance treatments two to three weeks after the District ceases bringing in water for irrigation and anticipates overall treatment costs to be approximately \$600,000 for the year.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:01 A.M. to Closed Session.

J. CLOSED SESSION:

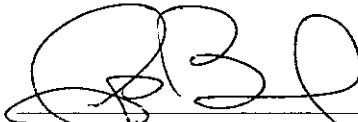
- 1) To confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation under authority of Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) California Department of Water Resources v All Persons Interested, Sac. Sup. Ct. No. 34-2020-00283112; Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v KCWA, KCSC BCV-21-100418; (d)(2)(3) (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 10:53 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 10:54 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.



Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary