

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 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, Mark Smith, Keith Watkins

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Spencer Birch

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence

OTHER ATTENDEES: Sonia Lemus, Michael Miller, Jay Kroeker, Matt Brady

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 13 August 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 13 August 2026** be approved as presented.

C. ACCEPT 2025 AUDIT

Ms. Zimmerman, CPA and Ms. Prior-Dalmas, CPA, presented and discussed the 2025 Independent Audit findings of Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation and included a written report. It was reported that the District received a clean audit report with an unmodified opinion.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the 2025 Draft Audit** be approved in substantial form subject to finalization of the report and review by District staff and Legal Counsel.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026

The Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2026 was presented by Controller, Mr.

Frankhouser. Balances for August 2026 were as follows:

General Funds	5,594,959.61
Construction Funds	7,587,692.34
Reserved Funds	<u>3,057,086.61</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	16,239,738.56
Receipts for August 2026	1,772,883.91
Manual Cash Disbursements	79,052.94
Net Revenue through August	25,597,025.23
Total Expenses through August	<u>16,366,994.90</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	9,230,030.33

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

E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026

Controller, Mr. Frankhouser, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of August 2026. The report covered checks 36945 through 36993, issued 9 September 2026 in the amount of \$2,751,721.50. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling \$79,052.94.

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comments, at which time one public comment was received by the Board.

G. REPORTS

1) PROJECTS

a. Friant-Kern Canal Pump Station

- i. Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported the hydrostatic pressure testing of the pipeline portion of the project passed and the third-party electrical testing is being scheduled.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

- i. Repairs Status:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the Trenton Weir Rehabilitation and Well 18 is completed. The contractor is currently

development pumping Well 19.

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**). Mr. Halopoff also reported the Annual Monitoring Report (**AMR**) was submitted to the Regional Board 31 August 2026 and the 2026 Poso Creek 1st Quarter Surface Water Monitoring Report was submitted to the Regional Board 1 September 2026.

3) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

- a. **Local SGMA Activities:** Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the Kern Subbasin Coordination Committee and Kern Subbasin 2025 GSP implementation progress, Kern Non-Districted Land Authority, and LandIQ Daily ET Tool.

4) FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL

- a. **Employee Compensation / Benefits:** Mr. Ansolabehere introduced Jennifer Brown, the District's new administrative assistant.

5) SWP

- a. **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP):** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the District has received the DWR – KCWA 2026-2027 DCP Planning Funding Agreement for review. The District has yet to receive the KCWA – Member Unit 2026-2027 DCP Planning Funding Agreement for review.
- b. **KCWA and Related SWP Matters:** No report at this time.

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

I. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- 1) **Poso Creek Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the District is working with the consultant to prepare the required environmental documents.

J. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	10,354	51,701

Landowner Deliveries	9,441	45,656
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	0
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,627
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-457	-2,186
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 August 2026 were as follows:

Chevron	27.7 cfs per day (1,646 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	5.6 cfs per day (334 ac-ft.)
TRIO	0.24 cfs per day (14.2 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 Pump Station B deliveries are starting to reduce, lowering the treatment demand.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:51 A.M. to Closed Session.

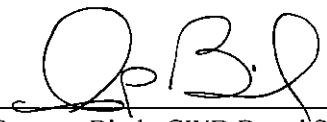
K. CLOSED SESSION:

- 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) (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-

**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 10:51 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.

M. ADJOURNMENT – The CWD Board meeting adjourned at 10:52 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.



Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary