CAWELO WATER DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 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
Or via Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86447905118?pwd=gz5GfdapfXeTtttwtM7NTRsAfnYxaE.1

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	John Gaugel, Spencer Birch, Keith Watkins
DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Jeremy Blackwell, Mark Smith,
STAFF PRESENT:	Dave Halopoff, John Frankhouser, Myrna Sandoval, Jennifer Brown
LEGAL COUNSEL:	Amanda Rodriguez
OTHER ATTENDEES:	Sonia Lemus, Michael Miller, Maryse Suppiger

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 10 September 2026 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Gaugel and carried by at 2-0-1 vote*, that the minutes from 10 September 2026*** be approved as presented*.* Director Birch abstained from the vote.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

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

General Funds	2,565,590.74
Construction Funds	7,605,713.44
Reserved Funds	3,713,073.37
TOTAL FUNDS	**13,884,377.55**
Receipts for September 2026	941,992.91
Manual Cash Disbursements	77,819.83
Net Revenue through September	25,659,984.41
Total Expenses through September	18,539,240.31

NET REVENUE / <LOSS> 7,120,744.10

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

1) **AMG Investment Options** – Mr. Halopoff provided an update to the Board regarding Arbitrage Management Group's proposed investment options for the 2016 and 2025 bond debt service reserve funds and project funds. The Board discussed the proposed investment strategies, compliance with legal requirements for public agencies, and guidance .

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried,** ***that the Board authorize the investment of the 2016 and 2025 Series A Bonds respective debt service reserve funds with AMG as proposed.***

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Controller, Mr. Frankhouser, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of September 2026. The report covered checks 36997 through 37047, issued 7 October 2026 in the amount of $2,526,557.70. Manual disbursements included ACH debits totaling $77,819.83.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Birch, and unanimously carried,** ***that the Accounts Payable from September 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. Halopoff reported that the third party electrical testing has been completed and the site had power. Mr. Halopoff also reported that W.M. Lyles has completed all of their work and the pump station commissioning and start up testing was currently being scheduled.

b. Poso Creek 2023 Flood Emergency Repairs

i. **Repairs Status:** Mr. Halopoff reported that replacement Wells 18 and 19 have been completed and the new Trento Weir SCADA will be completed in the next week.

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, and South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (**SSJV MPEP**).

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.

4) FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL

a. Employee Compensation / Benefits: No report at this time.

5) SWP

a. Delta Conveyance Project (DCP): Mr. Halopoff provided an update to the Board regarding Amendment No. 2 to the Contract Between Kern County Water Agency and Its Member Units for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential Delta Conveyance Project (**Contract**).

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Watkins and unanimously carried*, that the Board authorize Staff to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Contract.***

b. KCWA and Related SWP Matters: No report at this time.

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

H. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1) Poso Creek Petition – Mr. Halopoff reported we are still working with the consultant to prepare the required environmental documents.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

	Ac-Ft Delivered	YTD
Supplies Received	6,279	57,984
Landowner Deliveries	6,559	52,215

East Poso Basin Recharge	0	0
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,627
System Loss / Operational Recharge	-253	-2,439
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 September 2026 were as follows:

Chevron	31.3 cfs per day (1,862 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	4.7 cfs per day (280 ac-ft.)
TRIO	0.24 cfs per day (14.2 ac-ft)

2) System Operations & Maintenance:

a. Golden Mussel Update

Mr. Halopoff reported that the District was still working with GreenLeaf on treatment and will continue treatment as needed.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:47 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) 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) Miscellaneous Water Supplies
c) 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 10:34 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 10:35 A.M. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

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Spencer Birch, CWD Board Secretary