



MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Cuyama Basin Water District

Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the Cuyama Elementary Board Room
2300 CA-166, New Cuyama, CA 93254

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Yurosek, President
Byron Albano, Vice-President
Tom Bracken, Treasurer
George Cappello
Jane Wooster

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Klinchuch, CBWD GM
Alan Doud, CBWD Counsel
Brad DeBranch, CBWD Secretary
Jeff Shaw, EKI
Meg Brown
Dan Clifford
Lorena Basle
Dan Wilke
Brenton Kelly

- 1. Call to Order** – President Yurosek called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – Completed
- 3. Roll Call** – Present: Directors Yurosek, Albano, Bracken, Cappello, and Wooster. Board quorum present.
- 4. Self-Introductions** – No new audience introductions.
- 5. Public Comment** – No public comments received by Board.
- 6. Minutes**
 - a. A motion was made by Director Bracken and seconded by Director Albano to approve the January 22nd, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.
- 7. Financial Report**
 - a. YTD Financial Report & Accounts Payable – An overview of the current financial report and accounts payable was provided by General Manager. A motion was made by Director Cappello and seconded by Director Bracken to accept and pay the Accounts Payable for January 2020. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Assessments Status Report – CBWD has received approximately 94% of landowner assessments for 2019.
- c. Ad Hoc on EKI Tech Services – General Manager and Jeff Shaw provided the Board an overview of EKI’s proposal for ongoing technical services to CBWD. A motion was made by Director Cappello and seconded by Director Wooster to approve EKI’s proposal. The motion was unanimously carried.
- d. Discuss Draft 2020 Budget and Draft 2020 Assessment – General Manager provided the Board with an overview of various options for the 2020 Assessment. Options showed irrigated acre assessment rates between ~\$16.00/acre and ~\$6.00/acre. If the Board chooses to go with the lesser irrigated acre rate, there are surplus funds from 2019 that could pay for tech services that are currently budgeted for 2020 in the Prop 218 study. The Board also acknowledged that the maximum rates set forth in year 2021 per the Prop 218 Engineer’s Report will carry on in to the future, allowing the Board to assess landowners at those rates. Consensus was reached by the Board to move forward with irrigated rates set at \$6.36/irrigated acre and \$0.43/non-irrigated acre. General Manager will prepare landowner notices to go out prior to next CBWD Board meeting in March.

8. Management/Administration

- a. Cannabis Overlay – General Manager informed the Board of recent proposals by Santa Barbara County regarding overlays that County is proposing in Cuyama. The Board decided not to provide any formal comment on the proposed overlays. Item was for informational purposes only.

9. Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Cuyama Basin

- a. Status Report on Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency – Next GSA Board Meeting is scheduled for March 4th.
- b. Potential CBGSA Agenda Items – The Board reviewed the upcoming agenda items.
- c. EKI update on Technical Components – Jeff Shaw reported to the Board on the review of the GSA’s Annual Report which is due by April 1st. Comments from EKI to Woodard & Curran were well received and changes were made.

10. New Business

- a. Director Wooster asked about ways to track new well construction in Cuyama. Board had brief discussion on the matter.

11. Announcements

- a. Next meeting: March 25th, 2020
- b. Future meetings: April 29th, 2020

12. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by Director Yurosek at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Brad DeBranch, Secretary
Cuyama Basin Water District**