



MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Cuyama Basin Water District

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.
Participation by Teleconference**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Yurosek, President
Byron Albano, Vice President
George Cappello
Lorena Stoller
Jane Wooster

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Klinchuch, CBWD GM
Alan Doud, CBWD Counsel
Brad DeBranch, CBWD Secretary
Jeff Shaw, EKI
Dan Clifford, Bolthouse Properties
Matt Vickery, Grimmway
Brenton Kelly
Micah Harris

- 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 Albano, Cappello, Stoller, Wooster, and Yurosek. Board quorum present.
- 4. Self-Introductions** – All audience members on the teleconference were introduced.
- 5. Public Comment** – No public comment received.
- 6. Minutes**
 - a. A motion was made by Director Wooster and seconded by Director Cappello to approve the February 24, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.
- 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 Wooster and seconded by Director Cappello to accept and pay the Accounts Payable for February 2021. The motion passed.
 - b. Assessments Status Report – CBWD has received approximately 99% of landowner assessments for 2020.
 - c. 2021 District Budget, District Roll, and Assessment – General Manager provided review of potential budget and assessment alternatives for the 2021 year. The Board discussed the options and their preferred alternatives for setting the

upcoming rates. Director Wooster made the motion, and was seconded by Director Cappello, to set the 2021 District Budget in line with the “Reduced District Administration” alternative resulting with assessment rates set at \$5.00 per irrigated acre and \$0.44 per non-irrigated acre. Landowner assessments less than \$15.00 in total would be waived for the 2021 year. The motion passed.

8. Management/Administration

- a. Status Report – A reminder was provided for the Form 700 which are due by April 1st for both Water District and GSA.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Vacancy – The Board received formal resignation by Director Cappello. Counsel advised that notification of vacancy needs to be provided to County elections within 15 days of March 31st effective date. The Board has the option to fill by appointment or election. Appointment would require notification to County and 60 days to appoint. A motion was made by Director Wooster and seconded by Director Albano to fill the vacancy by appointment. The motion was unanimously carried.

9. Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Cuyama Basin

- a. Status Report on Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency – Next GSA meeting is scheduled on May 5, 2021. The General Manager provided update that the GSA Ad Hoc for Management Area Delegation recently provided a response to the District’s letter from September 2020. The District intends to set an Ad Hoc to evaluate the response further and report back at the April District Board Meeting.
- b. Potential CBGSA Agenda Items – No GSA Agenda was available at this time.
- c. EKI Update on Technical Components – EKI did not have an update for this meeting but shared they are evaluating options related to meters that can handle wells that pump air. EKI is also evaluating other pumping measurement alternatives for consideration by the District.

10. New Business

- a. No new business discussed.

11. Announcements

- a. Next meeting: April 28, 2021
- b. Future meetings: May 26, 2021

12. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by Director Yurosek at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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