



MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Cuyama Basin Water District

Wednesday, September 28th , 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: Board & Public Participation In-Person & Teleconference

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Yurosek, President
Byron Albano, Vice-President
Matt Vickery
Jane Wooster

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lorena Stoller, Treasurer (Resigned)

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Klinchuch, CBWD GM
Alan Doud, CBWD Counsel
Brad DeBranch, CBWD Secretary
Jeff Shaw, EKI (Phone)
Mark Ellsworth, Duncan Farms
Brenton Kelly (Phone)
Dan Wilke (Phone)
Dan Clifford (Phone)
Eileen Hiss (Phone)

1. **Call to Order** – Director Yurosek called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Completed
3. **Roll Call** – Present: Directors Albano, Vickery, Wooster, and Yurosek. Absent: Director Stoller. Board quorum present.
4. **Consideration of Resolution 2022-009, renewing use of remote teleconference meeting.**
 - a. A motion was made by Director Vickery and seconded by Director Albano to adopt Resolution 2022-009, renewing use of remote teleconference meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.
5. **Self-Introductions** – All audience members were introduced.
6. **Public Comment** – No public comment received.
7. **Minutes**
 - a. A motion was made by Director Vickery and seconded by Director Albano to approve the August 31, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

8. Financial Report

- a. YTD Financial Report & Accounts Payable – An overview of the current financial report and accounts payable was provided by General Manager. CBWD's savings account was switched to an interest-bearing account. General Manager to research low risk invest opportunities. A motion was made by Director Albano and seconded by Director Vickery to accept and pay the Accounts Payable for August 2022. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. 2022 Assessments Status Report – CBWD has received approximately 90% of landowner assessments for 2022.

9. Management/Administration

- a. Status Report – General Manager is coordinating the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Reporting. Staff would like to receive the audit report for CBWD's October Board Meeting.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Vacancy – Staff notified County of opening and Board's intention to fill the vacancy by appointment. Currently there are two parties that have expressed interest in filling the vacancy: one representing Duncan Family Farms and the other representing Sunridge Nurseries. President Yurosek appointed Director Albano and Director Vickery to an ad hoc committee to assess each candidate.

10. Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for Cuyama Basin

- a. Status Report on Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency – The next GSA Board meeting is scheduled for November 3rd, 2022.
- b. EKI update on Technical Components – EKI presented findings from their latest technical review and assessments including CBWRM modeling, GSA well permit policy, Central Management Area borders, and hydraulics of the Santa Barbara Canyon Fault. EKI has been working to improve efficiency of model runs through altering the model time steps. The Board discussed replacement wells and being allowed to achieve the maximum capacity of the original well. There was much discussion related to managing within the CMA and the approach for managing areas outside the CMA. EKI offered feedback on the Santa Barbara Canyon Fault determining that groundwater level data indicate a steep gradient at the fault, which suggests it restricts flow but does not block the connection across the fault from one region to another.
- c. Review potential CBGSA Agenda items and consider action providing any recommendations regarding agenda items – The Board did not have an upcoming agenda to review.
- d. Management Area Policy Discussion – Nothing discussed
- e. Allocation Strategy Discussion – Nothing discussed.

11. New Business – No new business discussed.

12. Announcements

- a. Next meeting: October 26, 2022
- b. Future meetings: November 23, 2022

13. Closed Session

- a. Government Code Section 54956.9 Anticipated Litigation
Number of Potential Cases: One

14. Closed Session Item

- a. Report action taken in Closed Session required by Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2) - The Board did not move into closed session.

15. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned by Director Yurosek at 5:31p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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