



MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Cuyama Basin Water District

Wednesday, October 26th, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: Board & Public Participation In-Person & Teleconference

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Byron Albano, Vice-President
Matt Vickery
Jane Wooster (Phone)

Matt Klinchuch, CBWD GM
Brett Stroud, CBWD Counsel
Brad DeBranch, CBWD Secretary
Jeff Shaw, EKI
Mark Ellsworth, Duncan Farms
Juan Contreras, Sunridge
Rick Burnes, Sunridge (Phone)
Brent Kelly (Phone)
Eileen Hiss (Phone)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Derek Yurosek, President

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. **Call to Order** – Director Albano called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Completed
3. **Roll Call** – Present: Directors Albano, Vickery, and Wooster. Absent: Director Yurosek. Board quorum present.
4. **Consideration of Resolution 2022-010, renewing use of remote teleconference meeting.**
 - a. A motion was made by Director Vickery and seconded by Director Wooster to adopt Resolution 2022-010, 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 Wooster to approve the September 28th, 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 the General Manager. A motion was made by Director Vickery and seconded by Director Wooster to accept and pay the Accounts Payable for September 2022. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. 2022 Assessments Status Report – CBWD has received approximately 94% of landowner assessments for 2022.

9. Management/Administration

- a. Status Report – General Manager still needs to conduct research on CD and other investment options for Board consideration. The Board was notified that ethics training should be complete by end of the year.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Vacancy – A Board Ad Hoc including Director Albano and Director Vickery reported on discussions with both Board member candidates prior to the meeting, and recommended appointment of Rick Burnes to fill the Board vacancy. A motion was made by Director Wooster and seconded by Director Vickery to appoint Rick Burnes to the Board of Directors. The motion was unanimously carried.

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 3, 2022. Meeting location has changed back to Cuyama Valley Resource Center. There was a tech forum call on October 18, 2022 and another scheduled meeting at the end of November.
- b. EKI Update on Technical Components – EKI presented findings from their latest technical review and assessments including CBWRM efficiency, tech forum discussions and agenda items on the upcoming SAC meeting. The groundwater model used by EKI is now on a monthly time step which has improved their ability to run the model while reducing the time it takes to complete a model run. EKI plans to share the altered model with W&C which was supported by the Board. EKI reported on the latest tech forum discussion related to the Russell fault and Santa Barbara Canyon fault and whether or not the Board would like to pursue a competitive grant to fund further evaluation of these faults. EKI concluded their report with an update on the upcoming SAC agenda items includes CMA boundary issues, well permitting policy and impacts to domestic wells.
- c. Review potential CBGSA Agenda items and consider action providing any recommendations regarding agenda items – General Manager provided a brief update on the upcoming board action items.
- d. Management Area Policy Discussion – Nothing discussed
- e. Allocation Strategy Discussion – Nothing discussed.

11. New Business – No new business was discussed.

12. Announcements

- a. Next meeting: November 23, 2022; Canceled
- b. Future meetings: December 28, 2022; Subject to Change

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 Albano at 5:18p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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