



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**Cuyama Basin Water District**

**Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023, at 3:30p.m.**

**NOTE: Board & Public Participation In-Person & Teleconference**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Derek Yurosek, President  
Byron Albano, Vice-President  
Rick Burnes (Phone)  
Matt Vickery  
Jane Wooster

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Matt Klinchuch, CBWD GM  
Alan Doud, CBWD Counsel  
Brad DeBranch, CBWD Secretary (Phone)  
Jeff Shaw, EKI (Phone)  
Joel Kimmelshue (Phone)  
Brenton Kelly (Phone)  
Dan Clifford (Phone)

1. **Call to Order** – Director Yurosek called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Completed
3. **Roll Call** – Present: Directors Albano, Burnes, Wooster, Vickery, and Yurosek. Board quorum present.
4. **Consideration of Resolution 2023-002, renewing use of remote teleconference meeting.**
  - a. A motion was made by Director Vickery and seconded by Director Wooster to adopt Resolution 2023-002, 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 Wooster and seconded by Director Albano to approve the January 4, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed with one abstention from Director Vickery.

## **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 December 2022 and January 2023. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. 2022 Assessments Status Report – CBWD has received approximately 96% of landowner assessments for 2022.
- c. Review and potential action on Audit and Technical Support contracts – General Manager provided an update related to the BHK audit service contract. A motion was made by Director Vickery and seconded by Director Wooster to accept the BHK contract for FY 2022. The motion was unanimously carried. General Manager also provided an update on the Technical Support contract from EKI. A motion was made by Director Vickery and seconded by Director Burnes to approve EKI's proposed Task 2 in full, and to approve Task 1 contingent upon subsequent Board approvals to perform individual subtasks as needed. The motion was unanimously carried.
- d. Discuss Draft 2023 Budget and Draft 2023 Assessment – General Manager provided an overview of the assessment letter provided in the Board packet. There was consensus by the Board to propose \$5.00 per irrigated acre and \$0.41 per non-irrigated acre for the 2023 assessment. The Board also directed staff to consider formulating a potential reserve fund policy.

## **9. Management/Administration**

- a. Status Report – Form 700s are due for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

## **10. Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for Cuyama Basin**

- a. Status Report on CBGSA – The GSA will hold its next meeting at the end of March 2023. The GSA agenda for the upcoming meeting has not been produced for review. The main topics will likely include the upcoming budget and landowner variance requests for the CMA.
- b. Update on Technical Components by EKI and LandIQ – Joel Kimmelshue with LandIQ provided a general overview of their consulting services including technical components related to Evapotranspiration (ET) and Crop Mapping within the State of California. EKI presented on the most recent technical items including CMA farming units, CMA allocation & variance process, and updating parameters related of the groundwater model including things such as flowmeter data.
- c. Review potential CBGSA Agenda items and consider action providing – No discussion held by Board.
- d. Management Area Policy Discussion – The Board held a brief discussion related to the allocation methodology being used for the next two years.
- e. Allocation Strategy Discussion - No discussion held by Board.

## **11. New Business – No requests for new business.**

**12. Announcements**

- a. Next meeting: March 22, 2023
- b. Future meetings: April 26, 2023

**13. Closed Session**

- a. Government Code Section 54956.9 Anticipated Litigation  
Number of Potential Cases: One – The Board entered into close session starting at 5:53 p.m.

**14. Closed Session Item**

- a. Report action taken in Closed Session required by Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2) – No action was taken by Board in closed session. Closed session ended at 6:00 p.m.

**15. Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned by Director Yurosek at 6:01 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted**

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