

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**  
**of the**  
**CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD**  
**held at**  
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA  
**Monday, February 27, 2012**

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Directors present:**

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Bob Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara

**Others present:**

Bruce Mowry	Tony Trembley
John McInnes	Charles Hamilton
Theresa Lancy	Ruth Snodgrass
Chris Dahlstrom	Kate Rees
Sonia Fernandez	Phil Walker
Karen Carroll	Tim Robinson

**2. Public Comment**

Phil Walker made comments on Ortega Reservoir.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes:**

January 23, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

**b. Investment Funds**

Financial Report  
Investment Report

**c. Payment of Claims**

Director Francisco moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Director Lieberknecht passed 7/0/0.

**4. Appointment of Representative to Cachuma Project Trust Fund and Renewal Fund Committee and the Betterment Fund**

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Director Morgan moved to approve the appointment of General Manager, Bruce Mowry as the Cachuma Member Units representative to the Trust Fund/Renewal Fund Committee and the Betterment Fund use of funds discussion, seconded by Director Beebe.

**The motion passed by a roll call vote:**

**Ayes:** Francisco, Lieberknecht, Hanson, Morgan, Beebe

**Nayes:** None

**Abstained/Absent:** None

**5. Report on Modified SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project**

Included in the board packet was a project update prepared by Dave Baum, Engineer. General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the construction on the project will probably be stopped for the next 30 days until the pipe has been delivered. The trenching would take place once the pipe is on site. Mr. Mowry invited any of the Directors to schedule a site visit with him at any time or possibly schedule a special meeting for all Directors to attend together.

The Public Outreach Committee had determined that a series of articles should be developed and submitted to the media.

Phil Walker commented on this item.

**6. Report From General Counsel**

**a. Review of Quiota Creek MOU's with the County of Santa Barbara**

Tony Trembley reported that a draft of a Master Agreement between COMB and the County of Santa Barbara had been sent to the County for review. The MOU should be ready for Board approval at the March Board meeting. The Master Agreement would need to be approved once by the COMB Board and the County Board of Supervisors, and then each completed Quiota Creek project would have an addendum attached to the Master Agreement.

**b. Update on Status of Revised Joint Defense and Cooperation Agreement**

Tony Trembley reported that there was nothing new to report, no agreement had been reached on the JDCA.

**7. Report From Board Committees**

**a. Administrative Committee Meeting, February 10, 2012**

Director Hanson reported that the Administrative Committee had discussed the preliminary budget process and its relation to the work plan. Janet Gingras reported at the meeting that the budget preparation process is on schedule.

**8. Draft List of Priority Projects for Present and Future Implementation**

President Hanson reported that the topic list of projects included in the board packet indicates the kind of brainstorming that is going into the strategic plan. Staff will continue to work on the project list and provide the Board with updated reports.

**9. Operations Division Activities**

**a. Operations Report**

The monthly report on operations was included in the board packet.

**10. Fisheries Division Activities**

**a. Lower Santa Ynez Fisheries Report**

The monthly report on the fisheries activities was included in the board packet. Tim Robinson reported that the annual Trapping Program began February 1, 2012 and protocols have been established to assure compliance with the 2000 Biological Opinion Incidental Take Statement. He also reported that one half of the grant funding for Quiota Creek Crossing #7 has been secured and two grants have been submitted for the second half. If successful with the pending grants, the project would be constructed in the fall of 2012.

**11. Reports From the Manager**

**a. Cachuma Water Reports**

The monthly water reports were included in the board packet.

**b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

The daily operations report for Lake Cachuma through February 22, 2012 was included in the board packet.

**c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey**

The County's summary of Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Program for January 2012 was included in the board packet.

**d. Update on Work Plan**

Included in the board packet was an update on the progress of the strategic plan and work plan being developed by COMB staff.

**e. Draft MOU for Integrated Regional Water Management Activities**

The draft MOU to participate in the State-wide Proposition 84 process and related Integrated Regional Water Management activities in Santa Barbara County was included in the board packet. The MOU will come back to the COMB Board at a future date for approval.

**f. Report on Water Management Workshop USBR Denver, February 13-16, 2012**

General Manager, Bruce Mowry reported on the USBR workshop he had attended in Denver, Colorado, February 13-16, 2012.

**12. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation**

**a. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): Two cases**

**Case # One: Claim of Melinda and Zach Fournier vs. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board [claim available for public inspection per Government Code Section 54957.5]**

**Case # Two: To Be Announced**

Tony Trembley announced that the Board would adjourn into closed session under agenda Item 12.a., Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) case one only: Case number two will not be discussed.

The Board went into closed session at 3:21 p.m. and came out of closed session at 3:25 p.m.

Tony Trembley reported that action taken in closed session concerning the first case in Item 12.a., is made in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.1 (a)(3):

On a vote of 6/0/1, Director Beebe abstained, the Governing Board approved a Settlement Agreement and Release between COMB, and Melinda L. Fournier and Zach Fournier, concerning a dispute between the parties arising out of the cessation of Purchase Order No. 11-12-03 (Purchase Order-Agreement) for the Oak Tree and Honeysuckle Restoration Plan for the Lauro Retention Basin Enlargement Project.

Pursuant to the Agreement, COMB will pay the sum of \$15,000 to the Fourniers via their attorneys, and release the Fourniers from all future liability related to the Lauro Project. All claims between the parties arising from the dispute are settled.

**13. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

There were no requests for the Agenda for the next meeting.

**14. Meeting Schedule**

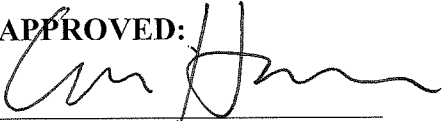
- The next regular Board meeting will be held March 26, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, [www.cachuma-board.org](http://www.cachuma-board.org)

**15. COMB Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bruce Mowry, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**   
Lauren Hanson, President of the Board