

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD**

held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, February 24, 2014

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Alonzo Orozco	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:

Randall Ward	Tony Trembley
Janet Gingras	Tim Robinson
Adelle Capponi	Tom Fayram
Ruth Snodgrass	Matt Naftaly
Kelley Dyer	Charles Hamilton
Larry Farwell	Phil Walker

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented on sedimentation, Bathymetric results, and seismic stability of the Intake Tower.

Tom Fayram commented on the current Bathymetric report, the final report will be provided.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes:**
January 27, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- b. **Investment Funds**
Financial Report
Investment Report
- c. **Payment of Claims**

Director Beebe moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Francisco, passed by a roll call vote 7/0/0:

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson
Nays: None
Absent/Abstain: None

4. Resolution No. 575 Commemorating Adelle Capponi – Twenty Years of Service

Director Hanson moved to approve Resolution No. 575 Commemorating Adelle Capponi for twenty years of service with COMB, seconded by Director Francisco and Director Morgan, passed by a roll call vote 7/0/0:

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson
Nays: None
Absent/Abstain: None

The Directors congratulated Ms. Capponi and thanked her for her twenty years of service to COMB.

5. Verbal Reports from the Board Committees

a. Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Committee Meeting – February 20, 2014

Director Morgan reported that the committee has given direction to staff in the preparation of a full report which will be presented to the Board.

b. Fisheries Division Committee Meeting – February 24, 2014

Director Beebe reported that the committee received an update on several items. The committee will recommend approval for staff to proceed with two grant agreement applications to be considered at today's meeting, agenda item #9.

6. General Managers Report

Randall Ward, General Manager, highlighted the report included in the board packet.

7. Drought Emergency Pumping Facility Project

Randy Ward, General Manager, reported that the requested action in conjunction with the Drought Emergency Pumping Facility Project would be necessary to facilitate the expeditious obtaining of permits and processing of environmental documents, along with the process of selecting a contractor to design, build and maintain an emergency pumping facility at Lake Cachuma.

Director Francisco moved to approve a, b, and c, seconded by Director Orozco. After discussion President Hanson recommended that each item should be voted on separately, Director Francisco amended the motion and Director Orozco amended the second to reflect this change.

a. Request the Board approve issuance of the RFP, including its Project Description, for the Emergency Pumping Facility Project.

Passed by a roll call vote 5/0/2:
Ayes: Francisco, Orozco, Hanson

Nayes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Beebe, Morgan

- b. Authorize General Manager to obtain all necessary permits and cause the preparation and filing of necessary environmental documents pursuant to the foregoing project description.**

Passed by a roll call vote 6/0/1:
Ayes: Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson
Nayes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Beebe

- c. Authorize the General Manager, following evaluation conducted by the Member Unit selection committee, to negotiate the contract terms with the successful proposing firm prior to bringing the final contract to the Board for approval.**

Passed by a roll call vote 6/0/1:
Ayes: Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson
Nayes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Beebe

Phil Walker commented.

8. Quagga Mussel – Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors March 4, 2014 Meeting Agenda Item

- a. Authorize the Board President, on behalf of the COMB Board, to prepare and submit a letter to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors regarding COMB's position relative to Quagga Mussel protections and actions at Lake Cachuma**

Randy Ward, General Manager, reported that on March 4, 2014 the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors will hear an agenda item that is anticipated to include a recommendation for adoption of Quagga Mussel preventative measures for implementation at Lake Cachuma. It would be appropriate that the COMB President be directed to prepare and submit a letter that would encourage prudent and appropriate action to protect the Lake.

Director Beebe moved that the Board direct the President to prepare and submit a letter to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors that encourages the adoption of the most prudent and stringent actions available to protect lake Cachuma from a Quagga Mussel infestation, seconded by director Francisco.

Passed by a roll call vote 7/0/0:
Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson
Nayes: None

Absent/Abstain: None

9. Quiota Creek Fish Passage Improvement Projects

a. Verbal Report – Quiota Creek Crossing 1

Randy Ward and Tim Robinson reported on the Quiota Creek Fish Passage Improvement Projects.

b. Quiota Creek Crossing 0 – Accept proposed COMB construction match and authorize CDFW-FRGP grant application

There are two concrete low flow Arizona-type crossings on Quiota Creek near its confluence with the Santa Ynez River. COMB proposes to replace those crossings with railroad car bridges that will fully span the creek.

Construction financing would be provided by a pending grant with California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (CDFW-FRGP), once submitted by staff.

c. Quiota Creek Crossing 3 – Accept proposed COMB construction match and authorize CDFW-FRGP grant application

A 60-foot prefabricated bottomless arched culvert with four wing walls and one rock riffle has been planned to replace the current concrete low flow crossing at Crossing 3. Construction financing would be provided by a pending grant to CDFW-FRGP, once submitted by staff.

Director Francisco moved to accept the proposed COMB construction match of \$50,000 for each Crossing and authorize staff to submit a CDFW-FRGP grant application for Quiota Creek Crossing 0 and Crossing 3, seconded by Director Orozco, passed by a roll call vote 6/1/0:

Ayes: Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson

Nays: Beebe

Absent/Abstain: None

10. Progress Report on Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program

Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager, had nothing more to add beyond his report.

11. Operations Division Report

Randall Ward, General Manager, reported that the board report describes the activities of the Operations staff for the previous month.

12. Fisheries Division Report

Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager, highlighted his report included in the board packet.

13. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports

a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly water reports for January 2013 were included in the board packet.

b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The Lake Cachuma Daily Operations report through February 18, 2014 was included in the board packet.

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

The County's summary of Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Program for January 2014 was included in the board packet.

14. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Per Director Orozco's request at the March 24, 2014 Board meeting, his February 24, 2014 request for an agenda item regarding the consequences of a Member Unit taking more than their allocation of water was to be added. President Hanson stated his request would be taken under consideration.

Counsel Tony Trembley announced that following a break the Board would convene into closed session for Item #15 and Item #16 of the agenda.

The Board took a break at 3:43 p.m.

**15. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]**

Name of case: Andrew Brown and Jessica Brown vs. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1438821

The Board went into closed session at 3:52 p.m.

**16. [Closed Session]: Scheduled Six Month Performance Review
[Government Code Section 54957]
General Manager**

**18. Reconvene into Open Session [Government Code Section 54957.7]
Disclosure of actions taken in closed session, as applicable
[Government Code Section 54957.1]**

The Board came out of closed session at 4:34 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session for Item #15 or Item #16.

20. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held March 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

21. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

