

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

held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, August 27, 2012

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 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
Karen Carroll	John McInnes
Tim Robinson	Rebecca Bjork
Tim Cloherty	Charles Hamilton
Phil Walker	Janet Gingras
Ruth Snodgrass	Sonia Fernandez
Chris Dahlstrom	Melinda Fournier
David Baum	Rick Merrifield

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented on the weather forecast for the year and Cachuma Project assets being transferred to COMB.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes:**
July 23, 2012 Regular Board Meetings and August 6, 2012 Special Board Meetings
- b. Investment Funds**
Financial Report
Investment Report
- c. Payment of Claims**

d. Approval to Pay Sales Tax on the Purchase of the Bottomless Arch Culvert for the Quiota Creek 7 Project

Director Beebe requested pulling Item 3d for separate consideration.

President Hanson suggested some changes to the July 23, 2012 minutes: add to Item 17c, last paragraph, "how issues raised by the neighbors are being addressed"; Item 14, second sentence should read "Mr. Mowry was directed to determine if COMB meets County Environmental Health Department standards and report back to the Board at the August meeting"; Item 13, add, Director Morgan requested that a paper on the clay pipes installed by US Bureau of Reclamation be prepared by Mr. Mowry, Director Morgan also requested additional information on the Glen Anne Reservoir including reports written in prior years and also add that the Board requested that Mr. Mowry complete a comprehensive Capital Improvement Program for the Boards consideration.

Director Francisco moved to approve 3 a, b, and c of the consent agenda with modifications, seconded by Director Beebe, passed 7/0/0.

Director Francisco moved to approve 3 d of the consent agenda, seconded by Director Morgan, passed 6/1/0, Director Beebe voted no.

The Board next considered Item #11

11. Report on Septic Tank Installed Near the SCC Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported on the installation of a septic tank installed at the MURRP site. Mr. Mowry has been in discussions with the County and US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) regarding permitting and complying with County specifications for septic tanks. Reclamation would like to meet with the County to discuss having the County permit all of the septic tanks installed for the Cachuma Project facilities. Mr. Mowry recommended that the use of the leach field at the MURRP site be discontinued and that the septic tank be used has a holding tank while discussion between Reclamation and the County concerning permitting takes place.

Rick Merrifield, Director Goleta Water District and former head of the County's Environmental Health Department, spoke on his observations of the septic tank at the MURRP site. Mr. Merrifield noted two short comings of the site; one is that it is located at the top of a very steep hill that exceeded a 30% slope comprising the leach field. The other problem is that one of the trenches is not level after it was installed and it has been set at an angle. Trenches are required to be installed level.

President Hanson directed Mr. Mowry to report at the September meeting on what COMB should do with the septic tank and the cost involved.

4. Board Committee Appointments for FY 2012-13

President Hanson made the following appointments to the Board Committees for FY 2012-13.

- a. **Administrative** – Chair Lauren Hanson, Member Doug Morgan, Alternate Dale Francisco
- b. **Operations Division** – Chair Bob Lieberknecht, Member Lauren Hanson, Alternate Dale Francisco
- c. **Fisheries Division** – Chair Dennis Beebe, Member Lauren Hanson, Alternate Doug Morgan
- d. **Public Outreach** – Chair Doug Morgan, Member Dale Francisco Alternate Dennis Beebe

5. Consider Approval of a Project List for Proposition 84 Grant Funding

Included in the board packet for Board approval was a list of potential projects for the second round of Prop 84 funding, available through the Santa Barbara County Inter-Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The deadline for submitting projects to the plan is September 14, 2012. There was a difference of opinion as to the date that this project list was due, September 14, 2012 or February 2013. Mr. Mowry would need to clarify those dates and report back to the Board. In order not to jeopardize missing the September deadline Director Francisco stated that it would be important to approve this list at today's meeting.

Tim Robinson requested that the Quiota Creek 3 project be added to the list of projects for the Prop 84 submission list.

Phil Walker commented on this item.

Director Francisco moved to approve the list included in the board packet for submittal to the Prop 84 project list, seconded by Director Lieberknecht.

Passed by a roll call vote 4/2/1:

Ayes: Francisco, Lieberknecht, Morgan

Nays: Hanson

Absent/Abstain: Beebe

Director Francisco moved to approve the addition of the Quiota Creek 3 Project for submittal to the Prop 84 project list, seconded by Director Morgan.

Passed by a roll call vote 4/3/0:

Ayes: Francisco, Lieberknecht, Morgan

Nays: Beebe, Hanson

Absent/Abstain: None

President Hanson requested that at the September Board meeting, Mr. Mowry report to the Board after clarifying the due dates for the Prop 84 project list and also report on the progress of COMB's CIP that Mr. Mowry and the General Managers will

jointly be developing. The completion of the CIP would be a benefit in determining projects for the Prop 84 list.

6. General Counsel Report

**a. Recent Suspension of Brown Act Requirements by California Legislature
[2012 Budget Act]**

Counsel Tony Trembley reported that in June the California Legislature passed the Budget Act which included several suspensions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Mr. Trembley recommended that the Board continue to comply with all of the provisions in the Brown Act that they have followed in the past.

Director Francisco moved to continue to respect all of the Brown Act provisions that have been suspended by the Legislature, seconded by Director Lieberknecht.

Motion passed by a roll call vote 7/0/0:

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Hanson, Lieberknecht, Morgan

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

7. Progress Report on Outreach Program with Laurel Canyon Neighbors

General Manager Bruce Mowry highlighted the Public Outreach Program staff has been developing. The Directors emphasized that the concerns of the neighbors on Laurel Canyon Road should be the priority at this time and in the future staff should develop a further reaching program throughout the project facilities.

Tim Cloherty, Laurel Canyon neighbor commented on this item, and requested that COMB hire a Landscape Architect to plan the vegetation planting for the slope next to his property line.

The Board took a break at 3:40 p.m. and returned at 3:53 p.m.

8. Progress Report on Cachuma Lake Oak Tree Program

a. Oak Tree Restoration Plan

b. Projected Costs for Fiscal Year 2013

Tim Robinson highlighted the report prepared by staff. President Hanson thanked Mr. Robinson for an excellent report and the progress of the program.

Melinda Fournier commented on this item.

9. Report on Modified SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project

a. MURRP Progress Report

b. MURRP Expenditures

Bruce Mowry highlighted the monthly report prepared by David Baum.

10. Report on Quiota Creek Crossing 7 Fish Passage Improvement Project

Bruce Mowry reported that approval for the Crossing 7 design had been received from NMFS and that the Notice to Proceed for grant spending had been received from CDFG. COMB would now issue a Notice to Proceed to the contractor Peter Lapidus for construction of the project. Tim Robinson reported that all permits have been received and the project will start September 4, 2012.

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This was considered after the Consent Agenda.

12. Report on Diablo Creek/Lauro Debris Basin Water Source

Bruce Mowry reported on the Diablo Creek/Lauro Debris Basin source of water from Lauro Creek. The City of Santa Barbara will be conducting tests to determine the quality of this water before considering if it would be acceptable for use. While this testing takes place COMB will be using the water for maintaining the mitigated oak trees and honeysuckle planted at Lauro Reservoir for mitigation. Director Morgan requested that a letter be sent to Reclamation stating that this water from the debris basin is being utilized for beneficial use as irrigation water.

13. Conveyance System Operations Program Report

The monthly report on the Conveyance System was included in the board packet. Bruce Mowry reported that a hole had been cut in the fence around Lauro Reservoir and fishing gear had been discovered near the water by staff. The incident was reported to Reclamation and the Sheriff was notified. The fence is being repaired and additional 'no fishing' signs added to the fence.

The Directors asked if Liz Gaspar, County Parks Lake Cachuma has been informed of and attends the fish screen cleaning and Quagga mussel inspections at the Intake Tower. If not she should at least be informed when the inspections take place.

Bruce Mowry reported on the two dive inspections on August 21st and 22nd. The inspection at Lauro Reservoir showed that the facility is in good condition. The dive at the Intake Tower had the same results except it was noted that there has been an increase in silt at the bottom of the tower since the last inspection.

14. Fisheries Program Report

Tim Robinson's monthly report was included in the board packet.

15. Reports From the Manager

a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly reports were included in the board packet.

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

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

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

d. Bureau Visits

Bruce Mowry reported on several visits from US Bureau of Reclamation:

- August 14 and 15 – seismic equipment was installed at Lauro Reservoir
- August 15 and 16 – Doug Deflitch and Randy English inspected COMB facilities, MURRP, the Oak Tree Program, and Quiota Creek Project
- August 16 – Reclamation conducted an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) meeting with COMB and personnel from surrounding dams, reviewing the new procedures developed will be implemented by Reclamation
- August 21 and 22 – Reclamation conducted dive inspections at Lauro Reservoir and the North Portal
- September 12 – the Annual Cachuma Operations Coordination Meeting will be held at the COMB office.

16. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Presentation by Consultant Ken Knight on the Cachuma Oak Tree Program

17. [Closed Session]:

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

- (1) **Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): One case**
- (2) **Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c): One case**

b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

Tony Trembley announced that the Board would adjourn into closed session, conference with legal counsel to discuss Item 17 a, (1) and (2) and Item 17 b. In regards to Item 17 a, (1), Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): one case: removal of excess fill over the South Coast Conduit at 1215 Franklin Ranch Road, Goleta, CA, landowners Jessica and Andrew Brown, County LUP Appeals Case #, 07 LUP-00000-00830.

The Board went into closed session at 5:18 p.m. and came out of closed session at 7:34 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.


15. Meeting Schedule

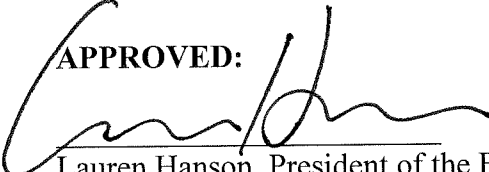
- The next regular Board meeting will be held September 24, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

16. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Mowry, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Lauren Hanson, President of the Board