

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD
held at the
Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board Office
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, April 23, 2007**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m. by President Chuck Evans, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Chuck Evans	Goleta Water District
Lee Bettencourt	SYR Water Conservation Dist., ID#1
Iya Falcone	City of Santa Barbara
Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
June Van Wingerden	Carpinteria Valley Water District

Others present:

Kate Rees	Bruce Wales
Chip Wullbrandt	Steve Mack
Bill Hair	Gary Kvistad
Charles Hamilton	Janet Gingras
Kevin Walsh	David McDermott
Bob Roebuck	Chris Dahlstrom
Brett Gray	

President Evans informed the Board that the requested item to discuss Cachuma spill water issues had been withdrawn from the April 23rd agenda.

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

March 26, 2007 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Bettencourt moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the minutes, seconded by Director Falcone. Motion carried, 7/0/0. The minutes of the March 26, 2007 Board meeting are to be added to the agenda for the May 21st regular meeting.

4. Reports from the Manager

a. Water Storage

The monthly report was included in the Board packet

b. Water Production & Use, SWP Accounting

The two monthly reports were included in the board packet

c. Operations Report

The March 2007 report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the board packet.

d. County Park RMP/EIS Report

Ms. Rees reported that the draft RMP/EIS has been under preparation by the Bureau of Reclamation for a couple of years. County Parks has recently submitted a request for a zone change from agricultural to recreational. This would allow the County to use the RMP/EIS for CEQA compliance so that it would be a joint EIS/EIR. It will be approximately 3 to 4 months before a public draft is issued for public review. Reclamation has not entered into contract negotiations with the County for the operations of the park; they have decided to wait until the RMP/ EIS/EIR is completed and their Record of Decision for the EIS is posted in the Federal Register.

e. 2006 Surcharge Accounting

The April Cachuma Reservoir disposition of 2006 surcharge water was included in the board packet.

f. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 04/23/2007

Lake elevation

741.29

Storage	163,103 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	0.81 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	4.28 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	13.3 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	300 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0.00 acre feet

5. Capital Improvement Projects Update

a. Lauro Debris Basin Project

Brett Gray reported that the red-legged frog surveys had been completed and that there have been no red-legged frogs found in Lauro Reservoir. This will allow the environmental document completed for the Lauro SOD Dams Project to be relied upon for the debris basin project. The permitting process has begun, which will take 3 to 6 months to complete, pushing the project start date to the spring of 2008.

b. 2nd Pipeline Project

Mr. Gray also reported that the 2nd Pipeline Project is in the environmental stage. Field surveys for pipeline alignment have been conducted, collecting and mapping the right-of-ways has been started, and Reclamation along with SAIC have begun the joint EIS/EIR document. A public scoping meeting for the EIS has been scheduled for May 17th at the COMB office, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Director Evans inquired about the process for acquiring funding for this project. Ms Rees indicated that discussion regarding funding would need to begin soon. The environmental work and design of the project have progressed far enough for the funding search to begin.

6. 7th Annual Reclamation Cachuma Operations Meeting Held April 10, 2007

Ms. Rees highlighted Reclamation's April 10th meeting at the COMB office. Discussion during the meeting included: Bradbury Dam operations and schedule for construction of the road to the Hilton Creek watering system, the last Bradbury SOD project to be completed; the need for an engineering evaluation to test the capabilities of the outlet works and the condition of the penstock; CCWA operations regarding pumping of state water into Lake Cachuma for those who have ordered state water; confirmation that downstream water rights releases will be called for this year; COMB operation and maintenance activities that have been completed this year, and Biological Opinion requirements relative to monitoring the downstream releases. A new issue was raised with Reclamation concerning prevention of an invasion of Quagga Mussels in Lake Cachuma. Lastly, Reclamation's Cachuma Project Guidelines for Operation was discussed. A remaining item that still needs to be completed is to establish operational protocol for ramping down after a spill event. Reclamation requested any proposed revisions to the guidelines be provided to them.

7. Proposition 50 and Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Issues

This was thoroughly discussed during the CCRB meeting, item #7, and there was nothing further to add.

8. Cachuma Project Renewal Fund/Trust Fund Meeting and County Water Agency's Public Meeting on Cachuma Project \$100,000 Contribution Held April 13, 2007.

This was thoroughly discussed during the CCRB meeting item #9; there was nothing further to add.

a. Approval of Recommended Use of County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000 Betterment Fund for FY 2007-08

The use of these funds is brought to the COMB Board because all decisions relating to the expenditure of the funds must be approved by both the County Water Agency and COMB (as the successor agency to the Cachuma Project Authority), acting by unanimous vote.

Director Abel moved to approve the expenditure of the County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000 Betterment Fund for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to support the ongoing Lower Santa Ynez River Fisheries Monitoring Program and related activities:

USGS/County Santa Ynez River stream gage data collection program	\$50,000
Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan and Biological Opinion Implementation activities	\$40,000
Repayment to Santa Barbara County Water Agency for Cachuma Park Boat launch ramp modifications (year 4 of 5)	\$10,000

The motion was seconded by Director Van Wingerden, passed 7/0/0.

9. Measurement of Goals and Objectives for FY 2006-07 and Goals and Objectives for FY 2007-08

There was nothing to highlight beyond what was presented in the board packet for the goals and objectives. Ms. Rees acknowledged Janet Gingras and Brett Gray for their timely completion of the measurement of FY 2006-07 goals and objectives and for assisting in establishing the goals and objectives for FY 2007-08.

10. CCRB-COMB Website Development

This was discussed during the CCRB meeting, item #11; there was nothing further to add.

11. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no requests from Directors for agenda items for the next meeting.

12. Meeting Schedule

May 21, 2007 is the next regular COMB Board meeting following the 2:15 P.M. CCRB Board meeting, at the COMB office.

COMB's 50th Anniversary Open House will be held on May 17, 2007 from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the COMB office.

The Board Packets are availability on the CCRB-COMB Website, www.ccrb-comb.org

13. General Manager's Performance Review.

- a. [CCRB & COMB Joint Closed Session – CCRB Reconvene.] Conference with Boards Regarding General Manager's Performance, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.**

The Board went into closed session at 4:43 p.m. Closed session ended at 5:00 p.m. and there was nothing to report out of closed session.

- b. General Manager's Salary and Benefits Review – CCRB Reconvene**

The open session report was the General Manager was awarded a 5% salary increase for FY 2007-08.

14. CCRB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

15. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chuck Evans, President