

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

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, May 18, 2015**

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
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Brad Joos	SYR Water Conservation Dist. ID No. 1 (<i>Alternate</i>)
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara
Polly Holcombe	Carpinteria Valley Water District

Others Present:

Randall Ward	Edward Lyons
Janet Gingras	Matt Naftaly
Dave Stewart	Sam Schaeffer
Tim Robinson	Mitchell White
Adelle Capponi	Phil Walker
William Carter	Amy Smith

Director Morgan introduced Mr. Edward Lyon to the Board. Mr. Lyon serves as the new Business Manager for the Montecito Water District. Mr. Lyon comes from the private sector, and is eager to work with COMB and Member Agencies.

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented on the effects and impacts of the drought as it relates to electricity production and conveyance; and, a recent earthquake readiness simulation performed by PG&E.

Matt Naftaly, Santa Barbara County Water Agency (SBCWA) Manager spoke to the current estimate of water account balances held in Lake Cachuma. Additionally, SBCWA is in communication with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) with regards to the Fish Account water. Updated information will continue to be transmitted to the Member Unit Manager's as it becomes available.

Sam Schaeffer spoke briefly regarding FarmWater.org; the BOR release about of funding opportunities; lastly, an upcoming conference Mr. Schaeffer is co-chairing regarding sustainable base in water management.

3. Verbal Reports From Board Committees

- *Administrative Committee, May 15, 2015: CANCELLED*

4. COMB Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Draft Operating Budget

1. Draft Fiscal Year 2015-16 COMB Operating Budget
2. Draft Operations Division Infrastructure Improvement Plan (IIP)
3. Draft Fisheries Division Habitat Improvement Plan (HIP)

Randall Ward, General Manager prefaced the discussion by noting that the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 was prepared recognizing the current drought conditions and its resulting impact on the Member Agencies. Mr. Ward outlined and reviewed the budget reductions and offsets which emanated from various costs savings that included but was not limited to: carryover funds, project deferral, removal or reduced in scale, and the ability to utilize Operations staff, reducing the amount of engineering services needed. The resulting net reduction or offset to the FY 15/16 Operating Budget totaled \$928,000. Those specific modifications to the budget were:

Carryover Funds	Amount
AVAR Riser pipe replacement	225,000
Open Air Vent	60,000
Sheffield Tunnel Inspection/SCC components evaluation	30,000
Carryover total	315,000
Projects Deferred/Removed/Reduced Need	Amount
North Portal Jet Flow Spool Installation	-5,000
Mission Creek South Coast Crossing (<i>addition-high priority project</i>)	50,000
Installation of second sump-pump-lower chamber of the North Portal	-35,000
North Portal gate shaft waterproofing	-70,000
Locate discharge pipe, outfalls at four blow-off stations	-40,000
Lauro office building stabilization	-250,000
SCADA updates	-25,000
Clean and grout Lauro Reservoir outlet works wall cracks	-38,000
Rebuilding rip-rap at Lauro Reservoir	-200,000
Net Cost Savings	613,000
Total Net Reduction/Offset for FY 2015/2016 Operating Budget	\$ 928,000

Following a lengthy consideration of the budget as included in the board packet, President Hanson moved to approve Fiscal Year 2015-16 Operating Budget with the amended modifications discussed and direction to staff, seconded by Director Francisco. Discussion: as part of the direction to staff, President Hanson included Director Holcombe's suggestion to maintain vigilance in evaluating specific items that come before the Board; and Director Morgan's request to receive a new budget with the revised figures, along with a revised quarterly Member Unit assessments spreadsheet reflective of the adjustments. President Hanson noted that the final version of the revised budget and associated quarterly assessment spreadsheet would be an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.

President Hanson noted the motion on the table and called for a roll call vote; motion passed 6/1/0 as follows:

Ayes: Morgan, Holcombe, Francisco, Hanson

Nays: Joos

Absent/Abstain: None

5. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing and Potential Litigation

a. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]

Name of case: California Trout, Inc. v. United States Bureau of Reclamation et al.,
United States District Court, CDCA, Case No., 2:14-CV-7744

The Board went into closed session at 4:45p.m.

6. 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 5:05p.m. Report out of closed session is as follows:

The Board took action by a vote of 6/1/0 all in support, with Director Joos voting No; to authorize legal counsel to seek to intervene in the Cal Trout litigation, but only if and when the federal court decides that the case will go forward and decides not to dismiss the case on the pending motion to dismiss.

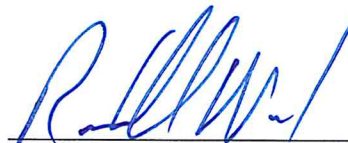
7. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular meeting of the Board will be held June 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Agendas and Board packets are available for viewing and downloading on the COMB website at www.cachuma-board.org.

8. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall Ward, Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:



Lauren Hanson, President of the Board