

**JOINT MEETING
OF
CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD
AND
CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD
at Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board Office
3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105**

CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD

**MONDAY,
April 24, 2006
2:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

1. COMB CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL. (COMB Board of Directors.) *(1 minute)*.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT. (Public may address the Board on any subject matter not on the agenda and within the Board's jurisdiction. See "Notice to the Public" below.) *(5 minutes)*
3. EXPLANATION OF CACHUMA PROJECT WATER RATES STRUCTURE. (For information.) *(20 minutes)*

BREAK – 5 MINUTES

4. CONSENT AGENDA. (For Board Action by Vote on One Motion Unless Member Requests Separate Consideration.) *(3 minutes)*
 - a. Minutes of March 27, 2006 Regular Board Meeting, and March 9 & 16, 2006 Special Joint COMB/CCRB Board Meetings
 - b. Reports from the Manager
 - Water Storage
 - Water Production & Use, SWP Accounting
 - Operations Report
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
 - c. Payment of Claims
5. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT FOR VACATED SEATS FY 2005-2006. (For action by the President of the Board.) *(5 minutes)*
 - a. Finance Committee – one appointment
 - b. Legal Affairs – one appointment
 - c. Capital Improvements, Alternate – one appointment

6. CACHUMA RESERVOIR CURRENT CONDITIONS. (For information.) (7 minutes)
7. STATUS OF LAURO DAM SEISMIC SAFETY MODIFICATIONS PROJECT. (For information.) (5 minutes)
8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AND SCOPE OF WORK WITH URS, CORP. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR PIPELINE PROJECT ON SOUTH COAST CONDUIT. (For Board action.) (5 minutes)
9. REPORT ON CACHUMA PROJECT RENEWAL FUND/TRUST FUND MEETING AND COUNTY WATER AGENCY'S PUBLIC MEETING ON CACHUMA PROJECT \$100,000 CONTRIBUTION ON APRIL 11, 2006.
 - Approval of Recommended Use of County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000 Contribution for FY 2006-2007. (For Board action.) (5 minutes)
10. RESCHEDULE TOUR FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO REVIEW THE CACHUMA PROJECT SOUTH COAST FACILITIES. SUGGESTED DATES: Thursday, May 11, Thursday, May 18 and Wednesday May 24. (For Board action.) (5 minutes)
11. SCHEDULE EMPLOYEES APPRECIATION LUNCH FOR STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SUGGESTED DATES MAY 25 OR JUNE 1, 2006. (For Board action.) (5 minutes)
12. [CLOSED SESSION] CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (a.) One case: Crawford-Hall v. COMB, Superior Court of California. County of Santa Barbara, Case No. 1171135. (10 minutes)
13. REQUESTS FROM DIRECTORS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON NEXT AGENDA. (Next Regular Meeting: May 22, 2006 following the CCRB meeting. Next Special CCRB/COMB Special Board Meeting: April 27, 2006.) (3 minutes)
14. COMB ADJOURNMENT.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Board. The total time for this item will be limited by the President of the Board. If you wish to address the Board under this item, please complete and deliver to the Secretary of the Board before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" forms including a description of the subject you wish to address.

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3301 Laurel Canyon Road
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CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD

MONDAY, April 24, 2006

Approximate Start Time

3:15 P.M.

AGENDA

1. CCRB CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL. (CCRB Board of Directors.) *(1 minute)*
2. PUBLIC COMMENT. (Public may address the Board on any subject matter not on the agenda and within the Board's jurisdiction. See "Notice to the Public" below.) *(5 minutes)*
3. CONSENT AGENDA. (For Board action by vote on one motion unless member requests separate consideration.) *(2 minutes)*
 - a. Minutes from March 27, 2006 Regular Board Meeting, March 9 & 16, 2006 Special Joint COMB/CCRB Board Meetings [see COMB item 4a]
 - b. Payment of Claims
4. EXPLANATION OF SWRCB'S DECISION 1641 AND COURT OF APPEAL'S OPINION REGARDING THE BAY-DELTA. (For information.) *(7 minutes)*
5. INTERIM AGREEMENT REGARDING SURCHARGE OF LAKE CACHUMA AND CACHUMA PARK FACILITIES. (For Board action.) *(5 minutes)*
6. SWRCB HEARING AND TECHNICAL ISSUES REPORT. (For information.) *(5 minutes)*
7. **VERBAL REPORT - STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD CACHUMA WATER RIGHTS HEARING** (For information.) *(2 minutes)*
 - a. Status of SWRCB EIR on Cachuma Operations
8. **SANTA YNEZ RIVER FISHERIES PROGRAM.** (For information.) *(15 minutes)*
 - a. Report on American Fisheries Conference Held March 31, 2006 San Luis Obispo
 - b. Report on Supplemental Passage Flow Monitoring Activities

9. REPORT ON APRIL 20, 2006 MEETING OF THE TRI-COUNTY FISH TEAM. (For information) *(5 minutes)*
10. REPORT ON CACHUMA RENEWAL FUND/WARREN ACT TRUST FUND MEETING AND COUNTY'S PUBLIC MEETING ON CACHUMA PROJECT \$100,000 CONTRIBUTION ON APRIL 11, 2006. (See information provided for COMB Item 9.) *(3 minutes)*
11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FY 2006-07 CCRB/ID NO. 1 FINAL BUDGET. (For Board action.) *(15 minutes)*
12. MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW.
 - a. [CLOSED SESSION] CONFERENCE WITH BOARD REGARDING MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 (a). (For Board action.) *(30 minutes)*
13. NEXT REGULAR CCRB MEETING PROPOSED TO BE HELD AT 2:00 P.M. ON MAY 22, 2006 AT THE COMB OFFICE. NEXT SPECIAL CCRB/COMB JOINT MEETING PROPOSED TO BE HELD AT 3:00 P.M. ON APRIL 27, 2006 AT THE COMB OFFICE. (For information.) *(1 minute)*
14. CCRB ADJOURNMENT

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**CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 24, 2006

TO: Members of the Board of Directors

FROM: Kate Rees, Interim General Manager

RE: **Cachuma Project Water Rates Structure**

DISCUSSION:

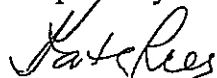
Director Das Williams asked that an explanation of the Cachuma Project Water Rates Structure and Cachuma Project water accounting, particularly with regard to irrigation water, be provided at the April 24, 2006 Board meeting. A question has also been raised pursuant to Article 4(b) in the Cachuma Renewal Master Contract regarding the application of irrigation water to irrigable lands, as well as how actual irrigation and M&I water usage is reported to the Bureau of Reclamation. I will make a presentation at the Board meeting addressing these items and questions.

The following is an outline of the topics that will be covered:

- Background on Water Rates Structure
 - 1956 Cachuma Master Contract
 - 1995 Renewal Master Contract
 - Member Unit Contracts
- COMB Responsibilities for Water Accounting and Payments
 - 1996 Amended and Restated COMB Joint Powers Agreement
- Overall Process for Water Orders and Payments to USBR
- USBR Water Rates Calculation – Irrigation and M&I
- COMB Melded Rates Calculation – Irrigation and M&I
- Actual Water Usage Calculation and Reporting
- Water Orders vs. Actual Usage for Cachuma Project Service Area
- Application of Irrigation Water to Irrigable Land

I have asked COMB's legal counsel for an opinion regarding COMB's responsibilities and compliance with the 1995 Renewal Master Contract, 1995 Member Unit Contracts, and the 1996 Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for COMB relative to the financial water accounting it carries out on behalf of the Member Units. A memo from Mr. Hair is attached. I have also asked for Reclamation's interpretation of Article 4(b) in the Cachuma Renewal Master Contract which will be discussed at the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Rees, Interim General Manager

NORDMAN CORMANY HAIR & COMPTON LLP

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board
FROM: William H. Hair, General Counsel
DATE: April 18, 2006
RE: Relationship of COMB to that certain contract between the United States and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Contract No. 175r-1802R)

There have been certain questions raised concerning the delivery of agricultural water to the COMB Member Units under the captioned contract ("Water Service Contract"). The contract itself is between the United States and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency. COMB is not a party to the contract itself, but it is between the United States and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency. The individual Member Units have contracted with the Santa Barbara County Water Agency for delivery of water and are bound to comply with the terms of the Master Water Service Contract by the individual contracts with the County Water Agency.

The COMB Joint Powers Agreement (1996 Amended And Restated Agreement For The Establishment Of A Board Of Control To Operate And Maintain The Cachuma Project – Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board) provides in Article III, Section 3.1 that "the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board shall have the power generally to perform all acts necessary and convenient to the purpose of the parties, including, without limitation, any and all acts necessary to carry out fully, on behalf of each of the parties hereto, the provisions of those agreements of the parties . . . ; all renewals of contracts no. 175r-1802, 175r-1802R and 175r-1802IR, and all other agreements made, and to be made between the United States, the Cachuma Project Member Units and all other agencies; and all steps required by such contracts, federal reclamation law and the laws of the State of California to exercise the right of renewal(s)." (Emphasis added.)

Re: Relationship of COMB to that certain contract between the United States and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Contract No. 175r-1802R)

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Thus, although COMB is not a party to the Water Service Agreement or the agreements between the Member Units and the County Water Agency, because of the Joint Powers Agreement, it has been the practice for COMB to act on behalf of the Member Units as a conduit of reporting information and making the payments, as required under the Water Service Agreement and the Member Unit Agreements with the County Water Agency. COMB does not generate any of the data, arrange for the delivery of water to individual customers nor does it meter the delivery to customers. In short, COMB is merely the agent for the Member Units in their dealings with the United States and the Santa Barbara Water Agency. As such, it is my opinion that COMB, although not a party to any of these agreements, is, to the extent that it participates as an agent, in full compliance with the requirements of the functions that it carries out on behalf of the Member Units.

Last, a question has arisen regarding the proper interpretation of a provision of the Water Service Contract: Article 4 (b), which insofar as applicable, provides:

“(b) Irrigation Water shall be delivered only to land that is classified as irrigable pursuant to the Federal Reclamation laws. . . .”

The Water Service Contract defines “Irrigation Water” as “. . . water made available from the Project which is used primarily in the production of agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use incidental thereto, and watering livestock.”

It is my opinion that the intent of Article 4 (b) is insure that only irrigable lands get irrigation water, not that irrigation water cannot be used for other purposes, if available.

WHH:rjh

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board
held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, California
March 27, 2006**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Vice President Evans called the meeting to order at 3:26 p.m.

Directors present:

Chuck Evans	Goleta Water District
Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
Robert Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara
Lee Bettencourt	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation Dist ID#1 (Alternate)

Others present:

Kate Rees	Janet Gingras
Brett Gray	Robert Dunlap
Bob Roebuck	Chip Wullbrandt
Charles Hamilton	William Hair
Russell Ruiz	Kevin Walsh
Steve Mack	Chris Dahlstrom
B.R. Bertrando	Jack Ruskey
Tom Schultz	

(the Board next considered item 3)

3. Public Comment

B.R. Bertrando commented on his concerns regarding improper application of irrigation water per the Cachuma Project Renewal Master Contract by the Goleta Water District.

Jack Ruskey a farmer in the Goleta Valley, echoed Mr. Bertrando's concerns, and gave his opinion on the Cachuma Master Contract provision to deliver agriculture water from Lake Cachuma to the Member Units.

Director Williams requested that an explanation of the Cachuma water rates structure be included on the agenda for the April 24th Regular Board Meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of February 27, 2006 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes of February 22, 2006 Joint Special Board Meeting.
- b. Reports from the Manager
 - Water Storage
 - Productions & Use, SWP Accounting Water
 - Operations Report
 - Financial Report
 - Investment Report
- c. Payment of Claims

Director Abel moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Williams. Motion carried, 7/0/0.

5. Committee Appointments for Vacated Seats FY 2005-2006

- a. Finance Committee – one appointment
- b. Legal Affairs – one appointment
- c. Capital Improvements, Alternate – one appointment

This item was continued to the April 24, 2006 Board meeting when COMB President Matt Loudon would be present.

6. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Reservoir Current Conditions:

Date 03/27/2006

Lake elevation	750.23 feet
Storage	188,734 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	2.85 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	16.61 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	11.8 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	1777 acre feet

The remaining surcharge is approximately 559 AF.

7. Report on Washington D.C. ACWA Meetings and Meetings with Legislators and Government Officials

Jan Abel and Chip Wullbrandt reported on their attendance at the ACWA meetings in Washington D.C. Director Abel reviewed the schedule of events, and the legislators and government officials they met with. Director Abel also highlighted the key messages on Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program, reduced levels of funding and ACWA's position on the funding. Out of \$90 million, California's share will be about \$6.5 million compared to \$9 million last year.

Mr. Wullbrandt summarized the California Restoration Funding Program, and discussions they had exploring funding for the South Coast Conduit Pipeline (2nd Barrel) project and other improvements to the Cachuma Project. Their discussion with Lynn

Scarlett, Deputy Secretary Department of the Interior, focused on how she might facilitate getting new money into Reclamation's budget for the Cachuma Project and included the Reclamation's response to the National Academy of Science Report.

(the Board next considered item 2)

2. **[Closed Session.] Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a.) One case: Crawford-Hall v. COMB, Superior Court of California. County of Santa Barbara, Case No. 1171135.**

The Board went into closed session at 4:08 p.m. Closed session ended at 4:10 p.m. There was nothing to report out of closed session.

(the Board next considered item 8)

8. **Resolution No. 440 to Approve Repayment Agreement for Lauro Dam Safety of Dams Modifications Project**

Ms Rees highlighted the information included in the Board packet concerning the background of the negotiations between Reclamation and COMB to develop the repayment contract language.

The recommendation was that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 440 for the Contract between the United States of America and the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board for the repayment of funds expended for federally performed Safety of Dams Act Modification Program at Lauro Dam and Reservoir.

Director Williams moved to approve Resolution No 440, seconded by Director Abel. A roll call vote was taken, passed 7/0/0.

9. **Revised Scope of Work for Preliminary Design and Environmental Services for 2nd Barrel Project on South Coast Conduit.**

Ms Rees outlined the revised engineering design, the proposal from Boyle Engineering and highlighted the major reasons regarding the need for the project. She mentioned that the proposal from URS Corporation for the environmental document had been delayed and would be presented to the Board at the April 24, 2006 meeting.

Brett Gray, COMB Operations Supervisor and Robert Dunlap, COMB Operations Foreman gave a comprehensive presentation to the Board about the need of a second pipeline from the South Portal of the Tecolote Tunnel (SPTT) to Corona Del Mar Water Treatment Plant (CDMWTP), and why it was important to begin the project as soon as possible. In summary, the second pipeline will solve the current issues of reliability, and peak demand along with many additional future issues. They concluded that if it is not constructed, there will not be sufficient Cachuma water to meet demand in dry years.

Director Abel moved to approve the recommendation of Boyle Engineering Phase 2A Proposal for the 2nd Pipeline Project, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 4/0/3. Director Williams was absent, Director Bettencourt abstained.

10. Analysis of Governor Schwarzenegger's 2006 & 2010 Water Management Bonds and Consideration of Support Letter

The COMB Board was in agreement with the CCRB Board to reconsider supporting these bond measures if they gain approval for the November 2006 Ballot.

11. Schedule Tour for Board of Directors to Review the Cachuma Project South Coast Facilities. Suggested Dates: April 13, 20 & 27.

The tour will take place on either April 20 or 27 depending on the scheduling of the next Joint Special COMB/CCRB Board Meeting

12. Schedule Further Joint Special COMB/CCRB Board Meetings

As discussed during the CCRB Board meeting the two possible dates for the next Joint Special COMB/CCRB Board meeting are April 20th or 27th, depending on the availability of the facilitator, John Jostes of Interactive Planning and Management.

13. Requests from Directors for items to be included on next agenda

The next regular COMB Board meeting will be April 24, 2006 immediately following the CCRB Board meeting; the explanation of Cachuma water rates structure will be added to the agenda. Next Joint Special COMB/CCRB Board Meeting will be April 20 or 27, 2006. The Cachuma Project South Coast Facilities Tour will be April 20 or 27, 2006.

14. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chair

Approved _____

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**Minutes of the Joint Special Meeting of the
Cachuma Conservation Release Board
and
Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board
Santa Barbara, California
March 16, 2006**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

President Jan Abel called the meeting of the CCRB Board to order at 9:15 a.m., roll call was taken, all were present.

Vice-President Chuck Evans called the meeting of the COMB Board to order at 9:16 a.m., roll call was taken, all were present.

CCRB & COMB Directors present:

Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
Chuck Evans	Goleta Water District
June Van Wingerden	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Lee Bettencourt (COMB)	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation Dist., ID#1
Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara

Others present:

Kate Rees	Scott Engblom
Bob Roebuck	Scott Volan
Courtney Fischer	Miguel Checa
Phylene Wiggins	Kevin Walsh
Charles Hamilton	C. Johnson
Tim Robinson	

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3. Scope of Work and Cost to Hire a Facilitator for CCRB/COMB Reorganization

Director Evans presented a proposal by John Jostes, Interactive Planning and Management, for his services as facilitator for the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board and Cachuma Conservation Release Board to discuss issues and options regarding reorganization of the two agencies. Mr. Jostes' proposal suggested that 20 hours be allocated in one-third increments each toward meeting preparations, interviews, and meeting facilitation. Director Bettencourt thought additional time might be needed and recommended that the process be kept open ended. He also asked that the facilitator develop a process to consider all the issues.

The Boards agreed that 20 hours was probably not sufficient and recommended an increase to 30 hours. They also acknowledged that additional hours may need to be authorized at a later date.

Director Evans asked that the April 3, 2006 Special Board meeting be cancelled because Mr. Jostes needed additional time to carry out interviews and prepare materials for the first facilitated special meeting. The Boards agreed it should be rescheduled and they will do so at the regular March 27, 2006 meeting.

Director Williams moved to increase Mr. Jostes' initial scope of work to 30 hours with a not to exceed amount of \$4,950, seconded by Director Bettencourt, passed unanimously.

4. Tour for Board of Directors to Review the Steelhead Enhancement Projects in the Lower Santa Ynez River

The CCRB and COMB Directors, Managers and members of the public were led on a tour of several of the Fish Management Plan projects in the lower Santa Ynez River by staff.

5. Next Regular CCRB and COMB Board Meeting Date: March 27, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment of the Joint Special COMB/CCRB Board Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

CCRB Secretary to the Board

COMB Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:

Jan Abel, CCRB President

Matt Loudon, COMB President

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**Minutes of the Joint Special Meeting of the
Cachuma Conservation Release Board
and
Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board
held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, California
March 9, 2006**

1. President Jan Abel called the meeting of the CCRB Board to order at 3:03 p.m., roll call was taken, all were present.

President Matt Loudon called the meeting of the COMB Board to order at 3:04 p.m., roll call was taken, all were present.

CCRB & COMB Directors present:

Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
Chuck Evans	Goleta Water District
Robert Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Matt Loudon (COMB)	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation Dist., ID#1
Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara

Others present:

Kate Rees	Brett Gray
Bill Hair	Bruce A. Wales
Janet Gingras	Steve Mack
Gary Kvistad	Chris Dahlstrom
Lee Bettencourt	Russell Ruiz
Scott Volan	Robert Dunlap
Bob Roebuck	

2. **Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

3. **Consideration of Proposed Reorganization of COMB and CCRB**

The meeting was turned over to Director Evans and Member Unit Managers, Steve Mack and Chris Dahlstrom. The purpose of the meeting was to review and better understand the list of issues provided in the Board packet. Director Evans, Mr. Mack and Mr. Dahlstrom each summarized a number of the issues in order to give the Boards a broad-based view of the importance of each of them. There was some discussion on the issues; however the list will be fully discussed during future meetings.

Director Evans reviewed the alternatives to the current configuration of COMB and CCRB that had been previously developed by the Strategic Planning Work Group in 2005. The consensus was that they needed to be articulated again, so will be further developed during future meetings.

4. Consideration of Obtaining Services of Facilitator for Proposed COMB/CCRB Reorganization Process

After discussion, the Boards agreed to hire a facilitator for the reorganization process. Director Williams moved to seek an estimate for a scope of work for 20 hours from John Jostes, seconded by Director Abel, passed 7/0/0.

The Boards requested that Director Evans contact John Jostes to request that he submit a scope of work and estimated cost of his services for the Boards consideration at the Joint Special Meeting/Tour on March 16, 2006.

5. Status of Implementation of Cachuma Project Biological Opinion Activities

Director Williams, at the February 22, 2006 meeting, requested Ms Rees to include in the Board packet the status of implementing the Fish Management Plan/Biological Opinion activities and projects. Ms Rees highlighted the current projects with the Board so that they would have a better understanding of the time Ms Rees has allotted to CCRB and COMB.

6. Proposed Salary Spending Plan for COMB Interim General Manager/CCRB Manager Salary

Ms Rees summarized her proposed salary spending plan during the interim period for the reorganization of COMB and CCRB. Ms Rees evaluated the major COMB tasks which would require management attention during the interim period of about 4 months. Ms Rees determined she would be spending about 35% of her time on COMB activities and approximately 65 % time on CCRB/ID#1 activities. An analysis of the impact on COMB and CCRB budgets was included in the Board packet.

Director Williams moved to accept the proposal presented by Ms Rees, seconded by Director Evans, passed 4/0/0.

7. Next Regular CCRB and COMB Board Meeting Date: March 27, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. The next Joint Special Board Meeting/Tour: March 16, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

8. Adjournment of the Joint Special COMB/CCRB Board Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13

Respectfully submitted:

CCRB Secretary to the Board

COMB Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:

Jan Abel, CCRB President

Matt Loudon, COMB President

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CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD
WATER STORAGE REPORT

MONTH: March 31, 2006

GLEN ANNIE RESERVOIR

Capacity at 385' elevation:	518 Acre Feet
Capacity at sill of intake at 334' elevation:	21 Acre Feet
Stage of Reservoir Elevation	357.80 Feet
Water in Storage	174.89 Acre Feet

LAURO RESERVOIR

Capacity at 549' elevation:	600 Acre Feet
Capacity at sill of intake at 512' elevation:	84.39 Acre Feet
Stage of Reservoir Elevation	541.80 Feet
Water in Storage	449.25 Acre Feet

ORTEGA RESERVOIR

Capacity at 460' elevation:	65 Acre Feet
Capacity at outlet at elevation 440':	0 Acre Feet
Stage of Reservoir Elevation	OUT OF SERVICE
Water in Storage	0.00 Acre Feet

CARPINTERIA RESERVOIR

Capacity at 384' elevation:	45 Acre Feet
Capacity at outlet elevation 362':	0 Acre Feet
Stage of Reservoir Elevation	380.00 Feet
Water in Storage	35.06 Acre Feet

TOTAL STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS

Change in Storage	-14.73 Acre Feet
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CACHUMA RESERVOIR

Capacity at 750' elevation:	188,030 Acre Feet
Capacity at sill of tunnel 660' elevation:	26,109 Acre Feet

Stage of Reservoir Elevation	751.46 Feet
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Water in Storage	192,511 AF
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Area	3,090
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Evaporation	582.9 AF
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Inflow	14,993.7 AF
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Downstream Release WR8918	0 AF
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Fish Release	2189.2 AF
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Spill/Seismic Release	0 AF
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State Project Water	0 AF
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Change in Storage	12,073 AF
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Tecolote Diversion	1,236.9 AF
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Rainfall: Month: 4.31 Season: 18.07 Percent of Normal: 96% 46

05-06 ENTITLEMENT

**CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD
 WATER PRODUCTION AND WATER USE REPORT
 FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2006 AND THE WATER YEAR TO DATE**

(All in rounded Acre Feet)

			MONTH TOTAL			YTD TOTAL
WATER PRODUCTION:						
Cachuma Lake (Tec. Diversion)			1,237			10,039
Tecolote Tunnel Infiltration			189			1,079
Glen Anne Reservoir			0			0
Cachuma Lake (County Park)			9			33
State Water Diversion Credit			0			572
Gibraltar Diversion Credit			0			0
Bishop Ranch Diversion			0			0
Meter Reads			1,412			10,281
So. Coast Storage gain/(loss)			(15)			(70)
Total Production			1,435			11,150
Total Deliveries			1,398			10,783
Unaccounted-for			38			367
% Unaccounted-for			2.63%			3.29%
	GWD	SB CITY	MWD	CVWD	SYRWCD	TOTAL
WATER USE:					I.D. #1	
M&I	428	540	93	80	9	1,150
Agricultural	189	0	31	42	0	262
TOTAL FOR MONTH	618	540	124	122	9	1,412
Same Mo/prev. yr	831	599	53	245	3	1,731
M&I Yr to date	3,368	2,755	1,012	628	33	7,796
Ag. Yr to date	1,488	0	338	547	0	2,373
TOTAL YTD	4,857	2,755	1,350	1,175	33	10,170
USAGE % YTD	34.3%	20.2%	37.2%	27.4%	1.6%	26.6%
Previous Year/YTD	3,585	3,622	354	967	16	8,544
Evaporation	2	13	0	1	1	17
Evaporation, YTD	60	102	8	20	6	196
Entitlement	9,322	8,277	2,651	2,813	2,651	25,714
Carryover	4,832	5,800	874	1,469	296	13,271
Carryover Spill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spill Surplus^^	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Water Exchange^	189	124	124	85	(522)	0
Transfers*/Adjustment***	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passthrough H2O**	0	(36)	0	0	0	(36)
TOTAL AVAILABLE	14,343	14,165	3,649	4,367	2,425	38,949
REMAINING BALANCE	9,426	11,308	2,291	3,172	2,386	28,583

** City relinquished 6 AF per "Passthrough" agrmt for March 2006 (No Passthrough during spill conditions).

State Water Deliveries for March to Lake Cachuma were MWD 0 AF; CVWD 0 AF

GWD 0 AF(Morehart 0 AF); City of S.B. 0 AF; and LaCumbre 111 AF; (Ratheon 0 AF).

^ Per SWP Exchange Agrmt GWD received 36 AF; MWD received 24;

City of SB received 24 AF; and CVWD received 16 AF from ID#1 in March 2006.

PERCENT OF WATER YEAR ELAPSED:

50.0%

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COMB STATE WATER PROJECT ACCOUNTING - SOUTH COAST ONLY (Does not include SYRWCD, ID#1 or exchange water)

MONTH	DELVRD TO LAKE	Delv'd CVWD		Delv'd MWD		Delv'd S.B.		Delv'd GWD		Delv'd LCMWC		Delv'd RSYS		Delv'd MLC	
		to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC
2005															
Bal. Frwd		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	45	0	0	12	0	12	0	18	-32	3	-76	20	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	95	36	20	0	34
December	276	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198	0	30	0	50	50
Total	506	0	0	12	0	12	0	18	0	330	95	252	50	0	84

COMB STATE WATER PROJECT ACCOUNTING - SOUTH COAST ONLY (Does not include SYRWCD, ID#1 or exchange water)

MONTH	DELVRD TO LAKE	Delv'd CVWD		Delv'd MWD		Delv'd S.B.		Delv'd GWD		Delv'd LCMWC		Delv'd RSYS		Delv'd MLC	
		to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC	to Lake	to SC
2006															
Bal. Frwd		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-95	0	0	0	0
February	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	0	206	0	0	0

Operations Report – March 2006

Cachuma Project water usage for the month of March 2006 was 1,412 acre-feet, compared with 1,731 acre-feet for the same period in 2005. Cachuma Project water use for the 12 months ending 31 March 2006 was 27,998 acre-feet, compared with 21,541 acre-feet for the 12 months ending 31 March 2005.

The average flow from Lake Cachuma into the Tecolote Tunnel was 39 acre-feet per day. Lake elevation was 748.26 feet at the beginning of the month and 751.46 feet at the end. Recorded rainfall at Bradbury Dam was 4.31 inches for the month and 18.07 inches for the rainfall season, which commenced on July 1, 2005. Rainfall for the season is 96% of normal.

Santa Barbara wheeled 290 acre-feet of Gibraltar water through Lauro Reservoir during the month. 0 acre-feet of State Water Project water was wheeled through Cachuma Project facilities and delivered to South Coast Member Units during the month.

Rehabilitation of the Corona Del Mar Turnout Vault continued this month. This project includes the replacement of all three slide-gates, replacement of the intermediate level decking, replacement of all ladders within the vault, installation of a new deck on top of the structure, relocation of the valve operator above maximum operational water level, installation of stairs to access the upper level, and the installation of SCADA sensors for monitoring of the site. All demolition and the installation of all 3 new slide gates were completed this month. This work required several shutdowns of the Corona Del Mar Water Treatment Plant for completion. This project is scheduled to be completed in June due to material manufacturing and delivery delays.

SCADA has had communication issues this month. These issues are due to the lease-lines that are used to transmit data from each site to the main control station. The lease-lines are leased from Verizon and have been an issue from day one. This is the weak link in the COMB SCADA system. Communication with the North Portal has been down for almost a month due to these issues. This is the most important site which controls water deliveries from Lake Cachuma. Verizon is working continuously trying to determine what the problem is. Due to these issues in the past we have started a radio study at the North Portal for data transfer instead of the lease lines. Radio tests were conducted this month at the North Portal and the report is pending. Communications with the North Portal should be repaired in April by Verizon.

The Lauro Safety of Dam Projects continued this month. Staff installed new electrical into the Core Shed in Lauro Yard for the installation of the new hydraulic actuator that will be installed as part of the Lauro Dam work. Staff also cleaned and removed sediment that ran into the Core Shed due to erosion issues on the Lauro Dam Project. Steps were taken by the contractor to limit the issue during future rains.

Cleanup on our main equipment and storage yard was conducted. All materials and supplies were reorganized and palletized. All annual equipment maintenance was conducted. Due to the rain and the restriction it caused on projects, allowed time for this work.

Miscellaneous work completed this month includes cleanup after structure rehab, rehabilitation of reusable structure rehab parts, inspection and cleanup after storms, and SCC lateral condition surveys.

Routine operation and maintenance activities attended to during the month also included:

- Sample water at North Portal Intake Tower
- Complete Maintenance Management Program work orders
- Read anode rectifiers and monitor cathodic protection systems
- Monitor conduit right-of-way and respond to Dig Alert reports
- Read piezometers and underdrains at Glen Anne, Lauro and Ortega Dams
- Read meters, conduct monthly dam inspections, and flush venture meters



Brett Gray
Operations Supervisor

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Balance Sheet
 As of March 31, 2006

Mar 31, 06

ASSETS		Mar 31, 06
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1050 · GENERAL FUND		549,293.23
1100 · REVOLVING FUND		19,470.93
TRUST FUNDS		
1220 · RENEWAL FUND		5,034.46
1210 · WARREN ACT TRUST FUND		28,399.34
Total TRUST FUNDS		33,433.80
Total Checking/Savings		602,197.96
Other Current Assets		
1010 · PETTY CASH		400.00
1200 · LAIF		299,210.89
1300 · DUE FROM CCRB		49,001.14
1302 · ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE-CARP		127,878.70
1303 · SOD Act Assessments Receivable		47,141.25
1400 · PREPAID INSURANCE		9,108.00
Total Other Current Assets		532,739.98
Total Current Assets		1,134,937.94
Fixed Assets		
1500 · VEHICLES		231,647.84
1505 · OFFICE FURN & EQUIPMENT		113,041.13
1510 · TRAILERS		97,803.34
1515 · FIELD EQUIPMENT		284,119.52
1525 · PAVING		22,350.00
1550 · ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		-469,875.93
Total Fixed Assets		279,085.90
Other Assets		
1910 · LT SOD Act Assess Receivable		5,447,243.07
Total Other Assets		5,447,243.07
TOTAL ASSETS		6,861,266.91
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2200 · ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		115,952.27
Total Accounts Payable		115,952.27
Other Current Liabilities		
2505 · ACCRUED WAGES		27,650.33
2550 · VACATION/SICK		36,412.07
2561 · BRADBURY DAM SOD ACT		47,141.25
2590 · DEFERRED REVENUE		33,433.80
Payroll-DepPrm Admin		10.00
Payroll-DepPrm Ops		9.24
Total Other Current Liabilities		144,656.69
Total Current Liabilities		260,608.96
Long Term Liabilities		
2600 · Lease Obligation Payable		43,846.38
2601 · Note Payable SBB&T		127,925.90
2602 · SOD Act Liability-Long Term		5,447,243.07
Total Long Term Liabilities		5,619,015.35
Total Liabilities		5,879,624.31
Equity		
3000 · Opening Bal Equity		0.95

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Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2006

	<u>Mar 31, 06</u>
3901 - Retained Earnings	462,226.45
Net Income	<u>519,415.20</u>
Total Equity	<u>981,642.60</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>6,861,266.91</u></u>

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2005 through March 2006

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 Accrual Basis

	Jul '05 - Mar 06	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
TOTAL				
Income				
3000 REVENUE	2,335,243.53			
3001 - O&M Budget	4,190.78			
3003 - Assessment Revenue-Carp	-112,719.00			
3005 - Assessments Returned to Member	9,451.37			
3010 - Interest Income	4,293.92			
3020 - Misc Income	131,997.53			
3070 - OES 2005 Storm 1577 Reimb	2,372,458.13			
Total 3000 REVENUE	2,372,458.13			
Total Income	2,372,458.13			
Gross Profit	2,372,458.13			
Expense				
void	0.00			
3100 LABOR				
3150 - Health & Workers Comp	106,828.96	150,000.00	-43,171.04	71.2%
3155 - PERS	49,443.69	66,956.00	-17,512.31	73.8%
3160 - Payroll Comp FICA Ops	21,709.96	29,415.00	-7,705.04	73.8%
3165 - Payroll Comp MCARE Ops	5,077.27	6,881.00	-1,803.73	73.8%
3100 LABOR - Other	0.00	424,667.00	-424,667.00	0.0%
Total 3100 LABOR	500,385.82	677,919.00	-177,533.18	73.8%
3200 VEH & EQUIPMENT				
3201 - Vehicle/Equip Mtce	18,034.78	22,000.00	-3,965.22	82.0%
3202 - Fixed Capital	39,019.41	46,000.00	-6,980.59	84.8%
3203 - Equipment Rental	13,703.95	22,000.00	-8,296.05	62.3%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2005 through March 2006

	Jul '05 - Mar 06	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
TOTAL				
3204 · Miscellaneous	7,739.54	10,000.00	-2,260.46	77.4%
Total 3200 VEH & EQUIPMENT	78,497.68	100,000.00	-21,502.32	78.5%
3300 · CONTRACT LABOR				
3301 · Conduit, Meter, Valve & Misc	6,899.09	7,000.00	-100.91	98.6%
3302 · Buildings & Roads	7,517.21	11,500.00	-3,982.79	65.4%
3303 · Reservoirs	13,369.36	50,000.00	-36,630.64	26.7%
3304 · Engineering, Misc Services	10,191.08	20,000.00	-9,808.92	51.0%
Total 3300 · CONTRACT LABOR	37,976.74	88,500.00	-50,523.26	42.9%
3400 · MATERIALS & SUPPLIES				
3401 · Conduit, Meter, Valve & Misc	9,696.58	10,000.00	-303.42	97.0%
3402 · Buildings & Roads	7,468.30	17,000.00	-9,531.70	43.9%
3403 · Reservoirs	1,296.41	7,000.00	-5,703.59	18.5%
3404 · Tecolote Tunnel	1,521.00	0.00	1,521.00	100.0%
Total 3400 · MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	19,982.29	34,000.00	-14,017.71	58.8%
3500 · OTHER EXPENSES				
3501 · Utilities	2,915.65	6,300.00	-3,384.35	46.3%
3502 · Uniforms	4,990.98	5,500.00	-509.02	90.7%
3503 · Communications	9,176.77	17,300.00	-8,123.23	53.0%
3504 · USA & Other Services	1,662.78	3,700.00	-2,037.22	44.9%
3505 · Miscellaneous	3,491.66	6,000.00	-2,508.34	58.2%
3506 · Training	6,512.06	4,500.00	2,012.06	144.7%
Total 3500 · OTHER EXPENSES	28,749.90	43,300.00	-14,550.10	66.4%
4999 · GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE				
5000 · Director Fees	683.10	779.00	-95.90	87.7%
5001 · Director Mileage	7,808.00	9,984.00	-2,176.00	78.2%
5000 · Director Fees - Other				
Total 5000 · Director Fees	8,491.10	10,763.00	-2,271.90	78.9%
5100 · Legal	36,465.42	70,000.00	-33,534.58	52.1%
5101-1 · Audit	10,975.00	22,000.00	-11,025.00	49.9%
5150 · Unemployment Tax	0.00	6,371.00	-6,371.00	0.0%
5200 · Liability Insurance	37,635.00	36,000.00	1,635.00	104.5%
5201 · Health & Workers Comp	37,534.40	44,836.00	-7,301.60	83.7%
5250 · PERS	26,203.19	39,921.00	-13,717.81	65.6%
5260 · Comp FICA Admin	12,604.54	15,876.00	-3,271.46	79.4%
5265 · Comp MCARE Admin	3,180.69	3,713.00	-532.31	85.7%
5300 · Manager Salary	74,415.36	105,103.00	-30,687.64	70.8%
5301 · Administrative Manager	49,832.48	83,097.00	-33,264.52	60.0%
5306 · Administrative Assistant	37,979.08	49,421.00	-11,441.92	76.8%
5310 · Postage/Office Exp	6,838.93	8,000.00	-1,161.07	85.5%
5311 · Office Equip/Leases	3,341.40	6,640.00	-2,298.60	59.2%
5312 · Misc Admin Expenses	6,636.06	6,000.00	636.06	110.6%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2005 through March 2006

	Jul '05 - Mar '06	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
TOTAL				
5313 · Communications	2,373.16	5,000.00	-2,626.84	47.5%
5314 · Utilities	3,909.80	4,500.00	-590.20	86.9%
5315 · Membership Dues	4,653.65	5,445.00	-791.35	85.5%
5316 · Admin Fixed Assets	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
5325 · Emp Training/Subscriptions	1,510.25	4,100.00	-2,589.75	36.8%
5330 · Admin Travel/Conferences	2,755.74	5,000.00	-2,244.26	55.1%
5331 · Public Information	97.11	2,000.00	-1,902.89	4.9%
5332 · Transportation	1,035.45	1,150.00	-114.55	90.0%
Total 4999 · GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	368,467.81	539,936.00	-171,468.19	68.2%
6000 · SPECIAL PROJECTS				
6050 · Bradbury Dam Radial Gates	2,966.20	0.00	2,966.20	100.0%
6062 · SCADA	7,058.67	60,000.00	-52,941.33	11.8%
6090-1 · COMB Bldg/Grounds Repair	330.00	50,000.00	-49,670.00	0.7%
6092 · SCC Improv Plan & Design	61,786.91	95,000.00	-33,213.09	65.0%
6093 · SCC Life Expectancy Study	53,848.06	95,000.00	-41,151.94	56.7%
6095 · SCC Valve & Cntrl Sta Rehab	428,654.56	600,000.00	-171,345.44	71.4%
6095-1 · Lauro Debris Basin Rehab	13,347.98	50,000.00	-36,652.02	26.7%
6096 · SCC Structure Rehabilitation	134,421.02	305,000.00	-170,578.98	44.1%
6097 · GIS and Mapping	6,838.58	75,000.00	-68,161.42	9.1%
Total 6000 · SPECIAL PROJECTS	709,251.98	1,330,000.00	-620,748.02	53.3%
6400 · STORM DAMAGE				
6401 · Storm Damage 2005	69,949.55	200,000.00	-130,050.45	35.0%
Total 6400 · STORM DAMAGE	69,949.55	200,000.00	-130,050.45	35.0%
7000 · LEGAL & LITIGATION				
7002 · Spec Counsel-FMP-BO EIS/R	35,542.88	100,000.00	-64,457.12	35.5%
Total 7000 · LEGAL & LITIGATION	35,542.88	100,000.00	-64,457.12	35.5%
7006 · INTEREST EXPENSE				
PAYROLL	4,237.98			
Gross	0.07			
Gross-CCRB	0.23			
Total PAYROLL	0.30			
Total Expense	1,853,042.93	3,113,655.00	-1,260,612.07	59.5%
Total Income	519,415.20	-3,113,655.00	3,633,070.20	-16.7%

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March, 2006 Statement

CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD

Attn: GENERAL MANAGER

3301 LAUREL CANYON ROAD

SANTA BARBARA CA 93105-2017

Account Number : 70-42-001

Transactions

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
03-23-2006	03-23-2006	RW	1066875	KATHLEEN REES	- 21,000.00

Account Summary

Total Deposit :	0.00	Beginning Balance :	320,210.89
Total Withdrawal :	- 21,000.00	Ending Balance :	299,210.89

MEMO TO: Board of Directors
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FROM: Kathleen Rees, Secretary

SUBJECT: COMB INVESTMENT POLICY

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CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD

Account Number: 871-849343-4

Washington Mutual Bank, FA

Your Account at a Glance

Beginning Balance	\$5,031.68
Checks Paid	\$0.00
Other Withdrawals	\$0.00
Deposits	+\$2.78
Ending Balance	\$5,034.46

Interest Earned	\$2.78
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.65%
YTD Interest Paid	\$8.06
YTD Interest Withheld	\$0.00

Date	Description	Withdrawals (-)	Deposits (+)
03/31	Interest Payment		\$2.78 ✓

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TRUST FUND **Washington Mutual Bank, FA**

Your Account at a Glance

Beginning Balance	\$28,357.43	Interest Earned	\$41.91
Checks Paid	\$0.00	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	1.75%
Other Withdrawals	\$0.00	YTD Interest Paid	\$100.52
Deposits	+\$41.91	YTD Interest Withheld	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$28,399.34		

Date	Description	Withdrawals (-)	Deposits (+)
03/31	Interest Payment		\$41.91 ✓

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Payment of Claims

As of March 31, 2006

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
1050 · GENERAL FUND					
3/8/2006	14858	COMB - Revolving Fund	Mar 10 & 24, 2006 payrolls/taxes	2200 · ACCO...	-112,118.08
3/8/2006	14859	Acorn Landscape Managem...	Monthly mtce	2200 · ACCO...	-236.70
3/8/2006	14860	ACWA Services Corp. (ASC)	Cov period 4/1-5/1/06	2200 · ACCO...	-8,853.24
3/8/2006	14861	ACWA Services Corporation...	Mar EAP	2200 · ACCO...	-47.46
3/8/2006	14862	ACWA/Joint Powers Insuran...		2200 · ACCO...	-4,576.00
3/8/2006	14863	Aqua-Flo Supply	Couplings/pvc/glue/primer-Glen Anne	2200 · ACCO...	-318.58
3/8/2006	14864	Big Brand Tire Company		2200 · ACCO...	-1,559.55
3/8/2006	14865	Boyle Engineering Corp.		2200 · ACCO...	-9,082.61
3/8/2006	14866	Butera's		2200 · ACCO...	-52.05
3/8/2006	14867	C. Charles Evans	2/27/06 Reg mtg-2/6,22/06 Spec mtgs	2200 · ACCO...	-397.35
3/8/2006	14868	Cashier, DPR	QAC license/certificate fee-S.O'Call...	2200 · ACCO...	-30.00
3/8/2006	14869	Cedant Web Hosting		2200 · ACCO...	-19.94
3/8/2006	14870	CIO Solutions, Inc.	Support	2200 · ACCO...	-145.00
3/8/2006	14871	City of SB-Refuse	Refuse acct 1/31-2/28/06	2200 · ACCO...	-143.69
3/8/2006	14872	COMB-Petty Cash	Replenish petty cash	2200 · ACCO...	-178.15
3/8/2006	14873	Culligan Water	RO system Mar	2200 · ACCO...	-20.95
3/8/2006	14874	Cushman Contracting Corp.	Bypass/Stegall cornfield property P...	2200 · ACCO...	-173,990.86
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3/8/2006	14877	Duraframe Dipnet	CCRB-Net repair PO#5003	2200 · ACCO...	-89.21
3/8/2006	14878	ECHO Communications	Answering service-Mar	2200 · ACCO...	-55.40
3/8/2006	14879	Federal Express	CCRB Mailing	2200 · ACCO...	-43.56
3/8/2006	14880	Fence Factory		2200 · ACCO...	-12,439.00
3/8/2006	14881	GE Capital	Mita copier lease Bill ID#901336031...	2200 · ACCO...	-427.77
3/8/2006	14882	Graham Chevrolet-Cadillac	Lock assembly clips-'00B Chevy	2200 · ACCO...	-2.16
3/8/2006	14883	Home Depot Credit Services	Tools for F550	2200 · ACCO...	-89.27
3/8/2006	14884	J&C Services	2/10,24 office cleaning	2200 · ACCO...	-250.00
3/8/2006	14885	Jan Abel	2/27/06 Reg mtg-2/6,22/06 Spec mtgs	2200 · ACCO...	-410.70
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3/8/2006	14887	Laser Cartridge Co.	Recharge printer cartridge	2200 · ACCO...	-62.48
3/8/2006	14888	Lee Bettencourt	2/27/06 Reg mtg	2200 · ACCO...	-153.24
3/8/2006	14889	MarBorg Industries		2200 · ACCO...	-163.04
3/8/2006	14890	Matt Loudon	2/6,22/06 Spec mtgs-2/9/06 Fin Co...	2200 · ACCO...	-459.71
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3/8/2006	14892	Nextel Communications	Cellular Ops 1/19-2/18/06	2200 · ACCO...	-551.97
3/8/2006	14893	Permacolor, Inc.	Labor-manhole lids/flanges PO#8604	2200 · ACCO...	-1,790.00
3/8/2006	14894	PG&E		2200 · ACCO...	-140.45
3/8/2006	14895	Praxair Distribution		2200 · ACCO...	-139.25
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3/8/2006	14897	Robert Lieberknecht	2/27/06 Reg mtg-2/6,22/06 Spec mt...	2200 · ACCO...	-562.36
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3/8/2006	14902	Staples Credit Plan	Ofc supplies	2200 · ACCO...	-840.49
3/8/2006	14903	State Compensation Insuran...	Payroll report-Feb 2006	2200 · ACCO...	-8,118.27
3/8/2006	14904	The Gas Company	Gas-main office	2200 · ACCO...	-112.10
3/8/2006	14905	The Wharf		2200 · ACCO...	-134.06
3/8/2006	14906	Titan Industrial & Safety Sup...	Gas cylinder for gas calibration PO#...	2200 · ACCO...	-242.05
3/8/2006	14907	Tri-Counties Training Semin...	New Regulations Update seminar-R...	2200 · ACCO...	-180.00
3/8/2006	14908	Underground Service Alert	49 new tickets	2200 · ACCO...	-78.40
3/8/2006	14909	Verizon Wireless	Cellular	2200 · ACCO...	-176.27
3/8/2006	14910	Western Farm Service, Inc.	Sand bags	2200 · ACCO...	-37.34
3/8/2006	14911	Western Welding		2200 · ACCO...	-202.42
3/9/2006	14912	Acorn Landscape Managem...	Balance due on completion PO#05-...	2200 · ACCO...	-2,744.50
3/13/2006	14913	AT&T	Feb 27, 2006 statement	2200 · ACCO...	-145.67
3/13/2006	14914	Best, Best & Krieger, LLP	Crawford-Hall CEQA Feb 2006	2200 · ACCO...	-2,152.96
3/13/2006	14915	Boyle Engineering Corp.	Services 1/26-3/3/06	2200 · ACCO...	-5,314.46
3/13/2006	14916	Caterpillar Financial Service...	Backhoe lease Contract #001-02586...	2200 · ACCO...	-1,294.06
3/13/2006	14917	CIO Solutions, Inc.	Support	2200 · ACCO...	-543.75
3/13/2006	14918	CitiBusiness Card	QAC fee-SO/USBR Denver worksho...	2200 · ACCO...	-699.95

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Payment of Claims
 As of March 31, 2006

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
3/13/2006	14919	Cushman Contracting Corp.	Bypass/Stegall cornfield property P...	2200 · ACCO...	-20,198.35
3/13/2006	14920	Fed Ex Kinko's, Inc.		2200 · ACCO...	-40.28
3/13/2006	14921	Fleet Fueling	Fuel/fuel cards	2200 · ACCO...	-2,400.41
3/13/2006	14922	Nordman, Cormany, Hair & ...		2200 · ACCO...	-6,520.00
3/13/2006	14923	Orchard Supply Hardware	Mapp gas/lodgepole/towels/keys/se...	2200 · ACCO...	-172.58
3/13/2006	14924	Paychex, Inc.	2/10,24/06 payrolls/taxes	2200 · ACCO...	-211.68
3/13/2006	14925	Prudential Overall Supply		2200 · ACCO...	-284.64
3/13/2006	14926	Reserve Account	Postage refill	2200 · ACCO...	-400.00
3/13/2006	14927	Robert Dunlap	Reimb-Cornfield line valve parts/mat...	2200 · ACCO...	-48.16
3/13/2006	14928	Southern California Edison	Glen Anne gate	2200 · ACCO...	-14.15
3/13/2006	14929	The MedCenter, Inc.	DA treatment	2200 · ACCO...	-192.00
3/13/2006	14930	Verizon California		2200 · ACCO...	-343.30
3/28/2006	14931	Bureau of Reclamation	Water chrgs 4/2-9/30/06 Contract #1...	2200 · ACCO...	-1,944,936.53
3/28/2006	14932	Santa Barbara Bank&Trust	7th qtrly pymt princ & int #7 of 16	2200 · ACCO...	-14,965.26
3/28/2006	14933	David Ault	Reimb-paper for HP sod printer/adh...	2200 · ACCO...	-149.17
3/28/2006	14934	Verizon California	SCADA	2200 · ACCO...	-515.79
3/28/2006	14935	Jan Abel	Wash DC-ACWA Legislator-Gov offi...	2200 · ACCO...	-1,058.51
3/28/2006	14936	Department of Health Servic...	Grade 3 Dist. Renewal fee-D.Ault	2200 · ACCO...	-120.00
3/28/2006	14937	All Coast Truck & Tractor Se...	Air compressor repair	2200 · ACCO...	-317.94
3/28/2006	14938	Department of Health Servic...	Grade 3 Dist. Renewal fee-F.Bautista	2200 · ACCO...	-120.00
3/30/2006	14939	Department of Health Servic...	Grade 2 Dist. Renewal fee-R.Dunlap	2200 · ACCO...	-60.00
Total 1050 · GENERAL FUND					-2,348,786.14
TOTAL					-2,348,786.14

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BI-WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

(March 6th to March 17th 2006)

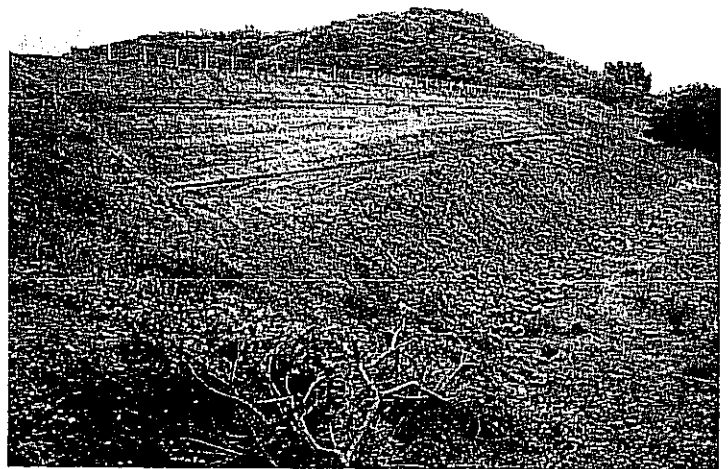


Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: R. Garcia

Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-7-06

View looking southeast, as the Contractor uses a CAT D6H dozer to excavate the designed 1:1 cut slope. Note: Dozer is shown at approx. dam station 5+00, 14-feet downstream, elevation 564.

LAURO DAM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
CACHUMA PROJECT
SPECIFICATION NO. 20-C0634
CONTRACT NO. 05SP203045



Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: R. Garcia

Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-17-06

View looking southeast, at the excavated dam embankment slope. Note: 1.5:1 slope is shown excavated down to elevation 548.

**BI-WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
FOR THE LAURO DAM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Work for the period covering:
March 6, 2006 to March 17, 2006

Construction Manager: Reynaldo E. Garcia
Construction Representative: Louis Campbell

Contractor: A.J. Diani Construction Co.
Subcontractors: None

Number of contractor employees on site this period: (11)

Weather: For the period high temperatures ranged between 52 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit and low temperatures ranged between 35 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit.

March 6th – Contractor elected not to work onsite due to rain.
March 10th – Contractor elected not to work onsite due to rain
March 17th – Majority of crew sent home except for dozer operator due to rain. Total estimated rainfall this period was approximately 1.5-inches.

Safety: A Monthly Joint Policy Safety Meeting was held on Tuesday March 7th. All MPCO and Contractor field management forces were in attendance along with MPCO Safety Manager, Curtis Gonter and A.J. Diani Safety Officer, Greg Rodriguez. For the period the Contractor adhered to all RSHS regulations.

Work Performed;

Activity #C120 Excavate Existing Embankment and Foundation:

On Tuesday March 7th, the Contractor began excavation of the dam embankment using a CAT D6H dozer with an attached slope board. On March 8th the Contractor completed excavating the designed 1:1 slope excavation between approximate dam stations 3+92 to 6+78, elevations 570 down to 562. On March 9th the Contractor began the designed 1.5:1 slope excavation at elevation 562. This period the Contractor completed excavation of the 1.5:1 slope between dam stations 3+60 to 7+00 down to elevation 546.

Excavated material was pushed towards approximate station 6+00 and down the slope to where the CAT 330B excavator loaded one (1) CAT 730 articulated end dump truck. Some truck loads were hauled to the 12-inch grizzly for processing while the remainder of the excavated material was hauled to the far west end of the stockpile area for stockpiling.

The Contractor began backfilling the stockpile area with compacted 12-inch minus material, which was delivered from the Grizzly to the stockpile area using the CAT 950E front end loader. The Contractor used a CAT CP-433C sheepsfoot compactor to compact the stockpile materials. The Contractor is anticipating that an estimated 5,000 cubic yards of excess material will be permanently left in the stockpile area, therefore he is compacting backfill materials and properly keying them

into the existing hillside slope. MPCO materials lab technicians performed two (2) sand cone densities in the compacted backfill material. Average percent compaction from density tests taken was 97.5%. Stockpiling of materials began 400-feet downstream, along dam station 7+60, elevation 440. This period the Contractor completed stockpiling materials up to elevation 479 between approximate dam stations 8+90 to 6+30, 280-feet to 390-feet downstream.

This period the Contractor hauled a total of 458 articulated end dump truck loads or 6,870 cubic yards of material from dam embankment to the stockpile area. Each load is considered (estimated) to be 15 cubic yards.



*Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: L. Campbell*

*Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-15-06*

View Looking East as the Contractor uses the CAT CP-433C sheepsfoot compactor to compact excavated embankment materials in the stockpile area.



*Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: R. Garcia*

*Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-14-06*

View looking southeast as the CAT D6H dozer pushes excavated materials towards the CAT 330B excavator at 6+00.



*Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: R. Garcia*

*Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-14-06*

View looking south as Contractor uses a CAT 966F front end loader to process excavated materials through the 12-inch mechanical grizzly in the stockpile area.

Activity #C430 Grizzly Separation of Zone 3 Material:

The Contractor continued processing 12-inch minus material using the excavated materials from the dam embankment excavation. One operator used a CAT 966F loader to feed and process materials through the 12-inch Grizzly. The processed 12-inch minus material is being used for the compacted backfill in the stockpile. The screened 12-inch plus materials which will later be used for slope protection is being stockpiled on the north side of the site access road by the CAT 966F front end loader

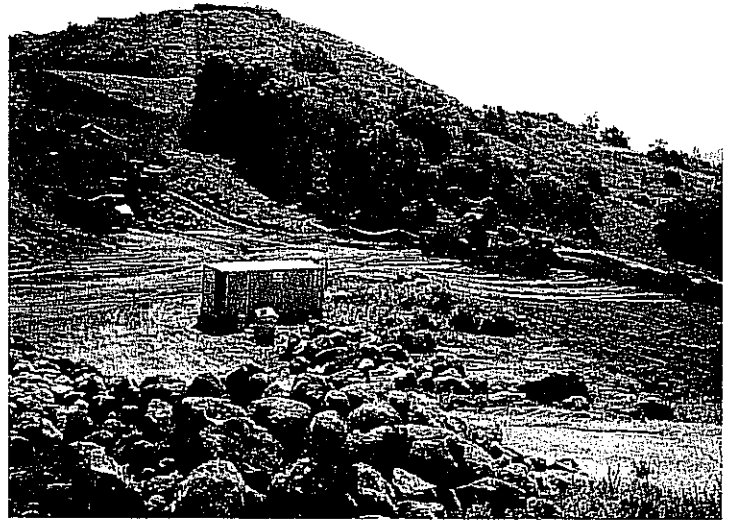
Activity #C440 Instrument Monitoring:

The Contractor's operator foreman, assisted by one (1) operator apprentice, used a total station to survey and monitor five (5) monitoring points along dam centerline and observation well no 4. The crew is also took daily water level readings of PTP-201A, PTP-201B and observation well no. 4.

On March 14th a large rock rolled down the slope from the excavation and hit the standpipe of observation well no. 04, which shifted the survey monitoring point 1/10th of a foot downstream. The Contractor erected a chain link barrier fence around the standpipe for protection. There have been no other appreciable changes to surveyed coordinates and or water levels.

Miscellaneous:

The Contractor had one (1) operator apprentice checking grade and setting cut stakes at the excavation along with setting fill stakes in the stockpile area. One (1) laborer using a 2-inch fire hose, performed satisfactory dust abatement throughout the site. The Contractor continued Storm Water Pollution Prevention (SWPP) activities throughout the period; maintaining rice-straw wattles, sand bag drainage dike checks and silt fencing throughout the jobsite.

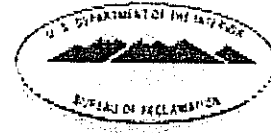


*Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: R. Garcia*

*Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-16-06*

View looking southeast, as the Contractor uses the CAT330B excavator to load the CAT 730 articulated end dump truck. Also shown is the Contractors CAT 966F front end loader processing excavated materials through the 12-inch mechanical grizzly and the CAT 950E is transporting the 12-inch minus materials to the stockpile.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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BI-WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

(March 20th to March 31st 2006)



Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: R. Garcia

Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-20-06

View looking southeast, as the Contractor uses a CAT D6H dozer to excavate the designed 1.5:1 cut slope. Note: Dozer is shown at approx. dam station 4+00, 50-feet downstream, elevation 545.

LAURO DAM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
CACHUMA PROJECT
SPECIFICATION NO. 20-C0634
CONTRACT NO. 05SP203045



Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: R. Garcia

Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-31-06

View looking southeast, at the excavated dam embankment slope.
Note: 1.5:1 slope is shown excavated to station # elevation 519.

Work for the period covering:
March 20, 2006 to March 31, 2006

Construction Manager: Reynaldo E. Garcia
Construction Representative: Louis Campbell

Contractor: A.J. Diani Construction Co.
Subcontractors: Penfield & Smith Surveyors

Number of contractor employees on site this period: (12)

Weather: The Contractor's excavation activities were affected by rain as he was not able to excavate the dam embankment for (3) three consecutive days from Tuesday the 28th thru Thursday the 30th. During this period the Contractor continued performing instrument monitoring and miscellaneous SWPP operations.

Safety: For the period the Contractor adhered to all RSHS regulations and held weekly tool box safety meetings with the onsite crews. Safety check and brake tests were performed on new equipment mobilized onsite this period, a John Deere 450 dozer, a Volvo A35C articulated end dump truck and a CAT D8L dozer.

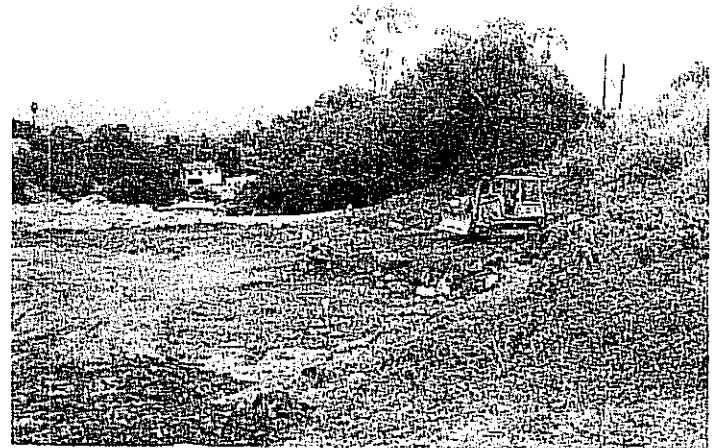
Work Performed;
Activity #C120 Excavate Existing Embankment and Foundation:

During this period the Contractor continued excavation of the dam embankment 1.5:1 design cut slope beginning at elevation 546, using a CAT D6H dozer with an attached slope board from dam stations 3+65 to 7+05. On Friday the 24th the Contractor replaced the CAT D6H dozer with a larger CAT D8L dozer attached with slope board. On Friday the 31st the Contractor added a second haul truck to the excavation operation, to increase his production rates. Normal production with one haul truck averaged about 1,500-cubic yards per day, while the one day of using (2) two haul trucks resulted in a 75% production increase with an estimated 2,640-cubic yards of excavated materials transported to the stockpile area. This period the Contractor completed excavation of the 1.5:1 slope between dam stations 3+40 to 7+30, from elevations 546 down to 519.

Excavated material was pushed towards approximate station 6+00 and down the slope to where the CAT 330B excavator loaded one (1) CAT 730 articulated end dump truck. On Friday the 31st a second haul truck, a Volvo A35C articulated end dump truck was added to the operation. Some truck loads were hauled to the 12-inch grizzly for processing while the remainder of the excavated material was hauled to the southwest end of the stockpile area for stockpiling. On Monday March 20th the Contractor began using the John Deere 450 dozer to push flat and spread the materials being transported and dumped by the haul trucks.

This period the Contractor hauled a total of 773 articulated end dump truck loads or 11,595 cubic yards of material from dam embankment to the stockpile area. Each load is considered (estimated) to be 15 cubic yards.

Date	Loads	Daily Quant.	Total Quant.
3/20	78	1,170 cy	8,040 cy
3/21	92	1,380 cy	9,420 cy
3/22	96	1,440 cy	10,860 cy
3/23	104	1,560 cy	12,420 cy
3/24	124	1,860 cy	14,280 cy
3/27	101	1,515 cy	15,795 cy
3/31	178	2,670 cy	18,465 cy



Lawro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: R. Garcia

Contractor A.J. Diani
Date: 3-20-06

View of the Contractor using a John Deere 450 dozer to spread excavated materials in the stockpile area.

Activity #C430 Grizzly Separation of Zone 3 Material:
The Contractor continued processing 12-inch minus material using the excavated materials from the dam embankment excavation. One operator used a CAT 966F loader to feed and process materials through the 12-inch Grizzly. The processed 12-inch minus material is being spread and stockpiled in the southwest end of the stockpile. The screened 12-inch plus materials which will later be used for slope protection is being stockpiled on the north side of the site access road by the CAT 966F front end loader.

Activity #C440 Instrument Monitoring:

The Contractor's operator foreman, assisted by one (1) operator apprentice, used a total station to survey and monitor five (5) monitoring points along dam centerline and observation well no. 4. The crew is also taking daily water level readings of PTP-201A, PTP-201B and observation well no. 4. On Thursday the 30th the Contractor cut off a 6-foot section of the metal standpipe of OW-4 down to elevation 524.50. Other than this elevation change there has been no appreciable changes in measurements.

Miscellaneous:

- The Contractor had one (1) operator apprentice checking grade and setting cut stakes at the excavation along with setting fill stakes in the stockpile area.
 - One (1) laborer using a 2-inch fire hose performed satisfactory dust abatement throughout the site.
 - During excavation work days the Contractor had one (1) mechanic onsite as needed to perform repairs, service lube and fuel equipment.
 - The Contractor continued Storm Water Pollution Prevention (SWPP) activities throughout the period; maintaining rice-straw wattles, sand bag drainage dike checks and silt fencing throughout the jobsite.
 - A chain link fence was erected on the south end of the stockpile area to prevent any large rocks from rolling down the slope and into COMB's upper maintenance yard.
- Subcontractor Penfield and Smith was onsite to set additional cut stakes and reference control points for the dam embankment excavation.



Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: L. Campbell
Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-31-06

View Looking South at the loading, transporting, dumping and spreading operations of the dam embankment excavation.



Lauro Dam Construction Project
Photo by: R. Garcia
Contractor A.J.Diani
Date: 3-31-06

View looking southwest at the Contractor's excavation operation.
Note: Standing atop crest of Lauro dam station 4+50.

CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD
MEMORANDUM

Date: April 18, 2006
To: Members of the Board of Directors
From: Brett Gray, Operations Supervisor

RE: Environmental Services for Second Pipeline Project of the South Coast Conduit – URS

Recommended Action: Approval of the URS Proposal to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Second Pipeline Project of the South Coast Conduit.

Discussion: Staff recommends the approval of the attached URS Proposal. This work will include the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), complete the CEQA environmental review process, facilitation of the completion of the federal NEPA environmental review process through coordination with the USBR, and assessment of the permitting authority and requirements of the County of Santa Barbara for the Second Pipeline Project. The design portion of the work was approved at last months meeting. The total cost for this work will be \$69,190 and is currently in the budget.

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April 11, 2006

Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board
3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, California 93105

Attention: Ms. Kate Rees, Interim General Manager

Re: Proposal to Prepare an Environmental Impact Report
Second Pipeline along the South Coast Conduit, Goleta Reach

Dear Ms. Kees,

URS Corporation is pleased to present this proposal to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the construction of a second pipeline along the Goleta Reach of the South Coast Conduit.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The South Coast Conduit is a part of the Cachuma Project constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation in the 1950s to provide water to portions of the Santa Ynez Valley, and the South Coast communities of Carpinteria, Montecito, Santa Barbara, and Goleta. Water from Cachuma Lake is delivered through the Tecolote Tunnel to the South Coast Conduit which extends 26 miles through the foothills to Carpinteria. COMB manages the South Coast Conduit under an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.

The original design capacity of the South Coast Conduit was 65 million gallons per day (MGD) at the tunnel portal, and 50 MGD from the tunnel portal to Lauro Reservoir. These flow rates cannot be achieved due to various system constraints and changes in operations that developed over time. The South Coast Conduit cannot meet peak demands by the South Coast Cachuma Project Member Units which must now rely on storage in Lauro, Ortega, and Carpinteria reservoirs to meet peak demand. In addition, the South Coast Conduit is operating near its peak capacity for a longer period of time each year, limiting the shutdown period for maintenance. These factors have reduced the overall reliability of the pipeline and the Cachuma Project water distribution system on the South Coast. It should also be noted that the South Coast Conduit conveys State Water Project (SWP) water, intermixed with Cachuma Project water.

In 2002, COMB retained Boyle Engineers to review the reliability of the South Coast Conduit and recommend improvements. In a preliminary report in 2003, Boyle identified a number of facility improvements including the construction of a second pipeline from the Tecolote Tunnel portal to the nearby Corona del Mar Treatment Plant (owned and operated by Goleta Water District). This additional pipeline would increase the reliability, operational flexibility, and capacity of the South Coast Conduit. Boyle Engineering identified two routes. Alternative A is a parallel alignment to the existing pipeline, utilizing the same easements. Alternative B follows a different and longer route designed to avoid certain steep slopes and to make use of existing roads; new easements would be required for this option.

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For both pipelines, the following additional facilities would be required: (1) construction of a new South Portal of Tecolote Tunnel a short distance from the existing one; (2) modification of the turnout structure at Corona del Mar Treatment Plant; and (3) construction of intertie facilities to the Goleta West Conduit.

NEED AND SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

At this time, COMB wishes to complete the environmental review process for the project prior to completion of final design plans. Boyle Engineering has been retained by COMB to provide 30 percent design plans and as needed technical assistance during the environmental review process.

COMB has invited URS to submit this proposal to prepare an EIR for the project, and complete the CEQA environmental review process. In addition, the scope of work would include facilitation of the completion of the federal NEPA environmental review process through coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation. Finally, the scope of work would include an assessment of the permitting authority and requirements, if any, of the County of Santa Barbara. Boyle Engineering would be available on an as-needed basis to provide technical project information, such as CADD maps and conceptual facility drawings or sketches. We understand that the proposed project is Alternative B, and that Alternative A would only be briefly addressed in the EIR as an alternative considered and rejected.

Padre Associates, as subcontractors to Boyle Engineering, conducted biological and archeological studies of the two pipeline alternatives in 2005. The results of these studies will be incorporated into the EIR, as described below. Certain supplemental studies will be necessary to update these previous studies, and to fill data gaps.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

A description of the administrative process to prepare the EIR for the project is provided below.

Task 1: Site Orientation: URS will participate in a site orientation led by Boyle Engineering and Padre Associates. We will view the two pipeline alignments in the field, as well as the ancillary facilities. Padre biologists and archeologist will show the locations of previously identified rare plants, red-legged frogs, and archeological sites.

Task 2: Issue Notice of Preparation (NOP). URS will prepare a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to be mailed to agencies with possible involvement in the project, community groups and organizations identified by the COMB staff, members of the public that have been included on COMB's mailing list, and the State Clearinghouse. The NOP will be accompanied by a short description of the proposed project, and a concise Initial Study Checklist prepared by URS. The NOP will also include a list of key environmental issues. URS will reproduce and mail the NOP package using COMB-generated mailing labels. A public scoping meeting is not considered necessary.

Task 3: Project Description. URS will prepare a description of the proposed project based on information provided by Boyle Engineering. The project description will contain a narrative description, maps, and graphics. The project description will also include work limits, general grading and drainage requirements, and construction requirements.

Task 4: Prepare Administrative Draft EIR. URS will prepare an administrative Draft EIR for review and comment by COMB. It will be a bound document with an easy to read narrative and graphics (both black and white and color figures, 8 ½ x 11 and 11 x 17 figures). URS will submit three copies of the administrative Draft EIR to COMB and Boyle Engineering for review. The URS team will meet with COMB to discuss comments and revisions to the administrative Draft EIR.

Task 5: Prepare Public Draft EIR. Based on the comments received on the Administrative Draft EIR, URS will prepare a screencheck Draft EIR for review by COMB (2 copies). This version will represent a 100 percent complete document submitted for one final review and sign-off. URS will meet with the COMB to discuss any final revisions, and then prepare 50 copies of the Public Draft EIR, and one reproducible master copy. In addition, URS will prepare a version using Adobe (pdf file format), and provide a digital copy on CD-ROM to COMB for copying and posting on COMB's website. Concurrent with the release of the Draft EIR for public review, URS will complete the Notice of Completion for filing with the State Clearinghouse. URS will be responsible for mailing a Notice of Availability and distributing copies of the Draft EIR to interested parties and public agencies. The Draft EIR will also include a draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

Task 6: Public Meeting on the Draft EIR. URS will attend a public meeting conducted by COMB staff for any public comments on the Draft EIR. We will provide a PowerPoint presentation that summarizes the proposed project and the EIR findings. If so desired, we can facilitate the meeting. URS will record all verbal comments at the meeting.

Task 7: Prepare Responses to Comments and an Administrative Final EIR URS will compile all written and verbal comments on the Draft EIR. We will number each individual comment, and then prepare draft responses. We will modify the EIR document as necessary. URS will prepare an administrative Final EIR that will include the entire Draft EIR, modified as necessary to respond to comments, with comment letters and accompanying responses. Three copies will be provided to COMB for review and comment. URS will meet with COMB to review our draft responses to comments and the administrative Final EIR. The administrative Final EIR will also include a final Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan.

Task 8: Prepare Final EIR. URS will prepare a Final EIR that incorporates all comments received on the administrative Final EIR. Thirty copies will be prepared with a digital copy on CD-ROM. Concurrent with the release of the Final EIR, URS will complete the Notice of Determination (NOD) for filing with the State Clearinghouse. URS will be responsible for the notification of the Final EIR and distribution to all interested parties and public agencies.

Task 9: Staff Report, CEQA Findings, and Hearing. URS will assist COMB staff in preparing a staff report to the Board of Directors. In addition, URS will also prepare a CEQA Findings and Draft Statement of Overriding Consideration (if necessary). We will attend the Board's hearing to certify the EIR.

Task 10: Ongoing Project Management and Meetings. Members of the project team will meet with COMB staff and Boyle Engineering personnel on an as-needed basis throughout the EIR process. In addition, URS will attend the following specific meetings with COMB:

- Site orientation field meeting
- Meeting to review comments on administrative Draft EIR
- Public meeting to receive comments on Draft EIR
- Meeting to review comments on administrative Final EIR and responses to comments
- Public hearing to certify the Final EIR and adopt the CEQA Findings

EIR TECHNICAL STUDIES

URS will conduct various technical studies and investigations for the EIR. For each issue area, the EIR will contain a chapter with the following subsections. We will use the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development's impact thresholds.

- Existing Conditions
- Impact Significant Thresholds
- Impact Assessment
- Mitigation Measures and Residual Impacts

Air Quality

URS will estimate emissions from construction activities at the project site, including truck traffic, heavy equipment such as loaders, bulldozers, and other equipment. URS will include estimates of daily and annual construction-related emissions of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter. Emission estimates will be made using the newest version of URBEMIS. URS will assess the significance of these temporary emissions using the impact thresholds of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, which normally considers construction emissions to be less than significant if standard emissions reduction measures are employed.

Aesthetics

The proposed pipeline will be buried and not visible. However, installation of the pipeline may result in the permanent change in the pattern of native vegetation – that is, creating a visual scar along wooded hillsides. URS will first determine if there are any public view points of the affected hillsides since aesthetics impacts only apply to impacts on public views. We will search for possible viewpoints from public roads and parks in Goleta. If there

is a substantial view of the affected hillsides, we will then conduct a visual impact analysis. We will conduct a field survey to describe the visual character of the potentially affected viewpoints or scenic vistas.. The visibility of pipeline route will be characterized. The visual setting will be described in terms of visual sensitivity, visual (also termed "landscape") character, and existing visual conditions. We will evaluate the potential for the long-term pipeline corridor on scenic views taking into account distance, viewer sensitivity, and the quality of the scenic view.

Biological Resources

URS will update the 2005 Biological Constrains report by Padres Associates by conducting the following additional field investigations:

- Identify and map vegetation types along the pipeline corridor and at construction staging areas, and prepare a habitat map
- Conduct a day time survey of the two Glen Anne Creek crossings to characterize aquatic habitat, map pools, search for additional evidence of red-legged frogs and western pond turtles, and find possible relocation sites
- Conduct two breeding bird surveys along Glen Anne Creek and a general raptor survey in the project site
- Count and identify native trees along the pipeline route and recommend re-alignments to Boyle Engineering to avoid tree loss
- Conduct a one-day rare plant survey to confirm previously mapped populations and more precisely describe the populations

We will describe the various biological resources at the project site in the EIR. The impact assessment will focus on temporary habitat disturbances, impacts to oak trees, impacts to rare plants, and impacts to the endangered red-legged frog. We will calculate the acreage of temporary habitat impacts due to pipeline installation, and provide recommendations on post-construction revegetation using native plants. URS will provide an estimate of oak trees that will be removed, and present an oak tree replacement program in the EIR that meets the County's oak tree protection program requirements. If impacts to the rare plant populations cannot be avoided, we will develop mitigation measures to minimize impacts and to relocate and replant the affected plants.

Cultural Resources

Western Points Archeology conducted a Phase 1 cultural resource investigation of the two alternative pipeline routes in 2005. We will incorporate the results of that study into the EIR. A previously recorded archeological site is located along Alternative A route, but would be avoided if the preferred route were approved. A new rock feature was identified along Alternative B route. It appears that a minor relocation of the pipeline would avoid this feature. URS archeologists will be shown the location of this feature in the field by Western Points Archeology, and will work with Boyle to reroute the pipeline to avoid it.

Geologic Hazards

FugroWest conducted a preliminary geologic report for the project and did not identify any significant geologic hazards. They did identify the presence of several small and shallow landslides, but noted that they could be mitigated through design. URS will incorporate the results of this report in their, and present standard mitigation for more detailed field geological investigations prior to final design.

Hydrology

URS will identify and map all drainages at the project site, including natural drainages and road culverts that will be traversed by the new pipeline. We will evaluate the potential for post construction scouring and erosion at these crossings. We will present mitigation measures to stabilize the crossings using engineered and bio-technical bank protection.

Agriculture

According to Padre Associates, the proposed pipeline would traverse existing agricultural lands and potentially disrupt production during the construction period. We will consult with the landowner to determine the crop production schedule and the effect of construction on the entire agricultural operations. We will identify both temporary and permanent loss of agricultural lands, if any. URS will developed mitigation measures to reduce construction-related disturbance to crops, and selecting pipeline alignments and facility locations to avoid currently cultivated and uncultivated prime farmlands.

Traffic

URS will estimate the daily and peak hour construction traffic associated with the project, as well as the public roads and intersections that will be used between Highway 101 and the project site. We will provide a qualitative evaluation of traffic impacts, which are expected to be minor. We will also identify all schools and pedestrian crossings where large trucks could affect public safety.

Noise

URS will identify noise sensitive receptors near the construction site – due to the remote location of the project, noise sensitive receptors are not expected to be in close proximity. We will estimate the increase in daytime ambient noise levels during peak construction periods at these receptor locations.

Other Issues

The following other environmental topics will be addressed in the EIR in a concise manner because no impacts are anticipated: recreation, land use, hazardous materials, public services, utilities, energy, and housing and population.

Growth Inducement

We will address the potential for the increase in capacity in the South Coast Conduit to contribute to growth in the regions. We will review the Urban Water Management Plans for the cities of Santa Barbara, Caprinteria Water District, Montecito Water District, and Goleta Water District to characterize the water demand and supply conditions for the users of the conduit. We will consult with each water district, and with the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta and the County of Santa Barbara, to determine if the additional capacity would remove an existing impediment to land development.

Alternatives

The alternatives section of the EIR will address the No Project Alternative and Alternative A alignment. We will also address any new alternatives identified during the EIR preparation. We will impacts of each alternative to the proposed project, and also evaluate their feasibility.

Applicable Plans and Policies

In anticipation that a land use permit may be required by the County, we will prepare an EIR section in which the consistency of the proposed project with the Goleta Community Plan is assessed.

NEPA REVIEW

The Bureau u of Reclamation must complete a NEPA environmental review of the project because the facilities are federally owned, and occur on federal easements. The most expeditious approach for NEPA compliance is for COMB to complete and certify the Final EIR, and then allow the Bureau of Reclamation to complete a separate environmental document that utilizes the information and analyses in the Final EIR. We anticipate that the Bureau of Reclamation will prepare an Environmental Assessment/FONSI referencing the completed EIR. URS will coordinate, as necessary, with them to provide environmental information for their document.

We also will encourage the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct an endangered species consultation with US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding impacts of the project on the red-legged frog. URS will provide information to the Bureau of Reclamation for this consultation, which is expected to result in a USFWS letter of concurrence that the project would not likely adversely affect this species.

PERMIT REVIEW

URS will conduct an analysis of what types of permits (i.e., grading, land use) is required from the County of Santa Barbara. We will meet with representatives of the Planning and Development Department to brief them on the project, and to receive an official determination. We will provide a memo to COMB on permit required, including a description of the application process and timeline.

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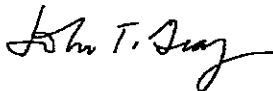
We will also meet with the Los Padres National Forest because the project is located within the National Forest, and some type of permit or other authorization may be required.

URS SCOPE OF WORK – COST AND SCHEDULE

A proposed schedule is attached. We would complete the above services on a time and expense basis with a total not-to-exceed budget of \$69.190. A detailed budget is attached for your review.

Thank you for considering our services. Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information

Sincerely,



John T. Gray, Ph.D
Manager of Environmental Services

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EIR SCHEDULE - SOUTH COAST CONDUIT PROJECT

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December												
					4/23	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28	6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25	7/2	7/9	7/16	7/23	7/30	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24	10/1	10/8	10/15	11/1	11/8
1	Contract and Notice to Proceed	1 day	Tue 5/2/06	Tue 5/2/06																											
2	Site Visit	1 day	Wed 5/10/06	Wed 5/10/06																											
3	Draft Project Description	10 days	Thu 5/11/06	Wed 5/24/06																											
4	Admin Draft EIR	40 days	Thu 5/11/06	Wed 7/5/06																											
5	COMB staff review	15 days	Thu 7/6/06	Wed 7/26/06																											
6	Public Draft EIR	10 days	Thu 7/27/06	Wed 8/9/06																											
7	45-day public review	45 days	Wed 8/9/06	Sat 9/23/06																											
8	Draft responses to comments	5 days	Mon 9/25/06	Fri 9/29/06																											
9	Meet with COMB staff	1 day	Mon 10/2/06	Mon 10/2/06																											
10	Admin Final EIR	5 days	Tue 10/3/06	Mon 10/9/06																											
11	COMB staff review	10 days	Tue 10/10/06	Mon 10/23/06																											
12	Public Final EIR	10 days	Tue 10/24/06	Mon 11/6/06																											
13	Board hearing	1 day	Mon 11/27/06	Mon 11/27/06																											
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Estimated Costs for the South Coast Conduit EIR

Tasks	Project Manager 140	Senior Project Staff 125	Project Staff 110	Senior Staff 95	Word Processor 45	GIS/ Graphics 65	Labor	Expenses	Total
Administrative Process									
1. Site Orientation	4	4		8	0	0	1820	50 \$	1,870
2. NOP	4			4	8		1300		\$ 1,300
3. Project Description	8			8	8	16	3280	0 \$	3,280
4. Admin Draft EIR	8			8	8	16	3280	100 \$	3,380
5. Screencheck & Public Draft EIR	8			8	8		2240	1500 \$	3,740
6. Public Meeting	4						560	50 \$	610
7. Resps to Comnts & Admin FEIR	8			4	4		1680	0 \$	1,680
8. Final EIR	4			8	16		2040	50 \$	2,090
9. Staff Rpt, CEQA Findings, Hearing	6				16		1560	900 \$	2,460
10. Misc meetings with COMB staff	12						1680	100 \$	1,780
Technical Studies									
Aesthetics				12			1140	25 \$	1,165
Air quality			12				1320		\$ 1,320
Cultural Resources	16		48		4	4	7960	50 \$	8,010
Hydrology and Erosion		20					2500		\$ 2,500
Biology	12			80	8	8	10160	50 \$	10,210
Geology and Soils	2			16	12	12	3120	100 \$	3,220
Agriculture	2			16			1800	150 \$	1,960
Noise	2			16			1800	300 \$	2,100
Traffic	2		16				2040		\$ 2,040
Plans and policies	4			8			1320	50 \$	1,370
Other issues	8		8				2760		\$ 2,760
Alternatives	16			8			3000		\$ 3,000
Growth inducing	12						1680	25 \$	1,705
Other Items									
Coordination with Reclamation	24						3360	25 \$	3,385
Permit Analysis	16						2240	25 \$	2,265
Total=	142	24	84	212	92	56	\$65,640	\$3,550	\$69,190

**CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD
MEMORANDUM**

April 24, 2006

**TO: COMB BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CCRB BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA YNEZ ID NO. 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

FROM: KATE REES, INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

**RE: CACHUMA RENEWAL FUND/TRUST FUND COMMITTEE ANNUAL
MEETING AND COUNTY WATER AGENCY \$100,000 ANNUAL
CONTRIBUTION PUBLIC HEARING.**

DISCUSSION:

The annual meeting of the Cachuma Renewal Fund/Trust Fund Committee was held on April 11, 2006. The Fund Committee consists of Kate Rees, representing the Cachuma Member Units, and Rob Almy, representing the County Water Agency. Advisory Committee members present were Sheryl Carter, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bruce Wales, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District. The Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Fish and Game, and public members did not attend this year. Tim Robinson, our Senior Resources Scientist was also present.

The meeting was successful in authorizing the funds to again be used primarily for the Santa Ynez River Fisheries Program. Some money will also be spent to offset the cost of the Oak Tree Restoration Program. Next year's funds are expected to total \$260,211, \$238,453 from the Cachuma Renewal Fund and \$21,758 from the Warren Act Trust Fund. All interest accrued in the COMB and CCRB accounts are added to the amount available for expenditures. Authorized programs approved for next year were the Fisheries Monitoring Program (\$207,211), the Fish Management Plan Public Outreach Program (\$12,000), and the Oak Tree Restoration Program (\$50,000).

The County Water Agency also conducted a public hearing on its annual \$100,000 Cachuma contribution. Mr. Almy agreed to the Member Units' request to fund the following expenditures: \$50,000 for the USGS/County Santa Ynez River stream gauge fisheries program; \$10,000 for the third year's repayment to the County Water Agency for modifications to the Cachuma Park Boat Launch Ramp, and \$40,000 for activities associated with the implementation of the Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan and Cachuma Biological Opinion. A recommendation for this funding will be presented to the Board of Supervisors during the County budget sessions.

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COMB and CCRB have submitted letters to the County Water Agency recommending that allocation of the County's \$100,000 contribution be approved as outlined above as part of its FY 2006-07 budget. The 2006-07 CCRB/ID No. 1 budget reflects these approved activities.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Rees
Interim General Manager

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**CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 26, 2004
TO: Members of the Board of Directors
FROM: Kate Rees, Interim General Manager
RE: Recommended Use of County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000
Contribution for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the expenditure of the County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000 Contribution for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to support ongoing Santa Ynez River Fisheries Monitoring Program and related activities as follows:

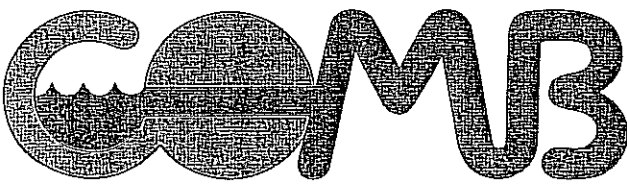
USGS/County Santa Ynez River stream gage data collection program	\$ 50,000
Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan and Biological Opinion implementation activities	\$ 40,000
Santa Barbara County Water Agency for Cachuma Park boat launch ramp modifications (year 3)	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total	\$100,000

DISCUSSION:

Article 8. (b) of the Cachuma Project Member Unit Contracts with Santa Barbara County Water Agency requires the County Water Agency to provide \$100,000 per year for beneficial purposes consistent with the Water Agency Act and within the Santa Ynez River watershed or the Cachuma Project service area. All decisions relating to the expenditure of such 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.

Since the Member Unit Contracts were renewed along with the Cachuma Project Master Contract in 1995, the County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000 contribution has been used each year for expenditures within the Santa Ynez River watershed, mainly to fund activities related to the Fish MOU, the Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan, and the Cachuma Biological Opinion. The County Water Agency Manager was advised by letter dated April 14, 2006 from the COMB General Manager, of the recommended expenditures for the \$100,000 Contribution for FY 2006-2007, as noted above. See copy attached.

At the April 11, 2006 public meeting on this subject, County Water Agency Manager, Rob Almy, stated that he expects that the County Water Agency Board of Directors will concur with the recommended expenditures as proposed in the COMB letter during the County's budget approval process.



CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD

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April 14, 2006

Robert B. Almy, Manager
Santa Barbara County Water Agency
123 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Water Agency \$100,000 Cachuma Project Contribution for 2006-07 Fiscal Year

Dear Mr. *Almy, Rob*

On behalf of the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB), I am writing to request that the Water Agency concur with the recommendation of the Cachuma Member Units for the use of the Water Agency's \$100,000 Cachuma Project contribution in the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The recommendation calls for the full expenditure of this money to support the ongoing Santa Ynez River Fisheries Monitoring Program and related activities as follows: \$50,000 for the USGS/County Santa Ynez River stream gage data collection program; \$10,000 for repayment to the County Agency reserves for Cachuma Park boat launch modifications; and \$40,000 toward implementing the Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan and Cachuma Project Biological Opinion.

COMB's Board of Directors will consider the proposed use of the Water Agency contribution at its next meeting on April 24, 2006. The Board is expected to formally endorse the recommendation of the Cachuma Member Units.

I trust that the Water Agency will also agree with this expenditure, to provide funding for these valuable studies.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Rees".

Kate Rees
Interim General Manager

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CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD

Date: April 18, 2006
To: Members of the Board of Directors
From: Brett Gray, Operations Supervisor

RE: Board Member and Manager Tour of the Cachuma Project.

Recommended Action: Discuss and agree upon date(s) for a tour of our facilities and ongoing projects.

Discussion: COMB staff would like to setup a half-day tour of the Cachuma Project to give new and continuing Board Members and District Managers an overview of these facilities and pending projects. All Board Members and Member Unit Managerial staff are invited to attend. During the tour we will be visiting the North Portal of the Tecolote Tunnel, Glen Anne Turnout, and Lauro Reservoir.

Here are potential dates for the Cachuma Project portion tours to be discussed and agreed upon at the Board meeting are: 5/11, 5/18, and 5/24.

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