

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

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, August 22, 2016**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by President Doug Morgan who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Harwood “Bendy” White	City of Santa Barbara
Polly Holcombe	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District

Others present:

Janet Gingras	Tim Robinson
Dave Stewart	Kimberly Cherry
Adelle Capponi	Kelley Dyer
Dale Francisco	Joshua Haggmark
Bob McDonald	Darren Burge
Phil Walker	Amy Smith

2. Public Comment

Tom Fayram, Santa Barbara County Water Agency, spoke about the recent Rey Fire in Santa Barbara County’s back country and its effect on the watershed. He assured the Board that the County is working to mitigate as much as possible the impacts to Lake Cachuma. A post-fire report, known as the BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) report will be completed following evaluation to further address potential issues. Director White reminded the Board that this fire is just one example of the need for COMB to have a watershed management plan and program in place as discussed at a previous Board meeting.

Phil Walker spoke about blue-green algae in the Bay Delta and the ensuing problems; diminished snowpack, reducing groundwater, creek and river recharge and storage.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes

July 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Reports
Investment Reports

c. Review of Paid Claims

d. Review of Pending Claims for Payment

Director Hanson asked about withholding any future payments to SYRWCD, ID No. 1 to recoup previously billed budget assessments. Legal counsel will review and discuss at next closed session meeting.

Following review of the consent agenda, Director Hanson suggested Pending Claims for Payment is no longer needed for separate consideration and recommended that it be removed from the Consent Agenda as an item. After discussion, the Directors concurred with the suggestion. Director Holcombe moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Seconded by Director Hanson; the motion carried 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

4. Verbal Reports from Board Committees

- *Fisheries Committee Meeting – August 18, 2016:* Director Holcombe highlighted the Committee's discussion. Item 3 on the Committee agenda is slated for discussion later on this agenda. The bid documents are prepared and will encompass both Quiota Creek Crossings 0a and 4. The water tanks installed by the Bureau of Reclamation continue to function as planned. Lastly, once the Board approves moving forward with the fish passage projects, the final contract(s), including Counsel review, will be presented to the Board for review and approval.

5. General Manager Report

- *Administrative Policy*
- *U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Scheduled Reviews*
- *Operations Division*
- *Fisheries Division*

Ms. Gingras highlighted topics within her report, as incorporated in the board packet, and fielded questions from the Board.

6. Operations Division Report

- *Lake Cachuma Operations*
- *Operation and Maintenance Activities*

Mr. Stewart summarized his report, as presented in the board packet, and updated the Board on the various operational repairs and projects currently underway within the system. Mr. Stewart fielded questions from the Board.

7. Fisheries Division Report

- *LSYR Steelhead Monitoring Elements*
- *Tributary Project Updates*
- *Surcharge Water Accounting*
- *Reporting/Outreach/Training*

Mr. Robinson noted aspects of the report as presented in the board packet; fielded questions from the Board; and offered more detail on the Reclamation installed water tanks. In brief, the fish in Hilton Creek are being sustained with very low flows from the tanks which are operating better than originally anticipated. Water quality monitoring equipment has been installed to regularly assess conditions in the creek for the fish.

8. Quiota Creek Crossing 4 Fish Passage Improvement Project

Director Holcombe advised that the Fisheries Committee reviewed and forwards a Draft Temporary Indemnification Letter, from COMB to the County of Santa Barbara, with the recommendation to approve its execution and submittal. She expressed the indemnification letter is nearly identical to the letter approved by the Board last year on the Quiota Creek Crossing 3 Fish Passage Improvement Project. The Board discussed the temporary aspects of the agreement and Director Hanson suggested non-substantive changes to the letter agreement.

Ayes: White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

9. Progress Report on Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program

- *Maintenance and Monitoring*

Mr. Robinson summarized the progress report on the Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program and fielded questions from the Board.

10. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports

The reports were included in the Board Packet for information. As the newest member of the COMB Board, Director White posed several questions regarding the downstream releases and concepts with the potential to evolve into future projects at and around Bradbury Dam.

11. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Future Meeting

There were no requests for agenda items for future meetings.

12. Meeting Schedule

- The next Regular Board meeting will be held September 26, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website at www.cachuma-board.org

13. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Doug Morgan, President of the Board