# MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING of the CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD

held at

3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA **Monday, February 13, 2017** 

### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Doug Morgan, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Directors present:** 

W. Douglas 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, Dan Ellison, Edward

Lyons, Adriane Passani, Kelly Dyer, Tom Fayram, and William

Carter

#### 2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## 3. Lake Cachuma: Emergency Pumping Facility (EPF) Project

Receive information for discussion and possible action regarding the Emergency Pumping Facility Project

Ms. Janet Gingras, General Manager, reviewed topics within the board memorandum and offered to field any questions from the Board. Ms. Gingras said the past few weeks have presented a few opportunities, challenges, and evolving activities to which discussions have occurred between COMB staff, the contractor, project engineer, and the Board President. She indicated the biggest challenge has been the weather; January storms didn't produce what was predicted and February storms brought more rain than anticipated, with more to come.

Mr. Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager, then presented a series of slides and weather forecast models including: Lake Cachuma's current elevation/capacity (669.88ft. /17.2%), a rainfall and reservoir summary, and GFS predictive model run for the next series of storms (7-14 day).

Mr. Dan Ellison, HDR Engineering, made a presentation on the factors that went into the decision to relocate the pumping barge from site 2 to site 1 and extract site 2 piles. Mr. Ellison re-presented the decision matrix, potential scenarios and cost comparisons, which was reviewed at January's board meeting. It was further reported that due to the recent rising lake level and anticipated rain events in the near term, an emergency operation decision was made by the General Manager, after discussion with the Board President and Project Engineer, to

notify the contractor to commence with the relocation of the barge to site 1 and removal of the site 2 piles.

Following a lengthy discussion comprised of input from the Board and members of the public, Ms. Gingras requested the Board's recommendation to ratify the authorization of the full demobilization of the Emergency Pumping Facility from site 2 to site 1 as described in the DBOM Contract Agreement with Cushman Contracting Corp. (Item 18) and approve the resulting budgeted expenditure in the amount of \$241,000; authorize the General Manager to execute a change order for an additional monthly fee of \$7,000 for the duration of the time site 2 materials are stored at the lake and made available.

Director Holcombe moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Director White.

Ms. Kelly Dyer, City of Santa Barbara, inquired as to when the barge would be back on-line, to which Mr. Ellison replied Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> which was within the 48-hour requirement. Ms. Gingras added there was an elected operational outage planned by the Member Agencies to be off-line for 5 days.

Board motioned to approve with a vote of 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: Hanson, Holcombe, Morgan, White

Nayes: None

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

## 4. Meeting Schedule

- Next Regular Board meeting will be held February 27, 2017 at 2:00PM
- Board packets are available on COMB Website: <a href="www.cachuma-board.org">www.cachuma-board.org</a>

## 5. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gingras, Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:

Doug Morgan, President of the Board

√ Approved
Unapproved