

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF
CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD
held at**

3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

**Monday, April 22, 2019
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Holcombe at 1:00 PM.

Directors Present:

Polly Holcombe, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Lauren Hanson, Goleta Water District
Kristen Sneddon, City of Santa Barbara
Cori Hayman, Montecito Water District

General Counsel Present:

William Carter, Musick, Peeler & Garrett, LLP

Staff Present:

Janet Gingras, General Manager	Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager
Edward Lyons, Administrative Manager/CFO	Dave Stewart, Operations Division Manager
Joel Degner, Water Resources Engineer	Dorothy Turner, Administrative Assistant II

Others Present:

Farfalla Borah, Goleta Water District	Mark Preston, SYV We Watch
Fray Crease, SB Water Agency	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of March 25, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- c. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras presented the Consent Agenda items as contained in the board packet. The Consent Agenda was divided into two motions.

Director Hanson motioned that the Minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by President Holcombe, the motions passed with a vote of five in favor and one abstention.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hanson, Holcombe
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain: Hayman

Director Sneddon motioned that the Investment of Funds and the Review of Paid Claims be approved as presented. Seconded by Director Hanson, the motion passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hayman, Hanson, Holcombe
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

4. **VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES**

- *Operations Committee Meeting – April 16, 2019* – Director Sneddon reviewed the committee meeting items as provided in the agenda, noting that certain items from the committee meeting are addressed in the Board Meeting agenda. She summarized briefly the remaining items.

5. **EMERGENCY PUMPING FACILITY PROJECT CONTRACT**

Ms. Gingras presented the staff memo, recommending that the Cushman Contracting Corporation contract be continued on a month to month basis at a cost of \$3,500 per month. Mr. Degner provided further analysis of the recommendation. Director Hayman motioned to approve the continuation of the Cushman Contracting Corporation's contract as recommended. Seconded by Director Hanson, the motion passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hayman, Hanson, Holcombe
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

6. **U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION OWNED FACILITIES**

Ms. Gingras presented information on the current status of the needed repairs to Hilton Creek Watering System and requested Board direction with respect to any proposed action. She fielded questions from the board. Following a lengthy discussion, the Board directed Ms. Gingras to draft a letter to the Bureau to express the Board's concerns regarding the repairs needed for the Hilton Creek Watering System.

7. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

- Meetings
- Administration
- Engineering / Operations Division

Ms. Gingras presented the General Manager Report, highlighting the Member Agency meeting to discuss the continued development of the Infrastructure Improvement Plan (IIP), proposed options for the Emergency Pumping Facility Project contract, status of the Water Quality and Sediment Management Study, and the draft COMB FY 2019-20 Operating Budget. She provided updates on the IRWMP funding and the COMB Infrastructure Improvement Plan Progress Update. She reviewed the contracts executed by the General Manager. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the Board.

8. WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER REPORT

- Climate Conditions
- Lake Cachuma Conveyance Feasibility Study
- Lake Cachuma Water Quality and Sediment Management Study
- Infrastructure Improvement Project Status

Mr. Degner presented the Water Resources Engineer report, providing climate and Lake Cachuma Conveyance Feasibility Study updates. He noted that COMB has applied for a Reclamation Drought Resiliency Grant in the amount of \$750,000. Mr. Degner provided an update on the Water Quality and Sediment Management Study and reported that data gaps in the water quality of Lake Cachuma had been identified and would be addressed with further sampling. He reviewed the status of the Infrastructure Improvement Projects.

9. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. Stewart presented the Operations Division report, highlighting the relocation of the Santa Cruz log boom to the Lake Cachuma marina, at the request of the County of Santa Barbara. He fielded questions from the Board.

10. FISHERIES DIVISION REPORT

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

Mr. Robinson presented the Fisheries Division report, highlighting ongoing trapping, successful O. mykiss spawning in Hilton Creek and continued monitoring required by the Biological Opinion. He provided an update on the progress of the Quiota Creek Crossing 8 project and information on Surcharge Water Accounting. Mr. Robinson updated the Board on the status of the Annual Monitoring Summaries and fielded questions from the Board.

11. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson presented the Lake Cachuma Oak Tree report, noting ongoing maintenance of the trees, in particular, irrigation efforts. He advised that the Lake Cachuma Oak Tree committee would meet at the beginning of the next fiscal year to suggest Oak Tree program recommendations for the upcoming year.

12. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

- a. Cachuma Water Reports
- b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions
- c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

Ms. Gingras presented the monthly reports, noting the Cachuma Water Reports reflect 100% water allocation for the current water year, as approved by Reclamation. There were no questions from the Board.

13. **DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING**

The Board requested that they be kept up to date on the status of the Hilton Creek Watering System repair, either within the General Manager report or as a separate agenda item.

14. **[CLOSED SESSION]: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

- a. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]
Name of matter: *Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board v. Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District Number 1*, Case No. 19CV01873 – Breach of Contract and Declaratory Relief

The Board entered into closed session at 2:55 PM.

15.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

[Government Code Section 54957.7]
Disclosure of actions taken in closed session, as applicable
[Government Code Section 54957.1]

- 14a. *Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board v. Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District Number 1*, Case No. 19CV01873 – Breach of Contract and Declaratory Relief

The board came out of closed session at 3:19 PM. There was no reportable action.

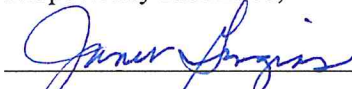
16. **MEETING SCHEDULE**

- **May 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM, Special Board Meeting**
- **May 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM, COMB Office**
- **Board Packages available on COMB website www.cachuma-board.org**

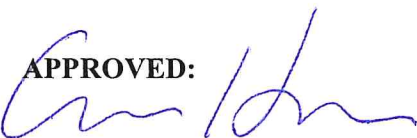
17. **COMB ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED: 

Lauren Hanson, Vice-President of the Board

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	<i>Unapproved</i>