

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**  
**Of the**  
**CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD**  
**Held at the**  
Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board Office  
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA  
**Monday, April 25, 2011**

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

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

**Directors present:**

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Bob Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1

**Others present:**

Kate Rees	Tony Trembley
Jim Colton	Adelle Capponi
John McInnes	Charles Hamilton
Sonja Fernandez	John McInnes
Ruth Snodgrass	Janet Gingras
Phil Walker	Harlan Burchardi
Tim Robinson	Sarah Horwath
Chris Dahlstrom	

**2. Public Comment**

Phil Walker made comments regarding weed abatement, oil seepage and seismic activity and also the Gibraltar watershed and reservoir capacity.

**3. [Closed Session] Conference with Board Regarding General Manager's Retirement Matters, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

President Hanson announced that it was not necessary to have closed session regarding the General Manager's retirement matters.

Ms. Rees reported that she had a question with regard to sick leave payout at retirement. COMB's policy is 100% payout of unused sick leave after more than 20 years of service or 50% payout after six years, but less than 20 years of service. The question was whether her 20 years of CalPERS service credit would apply to COMB's 100% payout for unused sick leave. Mr. Trembley, General Counsel responded that the CalPERS service credits did not apply to the policy of COMB.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

a. **Minutes:**

March 28, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Rees reported that at the March meeting as stated in the minutes, the Directors had requested clarification of the intent of the NMFS letter, Item 9-i. She reported that she has been trying to set up a conference call with NMFS and Reclamation but to date she has been unable to do so. She will report back to the Board at a later date to follow up with their request.

b. **Investment Funds**

Financial Reports  
Investment Report

c. **Payment of Claims**

Director Morgan requested the Summers Engineering invoice be pulled from the payment of claims in order for staff to look into a possible error.

Director Beebe moved to approve the consent agenda pulling the Summers Engineering invoice from the payment of claims, seconded by Director Francisco, passed 7/0/0.

#### 5. Reports From Board Committees

a. **General Manager Search and Transition Ad Hoc Committee**

President Hanson reported that the Ad Hoc Committee had interviewed 9 candidates for COMB's General Manager on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Ad Hoc Committee has selected 3 strong applicants for a full Board interview, possibly May 16, 2011.

#### 6. Reorganization Issues

a. **Report on Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee Meeting April 15, 2011**

- **Status of Draft Amendment to COMB JPA**
- **Status of Draft Agreement Between ID1, CCRB and COMB for Implementation of Certain Sections of the 2001 Fisheries MOU**

Ms. Rees highlighted the Reorganization meeting that was held April 15. The purpose of the meeting was to go over the Draft Amendment to the COMB JPA and the Draft Agreement between ID #1, CCRB and COMB for implementation of certain sections of the 2001 Fisheries MOU. Revised agreements will be prepared and distributed. Another Reorganization meeting has been scheduled May 20<sup>th</sup> to review these agreements.

b. **Revised Timeline to Complete Reorganization**

Ms. Rees included in the board packet a timeline to complete reorganization. Once the agreements are completed the COMB JPA needs to be approved by the Member Unit agencies and the revised Fisheries MOU implementation would be approved by the Boards of ID #1, CCRB and COMB.

## 7. Santa Ynez River RiverWare Model Peer Review

Ms. Rees recommended that COMB be used as the funding agency for all five Member Units for the peer review of the RiverWare Model. Up to now the development of the model has been funded through CCRB and ID #1 on behalf of the Member Units. Due to the reorganization of CCRB and COMB, all activities except the State Board water rights hearing and the Biological Opinion reconsultation activities were moved into COMB. COMB will be using the model for river flow modeling associated with the ongoing SYR Fisheries Program.

The ID #1 Board stated objection to the transfer of the RiverWare model and the associated review and funding of the activities to COMB and feels the funding should remain with CCRB. The stated that the hydrology model is directly related to historic and current water rights decisions, activities and actions and COMB is not an engaged agency in those matters. A letter from ID #1 Board President Dennis Beebe expressing their objection was circulated.

Director Morgan moved that the SYR RiverWare peer review should be carried out and funded through COMB, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 6/1/0  
Director Beebe voted no.

The SYR Hydrology Committee decided that a local peer review was needed to evaluate how well the model accurately represents the actual physical parameters, inputs, and flows in the SYR system. The SYRWCD will contract for the downstream local peer reviewer. The goal is to have one report produced by the two reviewers and recommendations that they agree on. Two consultants are interested in providing a proposal for the south coast peer review. A draft RFP has been written and circulated for comments. Ms. Rees would like to send the RFP to the consultants as soon as possible and is recommending that the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with the selected local south coast consultant to carry out the review of the RiverWare Model.

Director Francisco moved to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with the selected local south coast consultant to carry out a local peer review of the SYR RiverWare Model, seconded by Director Hanson, passed 6/0/1, Director Beebe abstained.

The money to pay for the peer review will be included in the FY 2011-12 COMB Budget.

## 8. Fisheries Division Activities

### a. Staff Presentation: Fish Scale Analysis

The staff presentation was made by Tim Robinson and Sarah Horwath. They highlighted their ongoing project of fish scale analysis collected during the trapping season.

### b. Quiota Creek Tributary Projects Updates

Tim Robinson updated the Board on the Quiota Creek Tributary Projects.

**c. Quiota Creek Projects Meeting with County Public Works Director, April 11, 2011**

Ms. Rees reported on the meeting she, Tim Robinson and Tom Mosby had with the County Public Works Director. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss cooperation between COMB and the County with regard to design review, encroachment permit requirements, and overall assistance by the County to complete these required Biological Opinion projects. Ms. Rees felt it was a good meeting and the County was clear in their desire to cooperate on the Quiota Creek projects. It was acknowledged that once the County signs off on the encroachment permits, it would assume 100% liability for the bridges and the roadway. They do need to be sure that certain standards are met in the design and construction.

**d. Preliminary FY 2011-12 Cachuma Betterment Fund Meeting with County, April 11, 2011**

Ms. Rees met with Tom Fayram and Matt Naftaly from the County Water Agency to discuss how to distribute the \$100,000 Cachuma Betterment Fund for FY 11-12. After discussion the recommended use of the Cachuma Betterment Fund was:

\$ 75,000 Fish USGS Stream Gauge Program in the Santa Ynez River  
\$ 10,000 Water Agency Stream Gauge Program in the Santa Ynez River  
\$ 15,000 Fisheries Monitoring Program

Director Beebe moved that the Board authorize Ms. Rees to concur with the County Water Agency on the distribution of the County's Cachuma Betterment Fund of \$100,000 for FY 11-12, seconded by Director Francisco, passed 6/1/0. Director Morgan voted no.

**e. Fisheries Program Report**

The monthly Fisheries Report was included in the board packet.

**9. Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project**

**a. State Water Board's Informal Acceptance of Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project to Replace the SCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project for Use of Prop 50 Grant and Staff Schedule**

Ms. Rees reported that the Water Board Prop 50 Project Managers have agreed to allow COMB to replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project with the Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project and still receive the full \$3.2 million in Prop 50 grant funds.

**b. Revised Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project ("Plan B")**

Included in the board packet was a list of all the Modified Project components and a project schedule that shows the timing of the various components that will be carried out over the next two fiscal years, as well as some preliminary design work before June 30<sup>th</sup> of this fiscal year. Staff requests approval of the Modified Upper Reach Reliability Projects and schedule as presented.

After discussion, the Board determined that the COMB Board would consider approval of the Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project after ID#1 and

COMB have approved an Indemnification Agreement. The project approval should be ready for COMB Board approval at the May meeting.

**c. AECOM's Proposed Scope of Work**

Staff has worked with AECOM on a more comprehensive Scope of Work for the project. Jim Colton reviewed the components of the task order for the Board. Staff requests approval of AECOM's Task Order No. 37, and authorization to proceed with preliminary designs.

Director Francisco moved to approve the expenditures outlined in AECOM's Task Order No. 37 for the current Fiscal Year, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 6/0/1, Director Beebe abstained.

**d. Project Schedule**

A project schedule was included in the board packet for information.

**e. Potential Bid Options for Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project**

The Board requested that Ms. Rees discuss the bid options with the managers at the next Operating Committee meeting.

**10. Operations Division Activities**

**a. Lauro Detention Basin Enlargement – 2010 Annual Monitoring Report**

The annual report was included in the board packet for information.

**b. Operations Report**

The Operations Report for the month of March was included in the board packet.

Director Morgan reported on water that had been flowing into Ortega Reservoir. Mr. Colton reported that the water had been chlorinated so it did come out of the SCC, they checked the valves, looked for cracks and fittings. His findings were inclusive as to the cause of the flow. Director Morgan requested that COMB contact their insurance carrier for coverage.

**11. Reports From the Manager**

**a. Cachuma Water Reports**

The monthly water reports were included in the board packet.

**b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

The daily operations report for Lake Cachuma through April 20, 2011 was included in the board packet.

**c. Lake Cachuma 2011 Spill**

Ms. Rees reported that she had spoken with Ed Salazar, Reclamation and he had indicated that the spill would probably end about May 10, 2011.

**d. Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County – The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Symposium, April 21, 2011**

Ms. Rees attended this symposium and had included the program outline in the board packet.

#### **12. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

President Hanson requested a RiverWare workshop in the near future.

#### **13. Meeting Schedule**

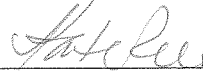
- The next regular Board meeting will be held May 23, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.

The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, [www.cachuma-board.org](http://www.cachuma-board.org)

#### **14. COMB Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED** 

Lauren Hanson, President of the Board