

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

by Teleconference Call ONLY

**Monday, March 23, 2020
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Holcombe at 1:01 PM.

All attendees participated telephonically pursuant to California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

Directors Present:

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

General Counsel Present:

William Carter, Musick, Peeler & Garrett, LLP

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Fray Crease, Santa Barbara County Water Agency	Cathy Taylor, City of Santa Barbara
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of February 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- c. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras introduced the Consent Agenda, followed by Mr. Lyons who reviewed revenues and expenditures. He drew the Board's attention to several expenditures of particular interest. Director Sneddon motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Director Hanson, the motion carried unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

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

4. VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

- ***Fisheries Committee Meeting – March 13, 2020*** – Director Hanson reported on behalf of the Fisheries Committee, advising that the items are brought before the Board via the next two agenda items.

5. QUIOTA CREEK CROSSING NO. 8 FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FINAL REPORT

Mr. Robinson presented the final report on the Quiota Creek Crossing No. 8 project. He recapped the project briefly and reviewed its final financial standing. Mr. Robinson fielded comments from the Board which were complimentary.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 705 - NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT

Mr. Robinson presented the staff memo as contained in the Board packet. He provided a comprehensive description of the project intended to be funded by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant. Additionally, he provided up-to-date information regarding the status of all contingencies noted in the staff memorandum. Mr. Robinson fielded questions from the Board. Following discussion, Director Hanson made a motion to approve the grant and project. Seconded by Director Sneddon, the motion carried with a unanimous vote of six in favor.

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

7. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Operations

Ms. Gingras presented the General Manager report, noting that the draft operating budget had been provided to the Member Agency General Manager and technical staff. She detailed the operating protocol measures taken to date to protect staff, Board Directors and members of the public from potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Ms. Gingras fielded questions and comments from the Board, who also requested to receive updates as further steps are taken against COVID-19 contagion.

8. WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER REPORT

- Climate Conditions
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects Update

Mr. Degner presented the Water Resource Engineer report, noting rainfall totals at 100% of the norm for the Lake Cachuma area. He advised that Gibraltar reservoir had spilled, contributing flow into Cachuma Lake. Mr. Degner reported that Cachuma tributaries had been sampled for water quality and the AWIA Risk and Resiliency plan was ready to be certified by the March 31st due date. Additionally,

Mr. Degner advised that the AVAR Blow-Off Schedule E shutdown was successfully completed in early March. No additional shutdowns are planned for this year. Mr. Degner fielded questions from the Board.

9. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

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

Ms. Gingras commented on the Cachuma Project Reports, noting an increase in usage during the month of February, due to the lack of normal rainfall. There were no questions from the Board.

10. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

There were no requests from directors for future agenda items.

11. [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 2:12 PM.

12. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

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

- 10a. *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 2:30 PM. There was no reportable action.

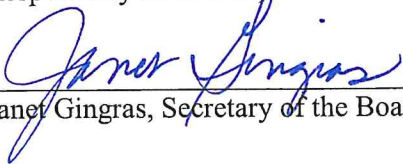
13. MEETING SCHEDULE

- **April 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM, COMB Office**
- **Board Packages available on COMB website www.cachuma-board.org**

14. COMB ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM.

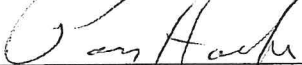
Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

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	<i>Unapproved</i>

APPROVED:



Polly Holcombe, President of the Board