

**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, March 24, 2008**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m. by Vice-President Matt Loudon, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Matt Loudon	SYR Water Conservation Dist., ID#1
Iya Falcone	City of Santa Barbara
Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
Harry DeWitt	Goleta Water District

Others present:

Kate Rees	Fred Lemere
William Hair	Charles Hamilton
Chris Dahlstrom	Brett Gray
Tom Mosby	Kevin Walsh
Gary Kvistad	Rebecca Bjork
Steve Mack	Chip Wullbrandt
Bruce Wales	Tom Mosby

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

February 25, 2008 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

The approval of the consent agenda was postponed to the April 28, 2008 regular Board meeting.

4. Reports from the Manager

a. Water Storage, Water Production Use, SWP Accounting

The monthly reports from Janet Gingras were included in the board packet.

b. Operations Report

The March report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the board packet.

c. Post-Zaca Fire Report

Brett Gray reported that the City of Santa Barbara had some concern about water quality issues that might occur due to the Zaca Fire. They have started an increased level of water quality monitoring at Cachuma and Gibraltar, due to concerns about a pronounced increase in algae growth, which may result in higher TTHM levels. The additional water quality testing will continue for several months.

d. 2008 Spill/Surcharge Issues

Ms. Rees had included in the board packet the 2008 surcharge water table.

e. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 03/24/2008

Lake elevation	752.48
Storage	195,649 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	.46 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	21.92 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	10 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	355.6 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	3727 acre feet
Year to Date Spill	22,238.7 acre feet

5. Prevention of Quagga Mussels at Lake Cachuma

a. Proposed Budget Adjustment to Assist with Purchase of Decontamination Stations

Ms. Rees highlighted the recent events that have taken place concerning the prevention of Quagga mussels at Lake Cachuma. The County Board of Supervisors met on March 11, 2008, at which time presentations were given by Ms. Rees and Dan Hernandez, County Parks Director. At that meeting an Ad Hoc Committee was formed and the

committee met on March 17, 2008. Tom Fayram, Santa Barbara County Water Resources Deputy Director, developed and presented to the Ad Hoc Committee the set of interim boat launching protocols included in the board packet. The protocols included the preventative measures that the COMB Board had requested in their January letter to the County Board of Supervisors. At the Board of Supervisors regular meeting on March 25th, the Board will be considering the recommendations presented to them by the County Parks Department.

Also included in the board packet regarding the Quagga mussel issue were four recommendations from Ms Rees for the COMB Board's consideration and approval; 1) that the Board approve the county's protocols and rescind the request for a temporary closure of Lake Cachuma to private boats; 2) authorize COMB staff to assist with monitoring the boat inspections in April 2008; 3) consider cost sharing for the capital expenditures; and 4) consider reallocating budgeted funds to assist in the funding to prevent a mussel infestation.

Following extensive Board discussion, no action was taken on the recommendations, as the Board was divided on sharing the cost of the preventative measures. The Board asked Ms Rees to determine what the County was requesting. This issue will be brought back to the COMB Board at a future date after the County Board of Supervisors has made a decision on the proposed boat launch protocols for preventing a quagga mussel infestation in Lake Cachuma. Another Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be held to discuss funding the program.

6. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Activities

Included in the board packet were agendas and minutes of previous IRWMP meetings. Ms. Rees will report on the next phase of the IRWMP activities during the April 28th regular Board meeting.

7. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no requests from the Directors.

8. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held April 28, 2008 following the 2:15 P.M. CCRB regular Board meeting, at the COMB office.

The Board Packets are available on the CCRB-COMB Website, www.ccrb-comb.org

9. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chuck Evans, President