

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

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, February 27, 2017**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President 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, Edward Lyons, Tim Robinson, Scott Engblom, Jackie Kern, William Carter, Dan Ellison, Tom Fayram, Kelley Dyer, Sam Goldman, Philip Walker, Adriane Passani

2. Public Comment

Mr. Philip Walker commented on the recent main spill-way issue at the Lake Oroville dam and his concerns for possible spalling on the surface slab and additional cavities caused by shrinking and/or expansion of the adobe soil. Mr. Walker also shared his concerns with the many fault lines in the area and the need to re-commission the desalination plant in the Santa Barbara area as an alternative during an earthquake disaster.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes

January 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

- Financial Reports
- Investment Reports

c. Review of Paid Claims

General Manager highlighted annual renewals that are reflected in the January paid claims, such as the annual cathodic protection survey of the Laurel Yard pipeline structure.

Director Hansen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Morgan, which carried 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: Hanson, Holcombe, Morgan, White

Nays: None

Absent: Walsh

4. Verbal Reports From Board Committees

Special Operations Committee Meeting – February 22, 2017: Janet Gingras, General Manager, provided an update on critical projects affected by recent storm activity; Lauro Diversion Valve and South Coast Conduit projects.

5. Lake Cachuma: Emergency Pumping Facility (EPF) Project

Mr. Dan Ellison, HDR Engineering, Inc. presented the Emergency Pumping Facility (EPF) Project. He reviewed decisions that were made before and during the storm event for the demobilization of Site 1 operations. He provided alternatives going forward for the barge (whether to purchase, rent or discard) and estimated to have the reports ready for staff review by the end of the week regarding a long-term solution.

Director Holcombe stressed the difficulty of the decision process in the short amount of time allot when the lake is on the rise, and going forward with the unknown weather forecast that lie ahead.

Director White inquired about the existing pipe materials not suited for submerged application. Mr. Ellison responded that the current pipe is too thin and may collapse if submerged and recommended a thicker material going forward. He is awaiting an accurate report from the surge analysis. Going forward, Mr. Ellison will be presenting all logical options for the barge and secured pipeline, including a land based option.

Kelley Dyer from City of Santa Barbara commented on the projections being presented were based on a zero allocation of Cachuma and has requested from the Bureau a time estimate on the initial allocations for this year, which in turn will change the projections of the Lake levels.

Tom Fayram noted the member unit manager meeting next Wednesday where they will be discussing the issues of lake evaporation and downstream accounts in order to make projections of lake levels. (Waiting on the Bureau for downstream accounting reports in order to produce a complete analysis).

Director White requested a summary of the evaporation protocol for informational purposes.

General Manager, Ms. Gingras, noted the recommendation for Board approval from the Operations Committee to ratify the authorization of the full demobilization of the Emergency Pumping Facility and the resulting budgeted expenditures.

Director Morgan moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Director White, which carried 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: Hanson, Holcombe, Morgan, White

Nayes: None

Absent: Walsh

6. Resolution No. 629 Supporting Santa Barbara County's Proposal to the Governor's Drought Task Force

Ms. Gingras presented Resolution No. 629 supporting Santa Barbara County's proposal to the Governor's Drought Task Force for drought emergency crisis planning and submission of a proposed project list requesting assistance for funding.

Director Hanson moved to strike the line "*including some into a half-empty Lake Cachuma*" found in Resolution No. 629, paragraph 5.

Director Holcombe moved to approve Resolution No. 629 with one change, seconded by Director Morgan, the motion carried 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: Hanson, Holcombe, Morgan, White

Nays: None

Absent: Walsh

7. Information on the Development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for San Marcos Pass and Eastern Goleta Valley Mountainous Areas

Mr. Scott Engblom, Project Biologist, presented information about wild fires in the area and how these fires impact the Lake Cachuma watershed. He spoke to the importance and benefits of the Community Wild Fire protection plan and the procedures and recommendations that are in place and the ongoing need for funding. Director White followed with his appreciation and the importance for the ongoing discussion on fire prevention. He recommended COMB staff continue the effort and contact Geo Elements for additional information regarding the developing CWPP.

8. Fish Passage Improvement Project – Quiota Creek Crossing 4 – Final Report

Mr. Robinson reviewed the Quiota Creek Crossing 4 Fish Passage Improvement Project and reported it was completed on December 21, 2016. He noted the crossing successfully held up through the recent large storms events. Mr. Robinson presented the final financial report to the Board. He discussed the requirement for submittal of record drawings and construction binders to the County of Santa Barbara, which is currently in the review process with the regulatory agencies (which may require additional encroachment permit fees).

9. General Manager Report

- Administration
- Personnel
- Financial
- Operations Division Activities
- Fisheries Division Activities

Ms. Gingras highlighted topics within her report as incorporated in the board packet, which included a preliminary budget process schedule for fiscal year 2017-18 and offered to field any comments or questions from the board.

Director Hansen inquired about the removal of the CCWA bypass line. Director Holcombe requested a place holder for the Member Agencies in regard to the budget review schedule. Ms. Kelly Dyer commented on the difficulty to project the budget due to the unknowns and requested some guidance as to whether to plan for a worse or better case scenario.

10. Operations Division Report

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

In the absence of Mr. Stewart, General Manager, Janet Gingras, referred to the Operations Division report as included in the board packet, summarizing the division's tasks and objectives for the month and offered to address questions from the Board.

11. Fisheries Division Report

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

Mr. Robinson reviewed his report which was included in the board packet. He highlighted the increase in flow to Hilton Creek due to the recent storms, which sufficiently reached the LSYR Long Pool, but has since retreated. Mr. Robinson noted the completion of the beaver dam survey and provided an update to the tributary projects. Mr. Robinson offered to field any questions from the board.

12. Progress Report on Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson gave a brief update on the status of the project, noting the need for removal of the large weeds in the area that compete with the Oak trees for water and sun. Mr. Robinson reported on the status of planting additional trees in the Lake Cachuma Park area.

13. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports

Ms. Gingras reviewed the monthly water reports, as included in the board packet.

14. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Future Meeting

No further requests were made.

15. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing and Potential Litigation

The Board went into closed session at 3:46 p.m.

- a. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]
Name of matter: Protest of Member Agency re: Payment of Assessment for Certain Fisheries Related Activities
- b. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]
Name of matter: Alleged Access Rights to Ortega Ridge Road, Ocean View Estates Subdivision

16. Reconvene into Open Session

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

- a. Protest of Member Agency re: Payment of Assessment for Certain Fisheries Related Activities
- b. Alleged Access Rights to Ortega Ridge Road, Ocean View Estates Subdivision

The Board came out of closed session at 4:17 p.m. There were no reportable actions.

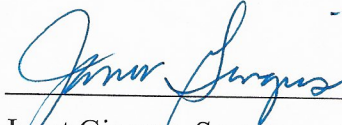
17. Meeting Schedule

- **March 27, 2017, 2:00 P.M.** at COMB Offices
- Board Packages Available on COMB Website www.cachuma-board.org

18. COMB Adjournment

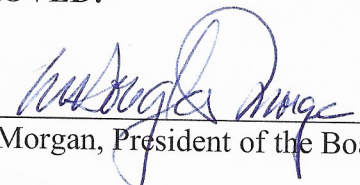
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Doug Morgan, President of the Board

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	<i>Unapproved</i>