

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

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, November 28, 2016**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Doug 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	Phil Walker
Dave Stewart	Fray Crease
Adelle Capponi	Dale Francisco
Adriane Passani	Kelley Dyer
Tim Robinson	Dan Ellison
William Carter	Giana Magnoli

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented on the tour he gave to COMB's Operations Division personnel of the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant and the limited tour of the City of Santa Barbara desalination plant. He spoke to his continued concern about bank infiltration; and, downstream consequences should the projected rain not occur.

Janet introduced a new staff member, Adriane Passani, who is replacing Adelle Capponi who has announced her retirement.

President Morgan congratulated Polly Holcombe and Lauren Hanson for their re-election to their respective District Boards.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes

October 24, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Reports
Investment Reports

c. Review of Paid Claims

Following a brief consideration, Director Holcombe moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Hanson. The motion passed 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: Morgan, White, Holcombe, Hanson

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

4. Verbal Reports from Board Committees

- *Operations Committee Meeting – November 17, 2016:* Director White reported on the items presented on the committee agenda. Three of those items are included on today's agenda for consideration and possible action. Dave Stewart presented a brief status summary on the Infrastructure Improvement Plan (IIP) projects. Lastly, Mr. Stewart provided the Board with an update on construction projects currently active within the USBR Right-of-Way (ROW).

5. City of Santa Barbara Video Presentation: Lake Cachuma – 2016 Aerial Footage

The Board received a video presentation of the September 2016 Lake Cachuma aerial footage taken by a drone and provided by the City of Santa Barbara.

6. Lauro Stop Valve Replacement Project

Details presented in the memo as included in the board packet were highlighted. Director White moved to approved Staff's recommendation to accept the bid proposal from Cushman Contracting Corporation, and to authorize the General Manager to execute the contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,750. Director White moved to approve as recommended, seconded by Director Holcombe; the motion passed 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

7. Lateral I Meter Replacement Project: Lash Construction, Inc. Change Order Request

Janet Gingras, General Manager, detailed the need for the change order as outlined in the memo included in the board packet. Following consideration, Director Holcombe moved to approve the Lash Construction, Inc. Change Order in an amount not-to-exceed \$9,759.24. Seconded by Director White, the motion passed 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

8. Lake Cachuma: Emergency Pumping Facility (EPF) Permanent Pipelines Project

- *Emergency Pumping Facilities Long-Term Alternatives: HDR Engineering, Inc. Proposal:*

Ms. Janet Gingras, General Manager, introduced Dan Ellison of HDR Engineering Inc. (HDR), EPF Project Engineer, who has managed the Project since its inception. Mr. Ellison reviewed his previously delivered PowerPoint presentation, inclusive of updates to anticipated project costs and various other considerations, which shall continue to develop throughout the evolution of the Project.

Director Hanson asked that detailed alternative courses of action, as shown in the presentation, be provided in writing to the Board. Mr. Ellison offered to convert his presentation into memorandum form; and, Director Hanson further requested a matrix of such scenarios, including the reasoning behind not pursuing each alternative considered, as well as justification for the sole-sourcing of project engineering services. If necessary, she suggested, these might be addressed at a later Special Board meeting.

Following lengthy consideration, Director Holcombe moved approval of HDR's Proposal for tasks 100, 200 and 300 and to authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement for an amount not-to-exceed \$108,048. Seconded by Director White, the motion passed 4/2/1 as follows:

Ayes: White, Holcombe, Morgan

Nays: Hanson

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

9. General Manager Report

- *Santa Ynez River Flood Forecasting Model Workshop/Training Exercise*
- *CCWA Steering Committee Meeting*
- *Financials*
- *Operations Division*
- *Fisheries Division*

Ms. Janet Gingras, General Manager, highlighted topics within her report, as incorporated in the board packet, and responded to questions from the Board. With regard to the Fisheries Division reporting, Director White requested copies of the reports submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) by Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager, as appropriate.

10. Operations Division Report

- *Lake Cachuma Operations*
- *Operation and Maintenance Activities*

Mr. Dave Stewart, Operations Division Manager, summarized the report and provided updates on all current operational tasks, repairs, and projects.

11. Update: Fish Passage Improvement Projects

- *Quiota Creek Crossing 0A*: Mr. Robinson updated the Board on the progress of the Fish Passage Improvement Project. He stated the Crossing 0A Bridge was installed on November 3rd with final components including sealing, road rails, and hydro mulching to be completed before the project deadline of December 15, 2016.
- *Quiota Creek Crossing 4*: Mr. Robinson noted the Crossing 4 Bridge was installed on November 1st. Final components similar to Crossing 0A bridge will be performed with project completion expected prior to the deadline of December 15, 2016.

12. Fisheries Division Report

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

Mr. Robinson noted highlights of the report as presented in the board packet, offered further detail on recent Fisheries Division activities, and fielded questions from the Board.

13. Progress Report on Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program

- *Maintenance and Monitoring*

Mr. Robinson summarized the progress report on the Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program and fielded questions from the Board.

14. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports

The reports were included in the board packet for information.

15. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Future Meeting

- Director White requested an assessment of the Intake Tower stability.
- Director Holcombe, echoing the specific concerns detailed in the discussion under Item 8 as raised by Director Hanson, requested to schedule a Special Board Meeting, if needed, to close the gap with regard to the proposed pipeline project.
- Director Hanson requested an update on the changed evaporation calculation made by the Bureau of Reclamation.

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

The Board went into closed session at 4:30pm.

- 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

17. Reconvene Into Open Session

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

The Board came out of closed session at 4:55 p.m.

- 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

There was no reportable action.

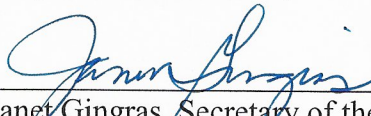
18. Meeting Schedule

- The next Regular Board meeting will be held on December 19, 2016 2:00 p.m. NOTE: This is the 3rd Monday.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website at www.cachuma-board.org

19. COMB Adjournment

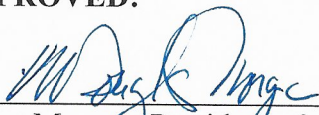
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Doug Morgan, President of the Board

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