

**Draft Meeting Notes
Joint Special Board Meeting of
Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board
and
Cachuma Conservation Release Board
Tuesday, May 30, 2006**

**COMB Office
3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA**

Attending:

Lee Bettencourt, Improvement District No. 1,
Alternate Member
Jan Abel, CCRB President, Montecito Water District
Chuck Evans, Goleta Water District
Robert Lieberknecht, Carpinteria Water District
Das Williams, City of Santa Barbara

Ruth Snodgrass, Admin. Secretary, CCRB

Observers:

Bob Roebuck, General Manager, Montecito Water
District
C.E. 'Chip' Wullbrandt, Counsel, Montecito Water
District, Carpinteria Water District
Steve Mack, Water Resources Manager City of Santa
Barbara
Bruce Wales, General Manager, Santa Ynez River
Water Conservation District
Gary Kvistad, ID #1 Counsel
Brett Gray, COMB Operations Supervisor
William Hair, COMB General Counsel

Facilitator:

John Jostes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for COMB and CCRB Boards

The meeting of the COMB Board was called to order by Vice-President Chuck Evans at 3:00 p.m., roll call was taken, all were present. The meeting of the CCRB Board was called to order by President Jan Abel at 3:01 p.m. roll call was taken, all were present.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public were provided with an opportunity to provide public comment to the Joint Special Board Meeting. However, no members of the public were present and no comments were received.

3. Discussion of Macro-level Issues and Issues/Options Matrix

John Jostes provided an overview of the Issues/Options Matrix that was developed to serve as the basis for the discussion of macro-level issues associated with the potential reorganization of the two boards. In doing so, he noted that any and all agreements on the component parts within the matrix were tentative for several reasons: 1) each member of the board would need to check back with their constituent Boards of Directors and councils; 2) the joint boards would need to assemble a preferred package based upon a series of tentative agreements; and 3) that new information may become available that would need to be considered later in the process. He suggested that the boards review the descriptions of each of the options and then discuss the appropriateness and accuracy of the bullet points listed beneath each of the options. Those present offered suggestions and refinements to each of the four options, concentrating on Option

One – the status Quo Alternative, and Option 2, merging CCRB and COMB into an amended JPA using the COMB JPA as a starting point. There was also discussion regarding Options 3 and 4. However, it was the general perspective of those present that there was not sufficient interest to pursue Option 4 (COMB merged into CCWA and new JPA for fish issues) at this time because of the complications and uncertainties associated with merging Cachuma Project operations and maintenance into the Central Coast Water Authority, which manages operations and maintenance for the SWP system. Further discussion of this option was dropped for the time being. With regard to Option 3, the discussion implied that there were some benefits of keeping this option on the table, but like Option 4, there were complexities associated with this option as well that required further discussion. This option was ‘put on ice’ for discussion at a later point in the process as appropriate. The bulk of the discussions centered on articulating the bullet points associated with Option 2 and provided a number of clarifications and additions to language in the matrix. The refinements to the matrix are attached to these meeting notes as Discussion Draft Version 2.

4. Next Steps

Meeting Schedule: It was determined that the next meeting date should be set at the next regular meeting of the two boards on June 26th, so as to allow Matt Loudon, the principal Board member representing ID #1 to join the discussion of dates for upcoming meetings. While the joint boards expressed appreciation to Mr. Bettencourt for his attendance and participation at this and the previous meeting, they also acknowledged the importance of scheduling meetings that would facilitate the attendance of the principal board members whenever possible.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

CCRB Secretary to the Board

COMB Secretary to the Board

Approved:

Jan Abel, CCRB President

Matt Loudon, COMB President