

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

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, March 25, 2013**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Alonzo Orozco	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara

Others present:

Janet Gingras	Tony Trembley
Kelley Dyer	Tim Robinson
David Baum	Adelle Capponi
Ruth Snodgrass	Phil Walker

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker made comments on the climate, water sources, impact of sedimentation and Lake Cachuma capacity

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes:**
February 25, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
- b. **Investment Funds**
Financial Report
Investment Report
- c. **Payment of Claims**

Director Beebe moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Director Francisco, passed 7/0/0.

4. Consider Approval of California Department of Fish and Wildlife Letter Regarding Sharing Data

Counsel Tony Trembley reported that the letter is still being reviewed by the legal counsels for California Department of Fish and Wildlife and COMB. The letter will be brought to the Board for approval upon completion from the respective parties.

5. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 561 to enter into FishAmerica Grant Agreement for Cattle Exclusionary Fencing on Lower Salsipuedes Creek

Janet Gingras reported that by approving Resolution No. 561 the COMB Board would accept the grant from FishAmerica Foundation. The project entails working with the landowner to install riparian corridor fencing to prohibit cattle from accessing the creek bottom and impacting the steelhead/rainbow trout spawning and rearing habitat along lower Salsipuedes Creek.

Director Beebe reported that the Fisheries Board committee and the Advocacy Group are in agreement that this is a good project.

Director Francisco moved to approve Resolution No. 561 to enter into the FishAmerica Foundation Grant Agreement FAF-12040, seconded by Director Morgan.

Director Beebe reported that ID#1 feels this project is water rights related ~~is a fisheries project~~ and should not be undertaken by COMB. Director Beebe also reported that the project description included some statements that he objected to. He would provide detailed comments to Tim Robinson and then it would be reviewed by the Fisheries Committee before bringing it back to the Board. These comments would not change the Resolution.

The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Ayes: Francisco, Orozco, Morgan, Hanson

Nays: Beebe

Absent/Abstain: None

6. Reports from Board Committees

a. Ad Hoc Transition/General Manager Recruitment Committee Meeting, March 14, 2013

Director Hanson reported that the first round of advertising for the position of General Manager resulted in seven candidates being invited for an interview. The committee will report back to the Board at the April meeting on this first round of interviews.

b. Ad Hoc Oak Tree Committee Meeting, March 20, 2013

Director Morgan reported that the Oak Tree Committee toured several of the planting areas. Those that attended the meeting were Director Morgan, Director Beebe, Tim Robinson, Ken Knight, Melinda Fournier, Chris Dahlstrom and Bill Spiewak, a consulting arborist. Mr. Spiewak will submit a report with his observations on the program which will then be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Oak Tree Committee. The committee will be bringing back to the Board some recommendations at a future Board meeting.

7. Interim General Manager Report

Janet Gingras highlighted her report that was included in the board packet. The discussion on the Cachuma Project Warren Act Trust Fund/Cachuma Project Master Contract Renewal Fund/Betterment Fund will continue after COMB General Counsel has reviewed the documents associated with these funds.

Ms. Gingras reported that the FY 2013/14 draft Budget is under development and will be presented to the Member Unit General Managers and the Administrative Committee prior to Board approval.

Ms. Gingras is developing a spread sheet regarding the unexpended assessments for FYE 2012, which will be distributed upon completion.

Included in the board packet was a draft Work Plan for the 4th Quarter of 2013. The plan was developed to provide a framework of required activities to be performed by the Operations Field Crew during the 4th quarter of FY 2013. This plan will also provide the foundation for the Annual Work Plan for FY 2013/2014 for the Operations and Fisheries Divisions.

8. Progress Report on Cachuma Lake Oak Tree Program

Tim Robinson reported that deer caging, some weeding and mulching has been occurring this past month.

9. Engineering/Operations Division Reports

David Baum highlighted the report included in the board packet.

Comments were made by Phil Walker.

10. Fisheries Division Report

Tim Robinson highlighted the Fisheries Report that was included in the board packet.

11. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports

a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly water reports were included in the board packet.

b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The Lake Cachuma Daily Operations report through March 20, 2013 was included in the board packet.

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

The County's summary of Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Program for February 2013 was included in the board packet.

12. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Director Morgan requested COMB schedule a facilities tour for all of the Directors from the COMB Board and the Member Unit Boards.

13. [Closed Session]:

**a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code 54956.9): One
Case**

Counsel Tony Trembley announced that the Board would convene into closed session regarding Item #13a in respect to the termination of the employment of the former General Manager Bruce Mowry.

The Board went into closed session at 3:11 p.m.

**14. 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 reconvened into open session at 3:39 p.m. The following is a report of action taken in closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.1.

Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement with former General Manager Bruce Mowry which has now become final, the Governing Board on a vote of 7/0/0 voted to rescind the December 21, 2012 notice of termination and to remove the notice from Mr. Mowry's employment file. Mr. Mowry resigned from COMB employment effective December 21, 2012.

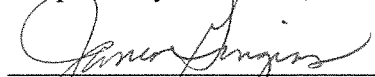
15. Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board meeting will be held April 22, 2013 at 2:00 P.M.
The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website,
www.cachuma-board.org

16. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:


Lauren Hanson, President of the Board