

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD**
at Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board Office
3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

July 21, 2008

3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL** (COMB Board of Directors.) *(1 minute)*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter not on the agenda and within the Board's jurisdiction.) *(2 minutes)*
3. **COMB CIP PROGRAM / BOND ISSUANCE** *(30 minutes)*
4. **GAP FIRE** *(10 minutes)*
5. **QUAGGA MUSSEL COST SHARING PROPOSAL** *(10 minutes)*
6. **MEETING SCHEDULE**
 - July 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
 - Availability of Board Packages on COMB Website
www.cachuma-board.org
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Public Comment: Any member of the public may address the Board on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Board. The total time for this item will be limited by the President of the Board. If you wish to address the Board under this item, please complete and deliver to the Secretary of the Board before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form including a description of the subject you wish to address.

Speakers: Any person wishing to speak to an item on the agenda is requested to file a "Request to Speak" form. The Chair may limit the time allowed to speak.

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CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 21, 2008
To: Members of the Board of Directors
From: Kate Rees, General Manager
RE: **COMB Capital Improvement Program Project List and Prioritization for Potential Bond Issuance**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve attached list of COMB capital improvement projects and associated project prioritization for potential bond issuance.

DISCUSSION:

At the February 25, 2008 Board meeting, a list of proposed capital improvement projects and their overall prioritization was distributed and discussed. Staff is recommending that certain projects from this group be funded potentially through issuance of a bond or other long-term funding mechanism for approximately \$16,000,000. Not all projects on the list will be funded through long-term financing, so the prioritization of them will be used to determine which projects should be included. The schedule is currently set to start the bond process, or alternate funding process, in December 2008.

Staff is further recommending that planning for the higher priority projects proceed immediately in order to determine their viability for funding. Design and environmental work on the South Coast Conduit (SCC) Second Barrel Pipeline Project (1) and SCC Mission Creek Project (3A) are currently in progress, as previously authorized by the Board. The next group of projects to begin the planning phase would be the COMB Office Building Project (9) and a portion of the ROW Definition Program (12). The final group of projects would include the Six Creek Crossings (3B), Vent Rehabilitation (5), SCC Corrosion Repairs (6A), and the balance of the ROW Definition Program (12). Prioritization of the projects is essential to maintaining the current timeline.

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Prioritization of Project Components and Cost Distribution

No.	Project Component Description	Estimated Cost	Priority - Very High	Priority - High	Priority - Medium	Priority - Low
1	SCC Second Barrel Pipeline, Upper Reach	\$ 9,165,000	\$ 9,165,000			
2	Reliability Study (Reaches 3 and 4)	\$ 150,000				\$ 150,000
3A	SCC Mission Creek Crossing and Fish Passage	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 2,300,000			
3B	Six SCC Creek Crossings	\$ 1,500,000		\$ 1,500,000		
4	SCC In-Line Valve Installation (4 Locations)	\$ 2,600,000		\$ 2,600,000		
5	Lauro Reservoir, Barker Pass and Sheffield Tunnel Vent Rehabilitation	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000		
6A	SCC Corrosion Repairs at Appurtenances	\$ 2,075,000		\$ 2,075,000		
6B	SCC Corrosion Repairs at Appurtenances	\$ 1,940,000			\$ 1,940,000	
7	SCC Modifications to Reduce Air Binding	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000	
8	Glen Anne Weir Modifications	\$ 150,000				\$ 150,000
9	COMB Office Building Replacement	\$ 3,625,000	\$ 3,625,000			
10	Reconfigure Control Station Piping to Reduce HL	\$ 630,000				\$ 630,000
11	Goleta West Meter Modifications	\$ 200,000			\$ 200,000	
12	Right-of-Way Definition Program	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000		
13	Investigation of Probable Repairs to the Tecolote Tunnel Lining	\$ 85,000			\$ 85,000	
14	Lake Cachuma Intake Tower Rehabilitation (lower gate operability)	\$ 85,000			\$ 85,000	
15	Elevator Shaft Rehabilitation (requires extensive repairs to reduce water intrusion)	\$ 50,000				\$ 50,000
16	Cachuma Lake Intake Tower Rehabilitation (Seismic Upgrade Investigation)	\$ 100,000				\$ 100,000
17	Sheffield Tunnel Pipe Replacement Investigation	\$ 50,000				\$ 50,000
	Totals	\$ 26,305,000	\$15,090,000	\$ 7,675,000	\$ 2,410,000	\$1,130,000

- Very High Priority
- High Priority
- Medium Priority
- Lower Priority

CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM

THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM THE June 23, 2008 BOARD MEETING.

DATE: July 21, 2008
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Kate Rees, General Manager
RE: **Report on Quagga Mussel Prevention Program Issues**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board consider cost sharing with the County of Santa Barbara for Quagga Mussel preventative measures at Lake Cachuma.

DISCUSSION:

Please refer to the memos in the April 28, May 19, 2008 and June 23, 2008 Board packages for background on this item.

COMB Board Meeting April 28, 2008

The Board directed Counsel Bill Hair to further research the questions raised about COMB's, the County of Santa Barbara's, and Reclamation's responsibilities under the Cachuma Master Contract, the USBR/County Recreation Agreement, and the recent DFG legislation, AB 1683. This is important information for the individual Member Unit boards to discuss before making a decision about cost sharing with the County and the financial responsibility of the County.

COMB Board Meeting May 19, 2008

The Board reviewed Mr. Hair's memo regarding contractual responsibilities for the County of Santa Barbara, Reclamation, and COMB and asked Mr. Hair to prepare a letter summarizing this information for the County Board of Supervisors (draft letter attached). A vote on assistance with funding was deferred to the June Board meeting after they have discussed this item with their individual Member Unit Boards.

COMB Board Meeting June 23, 2008

The Board deferred action on this item to either the July 21st special meeting or the July 28th regular meeting, whichever date staff recommended. The Board also voted to send a letter to the County Board of Supervisors summarizing the analysis of the various contracts governing the Cachuma Project.

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Suggested Cost Share Proposal

1. COMB provides the County with a one-time payment of \$270,000 to use for capital equipment only (pressure washers, washing decontamination stations, tracking database) or to use toward either capital equipment and/or ongoing staff costs.
2. County increases Park revenues by immediately increasing boat fees, park entry fees, and camping fees sufficiently to cover all ongoing costs for the quagga prevention program.
3. County pays all long-term costs for maintenance of Cachuma facilities if quaggas do infest Lake Cachuma or COMB and County share costs of long-term eradication of quagga and maintenance of affected facilities if quaggas infest Lake Cachuma.

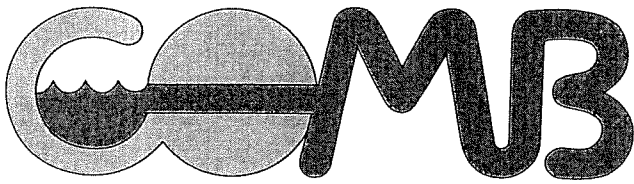
About \$270,000 in unexpended funds are available from FY 06-07 and FY 07-08 if the Board chooses to assist the County with funding the quagga mussel preventative measures. A budget adjustment could be made to transfer funds into a new account for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees
General Manager

Attachment

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July 9, 2008

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Re: Quagga Mussel Prevention at Lake Cachuma

Chair Carbajal and Members of the Board:

The Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB) appreciates and thanks you for your prompt response to the request that measures be taken by the County to help prevent the introduction of Quagga Mussels into Lake Cachuma. It is commendable that the County's program is now considered one of the best in the State of California.

As you are aware, the COMB Board is of the opinion that the County and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) bear the responsibility to implement and maintain these preventative measures because the County manages the recreational boating activities at Lake Cachuma through their contract with Reclamation. As a result, we thought it might be helpful to outline the contractual responsibilities of the respective parties.

There have been some suggestions by members of the Board of Supervisors and your staff that indicate, perhaps, some misunderstanding of the relationships and responsibilities of the various and diverse entities that benefit from the Cachuma Project. To that end, COMB's attorneys did an analysis of the contractual responsibilities of the parties, and a copy of that analysis memorandum dated May 13, 2008 is attached for your information.

In addition, it has come to our attention that there is currently pending in the Legislature A.B. 2065, which was passed by the Assembly by a vote of 63 to 12. It was heard on June 10, 2008 by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water and received a 7-0 vote with a "do pass" recommendation. The bill would add Section 2302 to the Fish and Game Code, and currently provides:

- (a) Any person or federal, state or local agency, district or authority that owns or manages a freshwater reservoir as defined in Section 6004.5 of the Water Code¹ where recreational, boating, or fishing activities are permitted, shall do both of the following:
- (1) Assess the vulnerability of the reservoir for the introduction of non-native dreissenid mussel species.
 - (2) Develop and implement a program designed to prevent the introduction of non-native dreissenid mussel species.

¹ Section 6004.5 of the Water Code defines "Reservoir" to mean any reservoir which contains or will contain the water impounded by a dam.

(b) The program shall include, at a minimum all of the following:

- (1) Public education.
- (2) Monitoring.
- (3) Management of those recreational, boating, or fishing activities that are permitted.

(c) Any person, or federal, state, or local agency, district, or authority, that owns or manages a freshwater reservoir, as defined in Section 6004.5 of the Water Code, where recreation, boating, or fishing activities of any kind are not permitted, shall, based on its available resources and staffing, include visual monitoring for the presence of mussels as part of its routine field activities.

(d) Any entity that owns or manages a freshwater reservoir, as defined in Section 6004.5 of the Water Code, may refuse the planting of fish in that reservoir by the department unless the department can demonstrate that the fish, and the water used to transport the fish, are from a water body that is not known to be infected with nonnative dreissenid mussels.”

Of interest is the fact that although the bill states that it is a state mandate, no reimbursement is required because the local agencies have the authority to “levy service charges, fees, or assessments, sufficient to pay for the program or level of services mandated by the act within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.”

COMB and its Member Units are not the owners or operators of Cachuma Reservoir, but in the case of the Member Units, are the third party beneficiaries of the County's Master Water Contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. The County, as the operator and manager of the recreational uses of the reservoir is the responsible party for any damages that result from this activity. Fish and Game Code section 2301 places a mandatory duty not to permit the introduction of non-native mussels into any waters of California.

Members of the Board and certain staff have suggested financial participation for this issue. Due to quorum problems at the June 23, 2008 Board meeting, the COMB Board has been unable to discuss possible financial contributions and a special meeting has been set on July 21, 2008 for further discussion.

Very truly yours,



C. Charles Evans, President

Enclosure

cc: Cachuma Project Member Units
Donald Glasser, Mid-Pacific Regional Director, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Michael Jackson, SCC Area Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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