

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD
held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, March 26, 2018

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

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

Directors Present:

W. Douglas Morgan, Montecito Water District
Kristen Sneddon, City of Santa Barbara
Polly Holcombe, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Lauren Hanson, Goleta Water District

Staff Present:

Janet Gingras, General Manager	Joel Degner, Water Resources Engineer
Edward Lyons, Administrative Manager/CFO	William Carter, General Counsel
Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager	

Others Present:

Kelley Dyer, City of SB Public Works	Fray Crease, SB County Water Agency
Philip Walker, Santa Barbara resident	Dan Hentschke, City of Santa Barbara

2. Public Comment

Mr. Walker shared with the Board information on the 2009 Oroville Dam accident that occurred when Department of Water Resources (DWR) employees were working on the 6' diameter pipe and valves.

3. Consent Agenda

Ms. Gingras presented the Consent Agenda as provided in the board packet. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the Board.

a. Minutes

- Minutes of February 26, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment of Funds

- Financial Reports
- Investment Reports

c. Review of Paid Claims

Director Hanson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Holcombe; the motion passed by 6/0/1/0 vote:

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nayes:

Absent: Walsh

Abstain:

4. **Resolution No. 658 – Approval and Ratification of Expenditures for Emergency Contract Work**

Ms. Gingras presented Resolution No. 658 as provided in the board packet. On February 26, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution No. 655 for a declaration of emergency and authorization for the General Manager to contract for performance of remedial work without competitive bid solicitation. A contract for emergency work was executed with Cushman Contracting Corporation. In accordance with COMB's Procurement Policy, expenditures for emergency contract work are required to be brought to the Board for ratification and approval. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the Board. Director Holcombe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 658. Seconded by Director Sneddon; the motion passed by 6/0/1/0 vote:

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nayes:

Absent: Walsh

Abstain:

5. **Appointment of Representative to Cachuma Project Trust Fund and Renewal Fund Committee and Betterment Fund Use of funds Discussion**

Ms. Gingras presented this item as provided in the board packet and fielded questions from the Board. Director Hanson moved to appoint COMB General Manager, Ms. Gingras, as representative to Cachuma Project Trust Fund and Renewal Fund Committee and Betterment Fund Use of Funds discussion. Seconded by Director Sneddon; the motion passed by 6/0/1/0 vote:

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nayes:

Absent: Walsh

Abstain:

6. **General Manager Report**

- Meetings
- Administration
- Engineering/Operations Administration
- Fisheries Division Activities

Ms. Gingras presented topics within her report as provided in the board packet highlighting the prior months' meeting with the Cachuma Project Member Agencies, as well as, the upcoming

meeting between the Bureau of Reclamation, the County Water Agency and the Cachuma Project Member Agencies regarding the Cachuma Project 2015 and 2016 deficits, the 2018 water rates and Reclamation's upcoming 2018-19 projected operational budget for the Cachuma Project. Ms. Gingras also reported on various staff activities including the distribution of the Cachuma Project preliminary cost estimates for FY 2018-19 to the Member Agencies, the anticipated receipt of a premium adjustment refund from COMB's insurance program ACWA/JPIA, staff's attendance at the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM) meeting as well as various fisheries related activities. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the Board.

7. Water Resources Engineer Report

- Update on March 20-22 Storm Impacts
- Emergency Pumping Facility Project
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects

Mr. Degner presented the monthly Water Resources Engineer Report as provided in the board packet highlighting the March 20-22 storm impacts on Cachuma Lake and throughout the distribution system. Mr. Degner also reported on current drought conditions, the Emergency Pumping Facility Project and updated the Board on the Infrastructure Improvement Projects. Mr. Degner fielded questions from the Board.

8. Operations Division Report

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. Degner presented the report on behalf of the Operations Division Manager as provided in the board packet. Mr. Degner updated the Board on the Infrastructure Improvement Plan projects along with a detailed summary of the Division's tasks and objectives for February. Mr. Degner fielded questions from the Board.

9. Fisheries Division Report

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

Mr. Robinson presented topics within his report as provided in the board packet. Mr. Robinson offered further detail on recent Fisheries Division activities highlighting a meeting between COMB staff and the Bureau of Reclamation regarding Annual Monitoring Reports. Mr. Robinson fielded questions from the Board.

10. Progress Report on Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson presented topics within his report as incorporated in the board packet highlighting staff's ongoing mitigation efforts for the Oak Tree Program.

Monthly Cachuma Project Reports

- a. Cachuma Water Reports
- b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions
- c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

Ms. Gingras reviewed the monthly water reports as incorporated in the board packet. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the Board.

11. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Future Meeting

- There were no agenda item requests.

12. [CLOSED SESSION]: Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing and Potential Litigation

The Board went into closed session at 3:30 PM

- a. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]
Name of matter: Protest of Member Agency re: Payment of Quarterly Assessments

13. 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 4:23 PM

Reportable action: The Board approved the initiation of litigation for a Member Agency's failure to pay quarterly assessments. The Board further directed the General Manager and COMB legal counsel to hold the filing of the lawsuit pending any additional productive discussions with the other party at issue, assuming an extension of the existing tolling agreement is signed by both parties before the current expiration date of March 30, and after such time the General Manager has notified designated Directors that such discussions have ended and the matter is to be filed. Once any litigation is initiated, the pertinent and required information regarding that litigation will be publicly disclosed.

14. Meeting Schedule

- **April 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM, COMB Office**
- **Board Packages Available on COMB Website**
www.cachuma-board.org

15. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

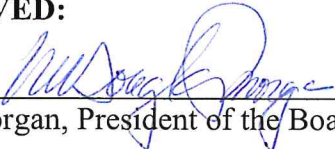
Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 26, 2018

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Doug Morgan, President of the Board

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	<i>Unapproved</i>