

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD  
held at the  
Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board Office  
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA  
Monday, October 22, 2007**

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 3:51 p.m. by President Chuck Evans, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Directors present:**

Chuck Evans	Goleta Water District
Matt Loudon	SYR Water Conservation Dist., ID#1
Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara
Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
Robert Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District

**Others present:**

Kate Rees	William Hair
Brett Gray	Tim Robinson
Bob Roebuck	Charles Hamilton
Chip Wullbrandt	Chris Dahlstrom
Rebecca Bjork	Janet Gingras
David McDermott	

*The Board next considered Item #6*

**6. Presentation on COMB's Capital Improvement Program Funding Options**

Brett Gray presented information regarding the long-term funding options available for COMB's Capital Improvement Program. The funding goal is to create a way to maximize the capital improvement efforts over the long term with little or no additional financial impact to the South Coast Member Units. The funding options currently under evaluation include a 30 or 40 year revenue bond, a commercial loan from a local banking institution, or a State Revolving Fund loan. The pros and cons of each option were highlighted by Mr. Gray with assistance from Janet Gingras, Administrative Manager.

Director Evans indicated that this was a momentous proposal and inquired about waiting a year or more. Ms Rees said that the COMB Board must commit to providing matching funds

for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project in the Proposition 50 grant application virtually immediately, so we could not wait a year to get funding in place for that project. Director Abel, as a member of the CIP Committee, stated that the committee had had several meetings to discuss the possible funding options and that they supported the staff recommendations before the Board.

1. Authorize staff to proceed with exploration of long term funding options for COMB Capital Improvement Projects.
2. Obtain proposals for the preparation of environmental compliance documents that will be required for an Engineer's Report prior to securing funding.
3. Obtain a proposal for preparation of an Engineer's Report that is required for a bond issuance.

Director Abel moved to approve the three recommendations, seconded by Director Evans, passed 7/0/0.

*The Board next considered Item #8*

## **8. Zaca Fire Activities**

- a. Consideration of Bathymetric Survey for Lake Cachuma

The Board agreed with Ms. Rees' recommendation that a bathymetric survey of Lake Cachuma was not necessary at this time.

- c. Cachuma Watershed Assessment – Proposal from Balance Hydrologics

Ms. Rees presented the proposal from Barry Hecht of Balance Hydrologics to carry out an impact assessment for Lake Cachuma from the Zaca Fire. The proposal was included in the board packet for the Board's consideration, and outlined a scope of work to determine what might be expected to occur at Lake Cachuma relative to water supply, sedimentation, and water quality under varying hydrologic conditions.

Director Loudon questioned the timing of Mr. Hecht's work and though it may be too late to initiate remedies that he might suggest. Director Williams thought Mr. Hecht's work would provide a great deal of valuable analysis for very little money and was very supportive of moving forward.

Ms Rees has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Hecht to clarify the scope of work for COMB on November 7, 2007.

The recommendations before the Board were:

1. Approve the proposed scope of work from Balance Hydrologics to carry out an impact assessment of Lake Cachuma due to the Zaca Fire.
2. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Balance Hydrologics for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Director Abel moved to approve recommendations 1 and 2, seconded by Director Williams, passed 7/0/0.

*The Board next considered Item #11*

## **11. Meeting Schedule**

The date of the November regular Board meeting has been changed from the 26<sup>th</sup> of November to November 19, 2007 following the 2:15 P.M. CCRB regular Board meeting, at the COMB office.

The Board Packets are available on the CCRB-COMB Website, [www.ccrb-comb.org](http://www.ccrb-comb.org)

*The Board next considered Item #4*

## **4. Report From the Auditor for Fiscal Year 2006-2007: Recommendation to Accept the Audit**

The Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and the Independent Auditors' Report were prepared by Bartlett Pringle & Wolf, Certified Public Accountants and were included in the board packet. Danna McGrew, Partner with Bartlett Pringle & Wolf, and Stacey Hansen, CPA summarized the audit. They issued a clean opinion. The amount to be constructively returned will be \$388,679.

Ms. Rees recommended that the Board of Directors accept the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and the Independent Auditor's Report.

Director Evans reported that the COMB Finance Committee had met, reviewed the audit and recommended that the Board accept the Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report.

Director Loudon moved to accept the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and the Independent Auditors' Report, seconded by Director Evans, passed 5/0/2, Director Williams was absent.

Chris Dahlstrom, ID No. 1 referred to page 34, Note 13; he requested the phrase "not a voting member of CCRB" be struck from the comment.

*The Board next considered Item # 2*

## **2. Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

## **3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes:**  
September 24, 2007 Regular Board Meeting

**b. Investment Funds**  
Financial Report  
Investment Report

**c. Payment of Claims**

Director Abel moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Evans motion carried, 3/0/4, item 3 (a) minutes, Director Evans abstained Director Williams was absent; 5/0/2 item 3 (b) and (c), Director Williams was absent.

*The Board next considered Item #5*

## **5 Reports from the Manager**

**a. Water Storage, Water Production Use, SWP Accounting**

The monthly reports were included in the Board packet

**b. Operations Report**

The September report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the board packet. Mr. Gray highlighted the SCC pipeline inspections taking place by the COMB field crew. These inspections will enable COMB staff to determine the condition of the aging infrastructure. Along with the inspections the staff has been involved with confined space rescue and safety training.

**c. 2006 Surcharge Accounting**

Ms. Rees reported that the 2006 surcharge balance will continue to be 3,200 acre feet to be used for supplementing fish passage migration flows if favorable storm conditions occur during the rainy season.

**d. Santa Barbara County Water Purveyors Meeting October 11, 2007**

Ms. Rees reported on the October 11<sup>th</sup> Water Purveyors meeting held at CCWA. The agenda and a draft report on water supplies, as well as available information on drought planning were included in the board packet.

**e. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

Date 10/22/2007

Lake elevation  
Storage

727.37  
128,429 acre feet

Rain (for the month to date)	0.00 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	0.34 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	23.6 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	516.3 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0.00 acre feet

**7. Santa Barbara County's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**

Ms. Rees highlighted the IRWMP meeting agendas that were included in the board packet. The Prop 50 Round 2 Step 2 Grant Application MOU that the COMB Board approved at the September meeting is going before the County Board of Supervisors for approval on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*The Board next considered Item # 8 (b)*

**8b. Post-Fire Actions Being Taken for Lake Cachuma**

Brett Gray reported that there was nothing to report at this time.

**9. COMB Website Development**

The review of the COMB website was deferred to the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**10. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

There were no requests from the Directors.

**12. COMB Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**

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Chuck Evans, President