

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

Monday, September 24, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by President Morgan who chaired the meeting.

President Morgan announced that this meeting was proceeding pursuant to the Separation Agreement effective August 31, 2018, which provides that Santa Ynez River Conservation District ID #1 has separated from the COMB JPA and is no longer a member agency of COMB and therefore no director from ID #1 will be participating.

President Morgan also announced the removal of the Closed Session, Item #15 as listed on the agenda, per the advice of counsel.

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
David Flora, Water Service Worker III	Dorothy Turner, Administrative Assistant
Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager	

Others Present:

Matt Young, SB County Water Agency	Philip Walker, Santa Barbara resident
Kelley Dyer, City of Santa Barbara	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Walker spoke about the Montecito Debris Basin meeting he had attended. He further shared information on embankment dams such as Oroville and Lauro. Mr. Walker also commented on the forecast by Dr. Daniel Swain, meteorologist, regarding possible El Nino conditions this winter.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of August 27, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- c. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras presented the Consent Agenda as provided in the Board packet, noting the change in form of the presentation of the Investment of Funds. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the Board. Director Hanson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Holcombe seconded the motion; the motion passed with a vote of 6/0/0/0.

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

4. VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

- ***Operations Committee Meeting – September 17, 2018:*** Director Sneddon presented the Operations Committee meeting items as provided in the agenda, deferring in-depth discussion to the related Board agenda items.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 673 – LAKE CACHUMA WATER QUALITY AND SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT STUDY

Ms. Gingras presented Resolution No. 673 – Lake Cachuma Water Quality and Sediment Management Study for discussion and approval. Mr. Degner commented on the Request For Proposals (RFP) review and selection process, as well as possible funding, noting the recommendation from both the technical staff selection committee and the COMB Operations Committee to proceed with the approval of the Woodard and Curran proposal. Following a lengthy discussion, Director Hanson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 673 – Lake Cachuma Water Quality and Sediment Management Study, as presented. Director Sneddon seconded the motion; the motion passed with a unanimous vote of 6/0/0/0.

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

6. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

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

Ms. Gingras presented topics as provided in her report, highlighting the meeting between the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the Santa Barbara County Water Agency and the Cachuma Project Member Agencies regarding Reclamation's water rates and deficits. She also provided an overview of the

ID #1 separation agreement, its approval status and an update on the draft Second Amendment to the COMB Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). Ms. Gingras further provided updates on activities of each division, as provided in her report. She fielded questions from the Board.

7. WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER REPORT

- Climate Conditions
- Lake Cachuma Evaporation Update
- Grant Funding Activities
- Infrastructure Improvement Planning

Mr. Degner presented topics within in his report, highlighting Lake Cachuma elevation forecasts, climate conditions and the infrastructure improvement projects status. Mr. Degner reported on the progress of the COMB Annex to the Santa Barbara County Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of a process to pursue future hazard mitigation grant funding. Mr. Degner fielded questions from the Board.

8. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. Flora presented topics within the report on behalf of the Operations Division Manager, Mr. Stewart. Updates were provided on the Arroyo Paredon bridge replacement and the USBR dive inspection at Lauro reservoir. He reported an increase in Dig Alerts and Right-of-Way encroachment requests resulting from Thomas Debris Flow recovery activities.

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, highlighting the USBR testing of the Hilton Creek Watering System and emergency backup system. He further commented on the Cachuma Project water rights release. Mr. Robinson fielded questions from the Board.

10. UPDATE ON FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- a. Quiota Creek Crossing 5
- b. Quiota Creek Crossing 9

Mr. Robinson presented topics within the staff memorandum as provided in the Board packet, highlighting the successful installation of the fish passage improvement project at Quiota Creek Crossing 5 and the commencement of construction at Quiota Creek Crossing 9, both projects targeted for completion by December 5, 2018. Mr. Robinson provided an update on the financial status of the two active projects. He fielded questions from the Board.

11. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson presented topics within his report as provided in the Board packet, reporting that normal Oak Tree maintenance continues and staff has begun the annual harvest of acorns to germinate for future Oak Tree inventory.

12. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

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

Ms. Gingras presented the water reports as provided in the Board packet, noting an anomalous negative amount in the Apparent Water Loss Allocation report. Ms. Gingras reported that staff will continue to monitor and report back as necessary. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the board.

13. DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING START TIME

President Morgan presented the topic for Board Member discussion. Director Sneddon made a motion that the directors approve a new standard time for regular Board meetings to be 1:00 PM on the normally scheduled dates. Director Holcombe seconded the motion; the motion passed with a vote of 6/0/0/0.

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

14. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

Director Hanson acknowledged and thanked the COMB staff for the earlier delivery of the Board packet.

15. [CLOSED SESSION]: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]

The Closed session item was removed from the agenda per advice from General Counsel.

16. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

[Government Code Section 54957.7]

Disclosure of actions taken in closed session, as applicable

[Government Code Section 54957.1]

Meeting remained open.

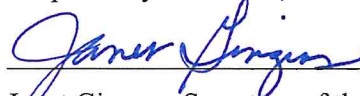
17. MEETING SCHEDULE

- **October 22, 2018 at 1:00 PM, COMB Office**
- **Board Packages available on COMB website www.cachuma-Board.org**

18. COMB ADJOURNMENT

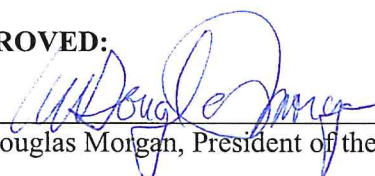
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



W. Douglas Morgan, President of the Board

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	<i>Unapproved</i>

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