

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

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by President Doug Morgan, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Harwood "Bendy" White	City of Santa Barbara
Polly Holcombe	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District

Others Present:

Janet Gingras	Amy Smith
Tim Robinson	Adelle Capponi
Dave Stewart	William Carter
Charles Hamilton	

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing and Potential Litigation

The Board went into closed session at 10:03 a.m.

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

4. 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 10:52 a.m.

- a. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]
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There was no reportable action.

5. USBR Request for Purchase of Water Tanks

Ms. Janet Gingras, General Manager, briefed the Board on a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) request that, due to potential delays in Reclamations procurement process, COMB assist in the acquisition of two water tanks for the delivery of refreshing flows to Hilton Creek. Ms. Gingras added that the request had since been rescinded, and that COMB is “standing-by” until further notice as Reclamation attempts to procure the tanks through the Federal procurement process.

Subsequent to lengthy discussion, Director White moved that upon receipt of an additional, official written request for assistance, COMB respond favorably by offering a cash donation through the Federal Contribution Fund in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000. Within the administrative process of contributing the funds, COMB would clarify its position on funding Hilton Creek costs specifically as a one-time donation. Seconded by Director Holcombe, the motion carried 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

A secondary motion was then presented by Director Hanson, who moved that should such a donation be made, the necessary funds be transferred from the COMB Fisheries Account to an administrative account created specifically for donations to the Federal Contribution Fund. Seconded by Director Holcombe, the motion carried 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

6. COMB Proposed Draft Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget

Ms. Gingras presented in detail the COMB Proposed Draft Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget and associated five-year improvement plans, as included in the board packet, and offered to field any questions from the Board. Following brief discussion, Director Holcombe moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget, as presented. Seconded by Director Holcombe, the motion carried 6/0/1 as follows:

Ayes: White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Walsh

7. Meeting Schedule

- The next Regular Board meeting will be held June 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB Website at www.cachuma-board.org.

8. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:



Doug Morgan, President of the Board