

**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, January 28, 2008**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:17 p.m. by President Chuck Evans, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Directors present:**

Chuck Evans	Goleta Water District
Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara
Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
June Van Wingerden	Carpinteria Valley Water District

**Others present:**

Kate Rees	William Hair
Brett Gray	Tom Mosby
Kevin Walsh	Gary Kvistad
Chip Wullbrandt	Chris Dahlstrom
Rebecca Bjork	Janet Gingras
David McDermott	

**2. [CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (a). ONE CASE: CRAWFORD-HALL V COMB, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, CASE NO. 1171135.] (10 minutes)**

The Board went in to closed session at 4:19 p.m. The Board came out of closed session at 4:23 p.m. There was nothing to report out of closed session.

**3. Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes:**

November 19, 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 Williams, motion carried, 6/0/1, Director Loudon was absent; 4 (a) minutes, 5/0/2 Director Loudon absent and Director Van Wingerden abstained.

**5. Reports from the Manager**

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

The monthly reports from Janet Gingras were included in the board packet.

**b. Operations Report**

The December report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the board packet.

**c. Lauro Dam SOD Project Update**

Included in the board packet was information on the SOD repayment schedule prepared by Janet Gingras. The reasonable maximum cost as of December 2006, which amounts to \$5,974,933 is significantly less than previous projections of \$17,314,125. When the final costs have been determined, anticipated to be in 2010, USBR would then issue a revised repayment schedule that would include any adjustments that had occurred since December 2006.

**d. 2006 Surcharge Accounting**

Ms. Rees had included the 2006 surcharge accounting table in the board packet. When the reservoir spills the account will be reset to zero AF. If the spill is sufficient to capture surcharge water, a new 2008 surcharge account will be established for approximately 9200 AF to be used for the downstream steelhead fishery.

**e. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

Date 01/28/2008

Lake elevation

747.00

Storage

179,086 acre feet

Rain (for the month to date)	16.47 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	19.23 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	11.9 – 2.0 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	298.9 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0.00 acre feet

Ms. Rees reported that when Lake Cachuma spills, Reclamation will declare surplus water and notify the Member Units.

## **6. Post-Zaca Fire Report**

Included in the board packet was a report prepared by Balance Hydrologics on post-fire sedimentation rates and projected vegetation regrowth and stabilization. Ms. Rees reported that the sedimentation rates projected by Balance Hydrologics are less than those predicted in the U.S. Forest Service's Baer report. The report also indicated that a return to pre-fire vegetation might occur faster than originally predicted.

Ms. Rees also reported that there is very little debris in Lake Cachuma following the recent storms, and that the log booms installed by the County Flood Control District have been holding back the debris that is entering the Lake from the burn areas.

## **7. Prevention of Quagga Mussels at Lake Cachuma**

- a. Letters to County Board of Supervisors, Reclamation, and ACWA

Included in the board packet were the letters sent to the County Board of Supervisors and Reclamation regarding the prevention of Quagga mussels at Lake Cachuma. The COMB Board directed Ms. Rees to send these letters at the Special Board meeting held on January 14, 2008. Ms. Rees reported that she had also had the opportunity to speak with a Michael Finnegan, Acting Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, at the Water Users Conference in late January, but was unsure of the position that Reclamation would be taking.

Also provided for the Directors was a letter from Elton Gallegly, Member of Congress, written to Robert W. Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation. Although Mr. Gallegly acknowledged the seriousness of a Quagga mussel infestation, he does not support a ban on private boats. The Directors were of the opinion that it was important to contact Elton Gallegly's office in order to explain COMB's position regarding a temporary ban on private boats at Lake Cachuma. At the request of the Directors, a letter will be sent to Mr. Gallegly, as well as contacting his office directly with the aid of ID#1.

Bill Hair also suggested that a letter be sent to Congresswoman Lois Capps and include a copy of the letters sent to the County and to Reclamation.

Brett Gray briefly reported on a DFG "Watercraft Decontamination Training" class that one of his staff, Dave Nageotte, had attended January 24, 2008.

## **8. Application for Extension of Glen Annie Creek Diversion Permit**

Ms. Rees reported that Reclamation's water right permit for diverting water from Glen Annie Creek into Glen Annie Reservoir had expired in the year 2000. Beneficial use of this water had diminished over the years due to Reclamation's seismic restriction that allows only 25% of full capacity of Glen Annie Reservoir to be impounded. To extend the permit, Reclamation needed to apply for an extension and provide to the State Water Board ample justification that there had been and/or would be full beneficial use of this diverted water. The deadline for the request was January 28, 2008. If the State Board denies the permit extension, the permit will go to license, and the State Water Board will assign a permanent diversion amount permissible under the license. COMB supports an extension to the permit in order to establish full beneficial use of the water.

## **9. Proposed Draft License for Ocean View Homeowners' Association at Ortega Reservoir to Use U.S. Bureau of Reclamation right-of-Way**

The proposed license was deferred to the February 25, 2008 Board meeting pending additional review and changes.

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

- a. Final Funding Distribution for Grant Application
- b. Prop 50 Round 2 Step 2 Grant Application

Ms Rees reported that the Prop 50 Round 2 Step 2 Grant Application had been completed and the submittal deadline was January 28, 2008. The amount requested for COMB's 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline project was \$3.2 million. The total amount for the grant application was \$25 million. Ms. Rees complimented Brett Gray and Janet Gingras for the amount of work they had contributed to the success of the grant application process.

## **11. Conference Report**

- a. Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region Water Users Conference, Reno, January 23-25, 2008

The conference report was deferred to the February 25, 2008 meeting.

## **12. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

There were no requests from the Directors.

## **13. Meeting Schedule**

- The next regular Board meeting will be held February 25, 2008 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)

#### **14. COMB Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**

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Matt Loudon, Vice-President