

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD
held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, May 21, 2012

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

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

Directors present:

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| Lauren Hanson | Goleta Water District |
| Bob Lieberknecht | Carpinteria Valley Water District |
| Doug Morgan | Montecito Water District |
| Karen Carroll - Alternate | SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1 |

Directors absent:

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| Dale Francisco | City of Santa Barbara |
| Dennis Beebe | SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1 |

Others present:

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| Bruce Mowry | Tony Trembley |
| Charles Hamilton | Ruth Snodgrass |
| John McInnes | Tim Robinson |
| Phil Walker | Janet Gingras |
| Rebecca Bjork | Adelle Capponi |
| Richard Capella | Carolyn Bolton |
| David Baum | Melinda Fournier |

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker made comments on the climate and SCADA systems.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

April 23, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Morgan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, motion passed 5/0/2, Director Francisco was absent.

4. Termination of Professional Services Agreement for the Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Restoration Program

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that staff is requesting that the Board take action to terminate without cause the Professional Services Agreement with Ms. Fournier for the Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Restoration Program. COMB would self-perform those services beginning July 1, 2012.

Melinda Fournier spoke on this item.

Director Carroll stated that she understood the need to cut expenses but felt the Oak Tree Program was not the appropriate area to cut because it is directly related to water rights. ID#1 thinks that Melinda Fournier should be given the opportunity to submit a proposal and they are very concerned that the project could go wrong without the right expertise. Director Carroll stated that it would be pre-mature to take any action on this item, ID#1 has not authorized COMB to act on behalf of them in anyway in respect to their water rights.

Director Morgan moved to approve the termination of the Professional Services Agreement with Melinda L. Fournier at the completion of the current Task Order ending June 30, 2012, seconded by Director Lieberknecht

The motion passed with a roll call vote, 4/1/2:

Ayes: Hanson, Morgan, Lieberknecht

Nays: Carroll

Absent: Francisco

Abstain: None

5. Authorize COMB's General Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Emergency Repair Pipe up to \$140,000

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that in the FY 2010-2011 Budget, line item 6101 – SCC Emergency Pipeline Repairs had been approved by the Board to purchase materials in advance so as to be prepared in case of an emergency pipeline failure. The Member Unit General Managers recommended that only pipes and materials for sizes 27 inch to 48 inch be purchased, the smaller sizes could be purchased quickly if an emergency occurred. Without having the larger pipe in stock, COMB would have limited ability to make repairs on the larger pipe as it could take several weeks to have the necessary pipe fabricated.

The Directors requested that the General Manager develop an inventory of pipe that the Member Units and CCWA have in stock and reduce the COMB list for emergency repairs by those sizes and quantities.

Director Morgan moved to authorize COMB General Manager to purchase pipe and materials as approved in the Budget for FY 2011-2012, from West Coast Pipe of Rialto, California for emergency repairs, limiting the sizes to 27, 30, 36, and 48 inches including the necessary fittings and Butt Straps with Backing Bar sets for a total value of not to exceed \$140,000.00, which this amount could be reduced

depending on what pipe sizes the Member Units and CCWA have in stock, seconded by Director Lieberknecht.

The motion passed by a roll call vote, 4/0/3:

Ayes: Hanson, Morgan, Lieberknecht

Nays: None

Absent: Francisco

Abstain: Carroll

6. Report from Board Committee

a. Administrative Committee Meeting, May 9, 2012

President Hanson reported that the Administrative Committee had met to review the draft FY 2012-2013 Budget in great detail at their May 9, 2012 meeting.

7. Draft FY 2012-2013 Budget

Included in the board packet was the draft FY 2012-2013 Budget. The budget reflects comments, suggestions and changes from the Administrative Committee and the Member Unit General Managers.

Director Morgan requested clarification on the North Portal/Cachuma Lake Intake Structure line item. After discussion that budget item was reduced to \$27,000 from \$50,000.

Director Carroll stated that ID#1 believes that the line items for BO implementation and compliance should be deleted from the budget. ID#1 does not have an agreement with COMB to do this work.

Director Morgan requested more detail and clarification on the BO Compliance Tasks and the Support and Fisheries Monitoring Program Support which should be included in the Budget explanation.

Handed out at the Board meeting has a revised Cash Flow Projection for FY 2012-2013 for the Directors to consider.

The FY 2012-2013 Budget will come before the Board for approval at the June 25, 2012 Board meeting.

8. Report on Modified SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the project is ahead of schedule, as of May 16, 2012 approximately 1330 feet of pipe has been laid. Dave Baum's full report was included in the board packet.

9. Conveyance System Operations Program Report

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the cleaning of Ortega Reservoir had been completed and it is currently back on line. The monthly report prepared by Shane King was included in the board packet.

10. Fisheries Program Report

Tim Robinson highlighted the monthly report on the Fisheries Program. He reported that staff had begun the Lake Profiles and will continue through December measuring water quality at Lake Cachuma. The second half of the funding for Quiota Creek Crossing 7 is pending final approval of the California Wildlife Conservation Board.

11. Southern Steelhead Population Trends on the Lower Santa Ynez River

Tim Robinson, Sr. Resources Scientist gave a presentation on the trends of the Southern Steelhead population on the Lower Santa Ynez River. He highlighted the monitoring program, the trap locations, presented the genetics, and the scale analyses. Mr. Robinson also discussed the many habitat restoration projects that have been completed and several that are in the design stage. All projects have contributed to the success of the program which shows a modest increase in the SYR steelhead smolt and adult populations.

Director Carroll left the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

12. Reports From the Manager

- a. **Cachuma Water Reports**
The monthly water reports were included in the board packet.
- b. **Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**
The daily operations report for Lake Cachuma through May 16, 2012 was included in the board packet.
- c. **Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey**
The County's summary of Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Program for April 2012 was included in the board packet.
- d. **General Manager's Overview of the System**
General Manager Bruce Mowry highlighted his system overview included in the board packet.

13. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional requests from the Directors.

14. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation

- a. **Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): One case**

At 4:45 p.m. Tony Trembley announced that the Board would adjourn into closed session, conference with legal counsel. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): one case: removal of excess fill over the

South Coast Conduit at 1215 Franklin Ranch Road, Goleta, CA, landowners Jessica and Andrew Brown, County LUP Appeals Case #, 07 LUP-00000-00830.

The Board came out of closed session at 6:10 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.

15. Meeting Schedule

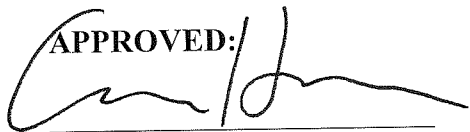
- The next regular Board meeting will be held June 25, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

16. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Mowry, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED: 
Lauren Hanson, President of the Board