

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

held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, September 24, 2012

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Bob Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara

Others present:

Bruce Mowry	Tony Trembley
John McInnes	Tim Robinson
Rebecca Bjork	Charles Hamilton
Phil Walker	Janet Gingras
Ruth Snodgrass	Sonia Fernandez
David Baum	Adelle Capponi

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented on the dry winter, Gibraltar Bathymetric Survey, MURRP, and Baldwin Hills Reservoir.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes:**
August 27, 2012 Regular Board Meetings
- b. Investment Funds**
Financial Report
Investment Report
- c. Payment of Claims**

Director Francisco moved to approve the consent agenda, Director Morgan seconded the motion.

Director Beebe requested that Item 10 of the minutes be clarified with regard to the Notice to Proceed for the Quiota Creek 7 project. The clarification was that the appropriate approval (a letter to proceed) for the design and project had been received from NMFS and CDFG and that COMB will sign and issue a construction form, "Notice to Proceed" for the contractor, Peter Lapidus Construction.

Director Francisco amended the motion to include the modification to Item 10 of the minutes; Director Morgan amended the second to include the modification, passed 7/0/0.

4. Consider Approval of Letter to Governor Jerry Brown Regarding AB 2443

President Hanson announced that Governor Brown had signed AB 2443 this morning. The Directors decided that it would be a good idea to send a thank you letter to Governor Brown for signing this important bill regarding the prevention of quagga and zebra mussels.

President Hanson moved to send a thank you letter to the Governor for signing AB 2443, seconded by Director Morgan, passed 7/0/0.

Phil Walker commented on this item.

5. Report From General Counsel

a. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Request for Telephonic Access to Board Meetings

General Counsel Tony Trembley reported that Nick Zaninovich, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation Chief of Operations, Fresno, has requested that the Bureau staff be able to participate in COMB Board meetings via telephonic access from the Fresno office.

Director Morgan moved that the Board authorize and provide a teleconferencing location to be established at the office of the Bureau of Reclamation in Fresno and that location would be listed on the agenda according to the provisions of the Brown Act, seconded by Director Francisco.

The Board had some concerns and directed staff to prepare a report and submit it to the Administrative Committee for review prior to Board approval. Staff would need to address Reclamations' participation or monitoring procedures at their location, and procedures for COMB agenda's and meetings.

Director Morgan moved to table the motion and have staff prepare a report and send to the Board Committee, seconded by Director Beebe, passed 7/0/0.

6. Report From Board Committees

a. Administrative Committee Meeting, September 14, 2012

President Hanson reported on the Administrative Committee meeting, September 14, 2012. The agenda was included in the board packet. The next meeting will be held October 4, 2012. Director Morgan is the other member of the Committee.

7. Progress Report on Cachuma Lake Oak Tree Program

The progress report was included in the board packet. Director Beebe questioned the timing of the presentation on the Oak Tree Program by Consultant Ken Knight. President Hanson informed the Board that Mr. Knight would be scheduled for the November Board meeting. Director Beebe also requested that the Oak Tree Report remain a separate agenda item, that the hours spent and the source of those hours be included in the report, the YTD expenses for the program be added, and also the water used for watering the trees should be tracked and reported monthly.

8. Report on Modified SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the project is moving along well. The first shutdown occurred during the week of September 17th and that the work required 12 hours. Staff is working on streamlining the next shutdown scheduled for October 30th. David Baum, COMB's Engineer, included his report on the MURRP in the board packet.

President Hanson directed Mr. Mowry to provide in writing to the Member Units the contingency plans prior to the next shutdown.

Phil Walker commented on this item.

9. Report on Quiota Creek Crossing 7 Fish Passage Improvement Project

The monthly report on the Quiota Creek Crossing 7 by David Baum and Tim Robinson was included in the board packet. Mr. Robinson reported that the project is ahead of schedule by a week. The installation of the prefabricated bridge has been moved up to October 4, 2012. He also reported that in order to save four mature trees, one wing wall was shifted 15 degrees which will generate a change order for a slight increase of cost; the details will be presented to the Board next month.

Director Beebe requested clarification on the inconsistency between the financial report table and the status table. Tim Robinson and David Baum will work on a solution for the reporting.

10. Conveyance System Operations Program Report

The monthly report prepared by Shane King was included in the board packet.

Phil Walker commented on this item.

11. Fisheries Program Report

Tim Robinson highlighted his monthly report that was included in the board packet. Mr. Robinson announced that the Agricultural Commissioner's Office will be conducting an *Arundo Donax* weed eradication project in October along the Santa Ynez River.

After reviewing the Surcharge Accounting table in the report and the amount of project yield used for target flows, the Board suggested that Mr. Robinson contact Reclamation to call an Adaptive Management Committee (AMC) meeting to discuss target flows and possibly using the 500 acre-feet of water in the AMC account.

12. Reports From the Manager

a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly reports were included in the board packet.

b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The daily operations report for Lake Cachuma through September 19, 2012 was included in the board packet.

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

The County's summary of Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Program for August 2012 was included in the board packet.

d. Reclamation's Twelfth Annual Operations Coordination Meeting

The agenda for the meeting was included in the board packet.

e. ADA Specification Requirements for Lauro Yard

Bruce Mowry reported that staff has been working to make Lauro Yard ADA compliant. The ramp to the Boardroom has almost been completed and the restroom in that building will be started soon.

f. COMB Activities

Bruce Mowry reported that the meter at Toro Canyon stopped working and a new meter has been ordered. COMB staff has been working with Montecito Water District and Carpinteria Valley Water District on this replacement project.

13. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Director Beebe requested that at a future meeting a report on unaccounted water be included.

President Hanson requested Mr. Mowry provide at the October meeting a written report on the septic system, a report on the clay pipes installed by Reclamation, a CIP update, a Prop 84 update and the status report on the Glen Annie Reservoir.

14. [Closed Session]:

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

(1) Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c): One case

b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

Tony Trembley announced that the Board would enter into a closed session conference with legal counsel to discuss Items 14a and 14b.

The Board entered into closed session at 3:57 p.m. and adjourned out of closed session at 4:54 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.

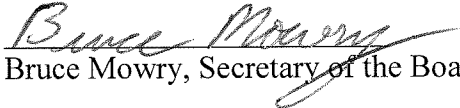
15. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held October 22, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

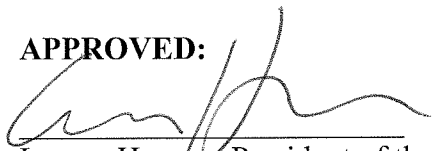
16. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Mowry, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:


Lauren Hanson, President of the Board