

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

**held at**  
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA  
**Monday, April 25, 2016**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.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
Phil Walker	William Carter
Bob McDonald	Charles Hamilton
Joshua Haggmark	Tyrone Lafay
Cathy Murillo	

**2. Public Comment**

Phil Walker spoke to recent seismic events around the globe and noted that, with lake level so low, the present would be an opportune time for seismic reliability studies to be performed on Cachuma Project facilities.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes**

March 7, 2016 Special Board Meeting  
March 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

**b. Investment Funds**

Financial Reports  
Investment Reports

**c. Review of Paid Claims**

**d. Review of Pending Claims for Payment**

Director Hanson moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Following staff explanation of several paid claims, Director Holcombe seconded the motion, which carried 6/0/1 as follows:

**Ayes:** White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

**Nays:** None

**Absent/Abstain:** Walsh

**4. Appointment of Representative to Cachuma Project Trust Fund and Renewal Fund Committee and Betterment Fund Use of Funds Discussion**

Director Holcombe moved to appoint COMB General Manager, Ms. Janet Gingras, as representative to Cachuma Project Trust Fund and Renewal Fund Committee and Betterment Fund Use of Funds Discussion. Following inquiry into the history of the funds by Director White, Ms. Gingras explained the significance of the annual meeting and discussion. Seconded by Director Hanson, the motion carried 6/0/1 as follows:

**Ayes:** White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

**Nays:** None

**Absent/Abstain:** Walsh

**5. Lauro Stop Valve Replacement Project**

Director Hanson moved to approve authorizing the General Manager to issue a purchase order to the vendor recommended by HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) for the purchase of a replacement valve in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000. Ms. Gingras explained that COMB has engaged HDR for engineering design services on the project, and hopes to time the installation of the replacement valve in conjunction with the system shutdown for barge relocation, although that has not yet been confirmed. Seconded by Director Holcombe, the motion carried 6/0/1 as follows:

**Ayes:** White, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

**Nays:** None

**Absent/Abstain:** Walsh

**6. General Manager Report**

- *COMB Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget Development Process*
- *IRWMP Proposition 84 Grant Reimbursement*
- *Cachuma Member Unit Managers Meeting*
- *Operations Division Activities*
- *Fisheries Division Activities*

Ms. Gingras, General Manager, highlighted topics within her report, as incorporated in the board packet. The Directors facilitated lengthy discussion on several pressing concerns including allocating unaccounted-for water, managing SWP deliveries in regards to the delivery pipeline's capacity as well as projected evaporative losses on said deliveries, and

the future of fish releases to the Outlet Works and Hilton Creek. The Board suggested staff tentatively schedule a Special Board meeting on May 9, 2016 to consider authorizing the General Manager to correspond in writing with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation regarding an action plan for decreasing or ceasing certain releases below Bradbury Dam.

#### **7. Operations Division Report**

- *Lake Cachuma Operations*
- *Operation and Maintenance Activities*

In the absence of Mr. Dave Stewart, Operations Division Manager, Ms. Gingras summarized the report, as presented in the board packet. There were no questions from the Board.

#### **8. Fisheries Division Report**

- *LSYR Steelhead Monitoring Elements*
- *Tributary Project Updates*
- *Surcharge Water Accounting*
- *Reporting/Outreach/Training*

Dr. Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager, noted features as presented in his report in the board packet and offered to field any questions from the Board.

#### **9. Progress Report on Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program**

- *Maintenance and Monitoring*

Dr. Robinson gave a concise review of the status of the project, notifying the Board that staff recently rented a water truck for assistance with the ongoing and somewhat cumbersome watering efforts of the program. President Morgan requested that Ms. Gingras inquire with the County regarding its plan for managing infestation risk of the Gold-Spotted Oak Borer, an invasive pest recently discovered in neighboring San Diego County.

#### **10. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports**

The reports were included in the board packet for information.

#### **11. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Future Meeting**

Members of the Fisheries Committee, Director Holcombe and Director Hanson, requested that a Fisheries Committee meeting be scheduled sometime in the immediate future.

Director Holcombe reminded Ms. Gingras to contact CalFIRE in hopes that someone from the organization may be available to speak with the Board at an upcoming board meeting.

#### **12. Meeting Schedule**

- The next Regular Board meeting will be held May 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website at [www.cachuma-board.org](http://www.cachuma-board.org)

### 13. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

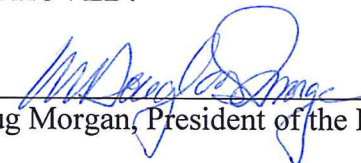
Respectfully submitted,



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Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**



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Doug Morgan, President of the Board