

**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, August 27, 2007**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:43 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
Steve Mack	Phil Walker
Bob Roebuck	Charles Hamilton
Gary Kvistad	Chris Dahlstrom
Chip Wullbrandt	

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker, a private citizen, had comments regarding his concerns about the siltation impacts that will occur due to the area burned by the Zaca Fire. The debris basins for Gibraltar Reservoir built in the 1930's are filled and now act as pass through basins. There is nothing to retain the silt and much of the silt from Gibraltar would end in Lake Cachuma reducing the capacity of the lake. Director Williams would like to see added to the agenda of a future Board meeting a report on any available emergency funds that could be used to address preventative actions for the Santa Ynez drainage.

3. [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.

The Board went into closed session at 3:48 p.m. Closed session ended at 4:14 p.m. and there was nothing to report out of closed session.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

July 23, 2007 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Abel. Motion carried, 7/0/0 on item 4b & c, 6/0/1, Director Van Wingerden abstained on item 4a, the minutes of the July 23, 2007 Regular Board meeting.

5. Reports from the Manager

a. Water Storage, Water Production Use, SWP Accounting

The monthly reports were included in the Board packet

b. Operations Report

The July 2007 report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the board packet.

c. 2006 Surcharge Accounting

The Cachuma Reservoir disposition of 2006 surcharge water was included in the board packet. Ms. Rees reported that the 3,200 acre feet remaining in the Surcharge Account must be reserved for supplementing passage flows for steelhead in the mainstem Santa Ynez River. Because the balance of the surcharged water, as well as the Adaptive Management Account water had been fully expended, starting June 23rd, Project yield was used to meet target flows at Alisal Bridge until the WR 89-18 downstream water right release began on July 24, 2007. Director Evans stated that the target flows for Hilton Creek should be accounted for in the current downstream water release and not taken out of Project yield. Ms. Rees agreed to check on Reclamation's method of reporting this in their Daily Operations Report.

d. Zaca Fire Update

Ms. Rees updated the Board on the Zaca Fire and the impact the burned area will have on the upper Santa Ynez watershed. The County of Santa Barbara Flood Control has started weekly meetings for coordination and planning purposes. Rob

Almy and Dennis Gibbs from the County Water Agency have been assigned to track Cachuma watershed issues. About 44% of the watershed upstream from Lake Cachuma has burned and about 50% of the Gibraltar watershed has burned. A “Burn Emergency Action Report” (BAER) will be available in a couple of weeks which will evaluate and make an assessments of the damage done to the watershed by the fire. This report will provide the information needed to develop a remedial plan to deal with anticipated debris and sedimentation of the water supply reservoirs during the rainy season.

e. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 08/27/2007

Lake elevation	732.10
Storage	139,587 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	0.00 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	3.47 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	20.2 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	554.1 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0.00 acre feet

6. Committee Appointments for FY 2007-08

The following committee appointments were made by President Evans for the FY 2007-08.

a. Capital Improvements

Director Abel and Director Evans will be committee members and Director Williams the alternate. After November 15, 2007 Director Evans will be the alternate and Director Williams the committee member.

b. Finance

Director Loudon and Director Williams will be the committee members and Director Lieberknecht the alternate.

c. Legal Affairs

Director Abel and Director Williams will be the committee members and Director Loudon the alternate.

d. Operations

Director Lieberknecht and Director Evans will be the committee members and Director Abel the alternate.

e. Management & Public Relations

Director Lieberknecht and Director Loudon will be the committee members and Director Evans the alternate.

7. COMB Operation and Maintenance Activities, ESRI Conference June 18-22, 2007, GIS Presentation on Development of GIS for Cachuma Project South Coast Conveyance Facilities

The GIS presentation was deferred to the September 24th meeting.

8. Santa Barbara County's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Ms. Rees highlighted the next steps in the IRWMP process. The development of MOU #2 has been reviewed by several agencies and will be ready for COMB Board approval at the September 24th meeting. MOU #2 is to cover continued administration of the IRWMP and funding for CH2MHill to prepare the grant application for Prop 50 Round 2 Step 2, if invited back from Step 1. As written in the draft MOU #2, those agencies that would benefit from a grant award from the State would be responsible for funding the consultant costs. COMB's project for the 2nd Pipeline, Upper Reach is on the list for \$4 million from the requested \$25 million grant total, so COMB would be responsible for about 16% of the consultant costs, as well as a percentage of the IRWMP administrative costs.

Ms. Rees told the Board that staff would be presenting preliminary funding options for the 2nd Pipeline Project to the Board at the next regular meeting.

9. Director's Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no requests from the Directors.

10. Meeting Schedule

September 24, 2007 is the next regular COMB Board meeting 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

11. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chuck Evans, President