

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 24, 2011

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 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
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1

Others present:

Kate Rees	William Hair
Jim Colton	Gary Kvistad
Chris Dahlstrom	John McInnes
Sonja Fernandez	Tom Mosby
Ruth Snodgrass	Janet Gingras
Jim Blois	Tony Trembley
Phil Walker	Charles Hamilton
Tim Robinson	Rebecca Bjork
Harlan Burchardi	David Ault
Adelle Capponi	Bruce Wales

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker thanked the Board for addressing his safety concerns at Lauro Reservoir by COMB participating in the Table Top Emergency Exercise and holding the Lauro Reservoir Early Warning System Public Meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes:**
December 20, 2010 Regular Board Meeting
- b. **Investment Funds**
Financial Reports
Investment Report
- c. **Payment of Claims**

Director Morgan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Francisco, passed 7/0/0.

4. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 518 to Change Board Meeting Time

Ms. Rees reported that the CCRB Board had passed Resolution 11-1 changing the start time of the CCRB Regular Board meeting to begin after the COMB Regular Board meeting and recommended that the COMB Board approve changing the COMB Board meeting time to start at 2:00 p.m.

Director Morgan moved to approve Resolution No. 518 changing the meeting time for COMB Regular Board meetings to 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, effective February 28, 2011, seconded by Director Francisco. A roll call vote was taken, passed 7/0/0.

5. Committee Organization

a. Consider Reorganization of Standing Committees

In order to consolidate COMB's activities more efficiently staff recommended that the standing Board committees be reorganized and renamed as listed below and as described in the board packet:

- Operations Committee
- Administration Committee
- Public Outreach Committee
- Fisheries Program Committee

Director Francisco moved to approve the reorganized committees as presented in the board packet, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 7/0/0.

b. Standing Committee Appointments

Due to recent changes in the Board of Directors there were several vacancies on the standing Board committees. President Hanson appointed the following Directors to the reorganized committees:

**COMB COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
 FY 2010-2011
 1/24/2011 Appointments**

COMMITTEE NAME	COMMITTEE MEMBER	COMMITTEE MEMBER	ALTERNATE MEMBER
Operations (O&M, CIP)	Chair Bob Lieberknecht	Dale Francisco	Lauren Hanson
Administration (Finance, Personnel, Legal)	Chair Lauren Hanson	Doug Morgan	Bob Lieberknecht
Public Outreach	Chair Bob Lieberknecht	Doug Morgan	Dennis Beebe
Fisheries Program	Chair Lauren Hanson	Dennis Beebe	Dale Francisco

c. Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

President Hanson appointed herself and Director Beebe to be added to the Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee with the General Managers.

6. Appointment of New General Counsel

Ms. Rees reported that Bill Hair had provided notification to the COMB Board of his intention to retire as COMB's General Counsel effective February 1, 2011. Tony Trembley, a partner in Mr. Hair's firm has occasionally assisted Mr. Hair with some of COMB's legal needs. Mr. Trembley also has a great deal of experience in Biological Opinion work, and is well qualified to take over as General Counsel for COMB. Therefore, staff recommended that the Board approve retaining Mr. Trembley's services.

Director Lieberknecht moved to approve retaining the services of Anthony Trembley, Nordman, Cormany, Hair, & Compton, as COMB's General Counsel effective February 1, 2011, seconded by Director Morgan, passed 7/0/0.

7. Certificate of Appreciation on the Retirement of William Hair, ESQ. As COMB's General Counsel

President Hanson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Hair for his ten years of service to COMB. President Hanson also presented to Mr. Hair a Certificate of Appreciation from Assemblymember Das Williams, former COMB Board President. She expressed the Board's appreciation for his ten years of dedication to COMB.

8. Quiota Creek Fish Passage Projects

a. Schedule Meeting Date for Quiota Creek Watershed Plan Board Workshop

Proposed dates for the workshop were included in the board packet, the Directors are to contact Ms. Rees with their availability so that it can be scheduled.

Tim Robinson reported that COMB had been awarded two grants from the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) in the amounts of \$735,501 to fully fund the Quiota Creek Crossing 2 Project, and \$442,736 for the first half of the funding needed for the Quiota Creek Crossing 7 Project. A grant is pending for a NOAA Open Rivers Initiative Grant for the second half of the funding for Crossing 7. The grant agreements require that the COMB Board approve resolutions accepting the terms and conditions of the contracts. Staff recommended that the Board approve Resolutions 516 and 517 to enter into two grant agreements with CDFG for construction of the fish passage enhancement projects at Crossings 2 and 7. The construction of these projects is currently scheduled to begin in the fall 2011. Any budgeted funds needed will be included in the FY 2011/2012 budget.

b. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 516 to Enter into California Department of Fish and Game Grant Agreement for Quiota Creek Crossing No. 2 Fish Passage Project

Director Beebe moved to approve Resolution No. 516 to enter into a grant agreement with CDFG for construction of the fish passage enhancement project at Crossing No. 2, seconded by Director Morgan. A roll call vote was taken, passed 7/0/0.

c. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 517 to Enter into California Department of Fish and Game Grant Agreement for Quiota Creek Crossing No. 7 Fish Passage Project

Director Beebe moved to approve Resolution No. 517 to enter into a grant agreement with CDFG for construction of the fish passage enhancement project at Crossing No. 7, seconded by Director Francisco. A roll call vote was taken, passed 7/0/0.

d. Status of Crossing No. 0

Mr. Robinson reported on the recent barrier discovered on Quiota Creek at the confluence of the Santa Ynez River, Crossing 0. He reported that he has been attempting to meet with the landowners to develop a solution for removing this barrier.

9. 2nd Pipeline Project

a. CVWD's Position Regarding Participation in Funding of 2nd Pipeline Project

President Hanson reported that COMB had received a response from CVWD confirming that they declined to participate in funding the South Coast Conduit Upper Reach Reliability Project. Their letter also included some suggestions for COMB to consider.

b. Consider Options to Keep Project Moving Forward

Ms. Rees highlighted the options for the 2nd Pipeline Project. She indicated that a definitive answer was needed from GWD, the City of Santa Barbara and MWD regarding their approval of the 2nd Pipeline Project without CVWD's participation. If they agree to fund the project, the Board may request Mr. Blois to extend his bid for another 60 days. If these three MU's do not agree to fund the project, the Board should reject all bids. CVWD had requested that a cost of services/cost benefit analysis be performed for the 2nd Pipeline Project only. However the remaining MU's felt that a comprehensive cost of services/cost benefit analysis of the entire SCC system should be completed rather than focusing on just this one project.

After discussion the Board deferred consideration of the 2nd Pipeline Project to the Administration Committee which will meet with staff to discuss the financial aspects of going forward with the project versus the issues involved with delaying the project and considering a cost benefit study.

c. No Project Scenarios

Ms. Rees recommended that if the project does not go forward, she would recommend budgeting in FY 2011-12 money to replace the south portal structure, and replace or rehabilitate deteriorated structures and appurtenances on the SCC in the uppermost reach of the SCC above Corona Del Mar Water Treatment Plant. Other vulnerable sections of the SCC should also have emergency repair/rehabilitation plans developed.

d. Consider Fourth Extension of Construction Bid from Blois Construction, Inc. or Rejection of all Bids

Jim Blois of Blois Construction, Inc. indicated that he would be able to extend his construction bid for the 2nd Pipeline Project an additional 60 days.

Director Morgan moved to extend the construction bid with Blois Construction, Inc. an additional 60 days, seconded by Director Francisco, 6/0/1, Director Beebe abstained.

e. Project Status Report

The project status report was included in the board packet.

f. Permits and NEPA Status Report

The report on the permits and NEPA status was included in the board packet.

10. Reports From the Manager

a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly water reports were included in the board packet.

b. Operations Report

The Operations Report was included in the board packet.

c. Lower Santa Ynez River Fisheries Program Report

The monthly report was included in the board packet.

d. Operating Committee Meeting, January 5, 2011 Draft Minutes

The minutes were included in the board packet.

e. Propositions 50 and 84 Process Update

Ms. Rees included updated information in the board packet.

f. Quagga Mussel Inspection Reports – County of Santa Barbara

The Quagga Mussel Inspection monthly report from the County of Santa Barbara was included in the board packet.

g. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The Cachuma Reservoir Conditions up to 01/19/2011 were included in the board packet.

11. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional requests.

12. Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board meeting will be held February 28, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.

The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website,
www.cachuma-board.org

13. COMB Adjournment

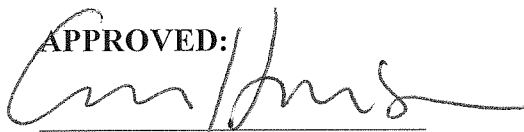
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Lauren Hanson, President of the Board