

**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, May 19, 2008**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by President Chuck Evans, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Chuck Evans	Goleta Water District
Matt Loudon	SYR Water Conservation Dist., ID#1
Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara
Sam Frye	Montecito Water District
Bob Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District

Others present:

Kate Rees	William Hair
Charles Hamilton	Chip Wullbrandt
Chris Dahlstrom	Brett Gray
Tom Mosby	Steve Mack
Gary Kvistad	Rebecca Bjork
Janet Gingras	Melissa Street
David McDermott	Richard Shaikewitz
Kevin Walsh	

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

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 4:14 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:20 p.m. There was nothing to report out of closed session.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

April 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report

Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Lieberknecht moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Director Loudon, passed 6/0/1, Director Frye abstained.

5. Reports from the Manager

a. Water Storage, Water Production Use, SWP Accounting

The monthly reports from Janet Gingras were included in the board packet.

The Board next considered Item #10

10. Prevention of Quagga Mussels at Lake Cachuma

Ms. Rees reported that the recommendation before the Board was to consider a cost sharing proposal with the County of Santa Barbara for Quagga Mussel preventative measures at Lake Cachuma. At the April Board meeting the Board directed Counsel Bill Hair to look into the relationship of the various contracts between the agencies that would be involved in Lake Cachuma and the water supply that it provides to the communities. Melissa Street, Nordman, Cormany, Hair & Compton, highlighted the analysis included in the board packet.

After discussion, the City of Santa Barbara and Goleta Water District indicated they would approve some cost sharing for the prevention of a Quagga mussel infestation at Lake Cachuma. The Carpinteria Valley Water District and ID#1 Directors said they would not approve any cost sharing, and the Montecito Water District had not yet discussed this item to date.

Director Williams moved to schedule a Special Board meeting to continue discussion on the cost sharing proposal, and to send a letter to the County of Santa Barbara summarizing their responsibilities and contractual relationships with the other agencies, seconded by Director Evans, passed 7/0/0. The date for the Special Board meeting will be scheduled by staff.

b. Operations Report

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

c. 2008 Spill/Surcharge Issues

Ms. Rees summarized the 2008 surcharge water table that was included in the board packet. The reported amount of 9,200 AF is incorrect, and Ms. Rees will correct that number.

d. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 05/19/2008

Lake elevation	751.68 feet
Storage	193,191 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	0.00 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	21.52 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	24 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	457.3 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0 acre feet
Year to Date Spill	22,239 acre feet

e. Spring ACWA Conference held in Monterey, CA, May 6-9, 2008

Ms. Rees had nothing more to add regarding her meeting with Reclamation other than what was reported during the CCRB meeting and the COMB Quagga Mussel discussion.

6. Capital Improvement Program/Bond Issuance

The recommendations before the Board were: Approval of the Current Bond Concept and Approval of the Proposed Bond Project Prioritization. Brett Gray reported that staff is recommending funding a series of projects through a COMB bond of approximately \$16,000,000 utilizing the current stream of revenue from the COMB annual capital improvement special projects to fund the debt repayment. Upon Board approval staff would complete all preliminary design and environmental work required for bond issuance. The current schedule for starting the actual process of securing a bond would be January 2009 with funds being available April 2009.

There was discussion concerning the new office building being on the project list and ID#1's cost share of the bond repayment.

Director Frye moved to approve the staff recommendations, but there was no second. This item was continued to the Special Board Meeting to be scheduled in June.

7. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Activities

Ms. Rees reported that the Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan grant application for \$25 million dollars was recommended for full funding by the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources Board. COMB's second barrel project is on the project list to receive \$3,200,000 if approved. Ms. Rees will attend the SWRCB hearing on June 3, 2008 where final approval will be considered by that Board. She also

plans to bring a draft MOU for Prop 50 grant contract administration to the COMB Board at the June 2008 meeting.

8. Goals and Objectives for FY 2008-09

Ms. Rees included in the board packet the COMB goals and objectives for fiscal year 2008-2009 and asked for the Board to review them.

9. Proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Draft COMB Budget

Janet Gingras reported that the COLA calculation for FY 2008-09 staff salaries had been changed to 3.9%, and provided updated budget to the Directors at the meeting. Ms. Gingras summarized the proposed FY 2008-2009 Draft COMB Budget, and indicated the Finance Committee had reviewed the budget and recommended approval. The Board will review the draft budget, and the proposed final budget will come before the Board for approval at the June meeting.

10. Prevention of Quagga Mussels at Lake Cachuma

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

11. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional requests from the Directors.

12. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held June 23, 2008 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

13. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Matt Loudon, Vice-President