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

#### held at

3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA Monday, August 25, 2014

# 1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

#### **Directors present:**

Lauren Hanson

Goleta Water District

Doug Morgan

Montecito Water District

Dennis Beebe Dale Francisco SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1

City of Santa Barbara

#### **Directors absent:**

Alonzo Orozco

Carpinteria Valley Water District

#### Others present:

Randall Ward

Tony Trembley

Lee Cushman

Tim Robinson

Dave Stewart

Polly Holcombe

Ruth Snodgrass

Charles Hamilton Tom Fayram

Joshua Haggmark Phil Walker

Adelle Capponi

Gina Magnoli

Kevin Walsh

#### 2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented about the sedimentation in Lake Cachuma. Tom Fayram commented on the Bathymetric Survey completed at Lake Cachuma.

#### 3. Consent Agenda

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#### Minutes: a.

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#### b. **Investment Funds**

Financial Report Investment Report

# Payment of Claims

Director Francisco moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Director Beebe. Director Morgan requested that Item #3a be voted on separately.

Item #3b and #3c passed 6/0/1

Ayes: Beebe, Morgan, Hanson, Francisco

Nayes: None Abstain: None Absent: Orozco

Item #3a passed 5/0/2

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Hanson

Nayes: None Abstain: Morgan Absent: Orozco

The Board considered Items #5 and #6 before Item #4.

# 4. Verbal Report From Cushman Contracting on the Emergency Pumping Facility Project

Lee Cushman presented a report on the Emergency Pumping Facility Project at Lake Cachuma with some slides of the project.

Phil walker commented.

# 5. Verbal Reports From Board Committees

- a. Fisheries Division Committee Meeting July 28, 2014
  Director Beebe reported on the July 28, 2014 committee meeting.
- Administrative Committee Meeting August 18, 2014
   Director Hanson reported on the August 18, 2014 committee meeting.

# 6. Approve Resolution No. 588 Adopting a Revision to the Second Tier Health Benefits Policy

Randall Ward, General Manager, reported that a second tier medical benefits policy was approved by the Board in January 2014. The financial impact of this policy to entry level, newly hired employees was severely underestimated and will have an impact on the ability to hire and retain qualified staff. The recommendation approved by the Administrative Committee revises the medical benefits policy for all personnel hired after February 1, 2014.

Director Francisco moved to approve Resolution No. 588 to revise the second tier medical benefits policy, seconded by Director Beebe, passed 5/1/1:

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Hanson

Nayes: Morgan Abstain: None Absent: Orozco

7. Accept Proposed COMB Construction Match and Approve Staff Submittal of CDFW-FRGP Grant Application for Quiota Creek Crossing Four Project

Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager, reported the low flow crossing at Quiota Creek Crossing 4 is proposed for replacement in the fall of 2015 (FY 2015-2016). COMB staff submitted a grant to CDFW-FRGP for this project. COMB would be obligated to a \$50,000 construction match for the Crossing 4 project. The crossing 4 project was reviewed and recommended by the Fisheries Division Committee.

Director Hanson moved to accept the proposed COMB construction match of \$50,000 and approve staff submittal of the CDFW-FRGP grant application for the Quiota Creek Crossing 4 Project, seconded by Director Francisco, passed 5/1/1:

Ayes: Francisco, Morgan, Hanson

Nayes: Beebe Abstain: None Absent: Orozco

## 8. General Manager's Report

Randall Ward, General Manager, highlighted his report which was included in the board packet.

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

Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager, highlighted his report which was included in the board packet.

Phil Walker commented.

#### 10. Operations Division Report

Dave Stewart, Operations Division Manager, reported on the board report which described the activities of the Operations staff for the previous month.

#### 11. Fisheries Division Report

Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager, highlighted his report which was included in the board packet. Mr. Robinson handed out a memo on the Hilton Creek Watering System Repairs, Modifications and Updates.

Phil Walker commented.

#### 12. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports

# a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly water reports for July 2014 were included in the board packet.

#### b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The Lake Cachuma Daily Operations report through August 19, 2014 was included in the board packet.

# c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

The County's summary of Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Program for July 2014 was included in the board packet.

# 13. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The requested item was a discussion on longevity rules and other benefit items.

Counsel Tony Trembley announced that the Board would go into closed session for Item #14 as indicated in the agenda.

The Board went into closed session at 3:55 p.m.

**14.** [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]: One Matter [Matters involving COMB's Emergency Pumping Facility Project and USBR's Hilton Creek Watering System]

## 15. Reconvene into Open Session

[Government Code Section 54957.7] Disclosure of actions taken in closed session, as applicable [Government Code Section 54957.1]

The Board came out of closed session at 4:25 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.

#### 16. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held September 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

#### 17. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Randall Ward, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:** 

Lauren Hanson, President of the Board