

**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 25, 2008**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:21 p.m. by President Chuck Evans, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

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

Others present:

Kate Rees	William Hair
Chip Wullbrandt	Janet Gingras
Kevin Walsh	Brett Gray
Tom Mosby	Alex Keuper
Chris Dahlstrom	David McDermott
Phil Walker	Rebecca Bjork
Kevin Walsh	

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker a resident of Santa Barbara followed up on his comments from a year ago concerning the Zaca Fire and the sedimentation problems at Lake Cachuma due to the fire.

Steve Mack said his farewells to the Board before he leaves the Santa Barbara area to start a new job.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

July 12, 2008 Special Board Meeting and, July 28, 2008 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, passed 7/0/0.

4. Election of Vice-President

President Evans reported that at the July 28th meeting the Board conducted election of officers for FY 2008-09. The motion to nominate a Vice-President was not seconded, so the election of a Vice-President was re-agendized for the August 25th meeting.

Director Loudon moved to nominate Director Williams for Vice-President for FY 08-09, seconded by Director Abel, passed 5/0/2, Director Williams abstained.

5. Committee Appointments for FY 2008-09

President Evans proposed to keep the FY 2007-08 appointments through December 2008. At that time he would be leaving the COMB Board and the newly elected COMB President would then make new committee appointments.

Capital Improvements: Jan Abel and Das Williams, alternate is Chuck Evans

Finance: Matt Loudon and Das Williams, alternate is Bob Lieberknecht

Management & Public Affairs: Bob Lieberknecht and Matt Loudon, alternate is Chuck Evans

Operations: Bob Lieberknecht and Chuck Evans, alternate is Jan Abel

Legal Affairs: Jan Abel and Das Williams, alternate is Matt Loudon

6. Reports from the Manager

a. Water Storage, Water Production Use, SWP Accounting

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

b. Operations Report

Brett Gray's monthly report on operations 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. She reported that in spill years and the year following a spill we are required to provide increased target flows for summer rearing habitat for steelhead. Out of the 8,300 A.F. of fish surcharge water, 3,200 A.F. is reserved for assisting with migration passage flows next winter. Ms. Rees has projected that by the end of August we will be out of fish surcharge water for target flows, and in order to meet them, Project yield will be used.

d. Reclamation's Bradbury Dam Fish Surcharge Risk Analysis

Ms. Rees reported that Reclamation will be conducting a workshop at its Denver Technical Services Center to carry out a risk assessment of Bradbury Dam under a fish surcharge elevation of 753 feet. This analysis will then be written into a formal report before the next rainy season, in order to determine when fish surcharging can begin. Ms. Rees reported that Reclamation will be able to pay for at least a third of the cost for this risk assessment, and was hopeful that the County Flood Control District would also pay a third. COMB would also be responsible for a third of the cost.

e. Gap Fire update

Brett Gray reported on the meetings he has been attending concerning post Gap Fire issues. He reported that the South Coast Conduit crosses creeks in 3 of the 4 major watersheds that burned. COMB is taking a closer look at these areas and may participate in some of the preventive measures with the Forest Service.

f. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 07/25/2008

Lake elevation	746.66 feet
Storage	178,101 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	26 to 26.4 acre feet per day
Fish Release-Outlet Works	5 to 10 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	841.7 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0 acre feet
Year to Date Spill	22,239 acre feet

7. Santa Barbara County's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Prop 50 Grant Activities

a. IRWMP Meeting, August 5, 2008

Janet Gingras highlighted the August 5th IRWMP meeting. She reported that Scott Couch and Kelley List with the SWRCB Prop 50 grant management team had conducted site visits on August 13 and 14 with the project proponents, including COMB. The target date is to have the MOU and the sub-agreements to the individual Boards in October for approval so that the Board of Supervisors can sign the primary grant contract with the State by December. The meeting participants also discussed the consultant to be used for the administration of the Prop 50 grant contracts.

b. SWRCB Site Visit for Second Pipeline Project, August 13, 2008

Brett Gray highlighted the SWRCB's site visit for the Second Pipeline Project. The purpose of these visits was to become more familiar with the projects before writing the contracts and agreements for the Prop 50 grant.

8. Notice of Completion and Notice of Availability of Draft EIS/EIR for South Coast Conduit/Upper Reach Reliability Project

Brett Gray reported that the Draft EIS/EIR for the South Coast Conduit/Upper Reach Reliability Project for the construction of a secondary water pipeline and appurtenant facilities between the Tecolote Tunnel and Corona Del Mar Water Treatment Plant is now available for public review and comment. The 45 day comment period is from August 18 through October 3, 2008. A public hearing on the Draft EIS/EIR will be held September 10, 2008 at the COMB office from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. This will be a joint meeting with COMB and Reclamation.

The Board will be asked to consider the Final EIS/EIR at the October 27, 2008 regular Board meeting. The Board will be asked to consider any public comments and responses to comments, independently find that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and adopt the findings of the Final EIR and the Site Revegetation and Compensation Plan by resolution.

9. Lauro Retention Basin Enlargement Project Bid Information

Brett Gray highlighted the bid information that was included in the board packet for the Lauro Retention Basin Enlargement Project. The bids were opened on August 20th at 4 P.M. at the COMB office. After review of the bids, Mr. Gray reported that staff recommended the selection of Cushman Contracting as the contractor for the project with a bid amount of \$961,825.00.

Director Abel moved to approve staff recommendation to select Cushman Contracting as contractor for the Construction of Lauro Retention Basin Enlargement Project, seconded by Director Williams, passed 6/0/1, Director Loudon abstained.

10. Reconsideration of Quagga Mussel Cost Sharing Proposal

The Directors each reported the direction and decisions from each of their respective Boards concerning the cost sharing proposal.

Director Abel reported that the Montecito Water District would reconsider the Quagga Mussel cost sharing proposal at there August 26th Board meeting.

Director Evans reported that Goleta Water District would support a contribution to the cost sharing of preventing Quagga Mussel infestation in Lake Cachuma.

Director Lieberknecht reported that there has not been a change in the Board decision to not support making a contribution; however he along with Charles Hamilton will be meeting with Supervisor Carbajal on August 28th to discuss this matter.

Director Loudon reported that the ID#1 Board would consider paying their share of \$60,000 with three conditions: 1) this would be a one time only contribution; 2) the County must submit a plan to shift the entire ongoing cost to the boaters; and 3) if they could get some benefit from making a contribution, such as transferring the Cachuma Master Contract to the Member Units.

Director Williams reported that the City of Santa Barbara still continues to be supportive of a contribution.

The Board determined that the decision concerning Quagga Mussel cost sharing would come back to the COMB Board in September.

11. Release of Draft EIS/EIR for Lake Cachuma Recreation Area Resource Management Plan

Ms. Rees reported that the Draft Cachuma Lake Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) is available for public review. It was released July 25, 2008 for a 60 day comment period and Reclamation posted it in the Federal Register. However, no public notification of the document's availability was provided at that time. A public meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on August 26, 2008 at Veterans Memorial Hall in Solvang. The comment period ends September 23, 2008. The Board was of the opinion that the comment period would not allow enough time for the individual Member Unit Boards to discuss this item and make comments on the Draft RMP/EIS. The Board requested that Ms. Rees contact Reclamation about extending the comment period.

12. Employee Appreciation Lunch August 28, 2008

Ms. Rees reminded the Directors that the Employee Appreciation Lunch will be held Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

13. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional items requested.

14. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held September 22, 2008 following the 2:15 p.m. CCRB regular Board meeting, at the COMB office.

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

15. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting
Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board
August 25, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chuck Evans, President