

**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, April 28, 2008**

General Manager's Performance Review

- a. [CCRB & COMB Joint Closed Session - CCRB Reconvene] Conference with Boards Regarding General Manager's Performance, Pursuant to Government Code section 54957 (a).**

The COMB Board was called to order and the CCRB Board reconvened. The Boards went into closed session at 2:52 p.m. and came out of closed session at 3:26 p.m. The report out of closed session was that the Board Presidents would meet with the General Manager to go over her performance review.

- b. General Manager's Salary and Benefits Review - CCRB Reconvene**

Director Evans moved that the General Manager receive a total salary of \$140,000 which includes \$2,000 in deferred compensation, and 4 personal leave days, seconded by Director Williams, passed 7/0/0.

The Joint Closed Session of CCRB and COMB adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:39 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
Jan Abel	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	

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

The Board next considered Item 5, Prevention of Quagga Mussels at Lake Cachuma

Following a brief discussion, Director Evans moved to postpone voting on cost sharing for Quagga mussel preventative measures with the County of Santa Barbara to a special board meeting, the date to be determined, seconded by Director Abel, and passed 7/0/0.

Further discussion was continued later in the meeting.

President Evans left the meeting at 3:45 p.m. and Vice-President Loudon continued as chair of the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

February 25, 2008 and March 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Abel moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, pending the confirmation of approval from Alternate Director Falcone and Alternate Director DeWitt for the March 24, 2008 minutes, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 3/0/4, Director Evans and Director Williams were absent.

4. 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

The March report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the board packet. Mr. Gray reported that the line valve project in the Carpinteria Valley section of the SCC is currently in the final stages of construction. The project went very well except for a delay caused by the line-stop company mobilizing to the construction site.

c. 2008 Spill/Surcharge Issues

Ms. Rees summarized the 2008 surcharge water table in the board packet. Reclamation designated March 9, 2008 as the end of the spill.

d. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 04/28/2008

Lake elevation	752.38 feet
Storage	195,366 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	0.06 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	21.52 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	20-23.7 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	572.2 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0 acre feet
Year to Date Spill	22,238.7 acre feet

The Board resumed the discussion on Item #5, the Prevention of Quagga Mussels at Lake Cachuma

5. Prevention of Quagga Mussels at Lake Cachuma

a. Report on Board of Supervisors Meeting Held March 25, 2008 and the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Held April 18, 2008

Ms. Rees summarized the events to date concerning the procedures set in place by the County of Santa Barbara to prevent Quagga Mussels at Lake Cachuma, and the outcome of the Ad Hoc Committee meeting that she attended. Supervisors Carbajal and Firestone believe that COMB should share in the cost of the preventative measures the County has put in place and for ongoing costs. The Directors are split on this issue. There is strong sentiment that these costs should not be borne by the water customers. Strong opinion was also expressed that everything possible should be done to reduce the risk to Lake Cachuma as quickly as possible, so the costs should be shared. The Board decided further discussion was needed.

b. Proposal for Cost Sharing of Preventative Measures

The Board directed Counsel Bill Hair to further research the questions raised about COMB's, the County of Santa Barbara's, and Reclamation's responsibilities under the Cachuma Master Contract, County Recreation Agreement, and the recent DFG legislation, AB 1683. This is important information for the Member Units to discuss before making a decision about sharing the cost for preventative measures with the County.

The Board decided that this item should be added to the agenda for the May 19, 2008 regular Board meeting instead of scheduling a special Board meeting. In the interim, the COMB Directors will discuss this proposal with their individual Boards or Council and bring that information back to the COMB Board at its May meeting.

The Board next considered Item #7 as Item #6

6. Cachuma Project Renewal Fund/Trust Fund Meeting and County Water Agency's Public Meeting on Cachuma Project \$100,000 Betterment Fund Held April 8, 2008.
(Also see CCRB Item #6)

a. Approval of Recommended Use of County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000 Betterment Fund for FY 2008-2009.

Ms. Rees highlighted the annual meeting held on April 8, 2008. The recommendation before the Board was to approve the expenditure of the County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000 Betterment Fund for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 to support the ongoing Lower Santa Ynez River Fisheries Monitoring Program and related activities as follows:

- USGS/County Santa Ynez River stream gage data collection program-\$50,000
- Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan and biological Opinion implementation activities- \$40,000
- Repayment to Santa Barbara County Water Agency for Cachuma Park boat launch ramp modifications (year 5 of 5)- \$10,000

- Total \$100,000

Director Williams moved to approve the recommended use of the County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000 Betterment Fund for the Fiscal Year 2008-09 to support the ongoing Lower Santa Ynez River Fisheries monitoring Program and related activities, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 5/0/2, Director Evans absent.

Director Williams left the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Council Bill Hair advised the Board that there was no longer a quorum and that the meeting would continue as a committee meeting.

7. 8th Annual Reclamation Cachuma Operations Meeting, April 21, 2008

Ms. Rees reported on the annual meeting that was held April 21, 2008. The guidelines for operations were discussed on several levels including COMB operations, fishery activities, CCWA operations for State Water deliveries, and downstream water rights releases. The 2008 Cachuma Project Guidelines for Operations will be updated and distributed by Reclamation.

8. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Activities

Ms. Rees reported that the announcement for the Proposition 50 Round 2 grant awards would be occurring within a week. She informed the Board that if we are successful in receiving money from Prop 50, another MOU would be necessary to pay for County staff and consultant expenses associated with managing the grant contract with the State. This will be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

9. Measurement of Goals and Objectives for FY 2007-08

Ms. Rees reported that the Measurement of Goals and Objectives for FY 2007-08 were included in the board packet for the Directors' information. At the May 19th Board meeting, Ms. Rees will present the Goals and Objectives for FY 2008-09 along with the Proposed FY 2008-09 COMB Budget.

10. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional requests from the Directors. The Directors requested that a note be added to the agenda informing everyone that the May 19th Board meeting may last as late as 6:00 p.m.

11. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held May 19, 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

12. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chuck Evans, President