

**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 22, 2006**

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 2:57 p.m. by President Matt Loudon, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Directors present:**

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

**Others present:**

Kate Rees	Brett Gray
William Hair	Steve Mack
Bob Roebuck	Gary Kvistad
John Jostes	

**2. Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes  
April 24, 2006 Regular Board Meeting  
April 27, 2006 Joint Special Board Meeting.
- b. Investment of Funds  
Financial Report  
Investment Report
- c. Payment of Claims

Director Williams requested an addition to the minutes of the April 24, 2006 meeting regarding his request to do a several year comparison of the melded Cachuma water

rates charged to the Member Units for the quantity of water ordered versus the quantity of water delivered, in order to determine if there was any significant financial impact to the City of Santa Barbara.

Director Abel had previously reviewed the minutes of the April 27, 2006 Joint Special COMB/CCRB Board meeting with John Jostes and requested that several clarifications be made. Mr. Jostes distributed revised meeting notes to the Board and explained each of the changes that were made.

Director Evans moved to approve the Consent Agenda with revisions to the minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup> and the April 27<sup>th</sup> meetings, seconded by Director Williams. Motion carried, 7/0/0.

#### **4. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

##### Reservoir Current Conditions:

Date 05/22/2006

Lake elevation	753.15 feet
Storage	197,775 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	1.56 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	24.52 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	20.5 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	448.2 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	4,325 acre feet

#### **5. Change in Appointment to the Finance Committee**

At the April 24, 2006 Board meeting, President Loudon made assignments to fill vacated committee positions. One of the assignments was for Director Abel to serve on the Finance Committee. However, due to other commitments, Director Abel was unable to fill that position. Therefore, President Loudon will remain on the Finance Committee.

Included in the Board packet was a list of all Committee positions for FY 2005-2006.

#### **6. Status of Lauro Dam Seismic Safety Modifications Project**

Ms Rees updated the Board on the progress of the project. Excavation down to the core material of Lauro Dam has been completed and placement of the new gravel and sand layers has begun. The contractor thinks they will be able to make up the lost time due to rain and suggestions from the Consultant Review Board have been incorporated into the project. A letter has been sent to the neighbors informing them of the amount of truck hauling to expect. The amount spent on the project in April was \$62,587 and the total spent to date was \$2,277,411. A construction progress report prepared by Reclamation was included in the Board packet.

**7. Status of Miller/Gies Project at 1560 San Roque Road**

Brett Gray reported on the progress of the Miller/Gies project. He said that the project was going forward, so the focus would be on monitoring the conditions that the property owner will be required to meet addressing water quality issues. The access road, across federal property, will be improved to keep run-off water out of Lauro Reservoir. Mr. Gray noted that the owners and their agents have done everything we have requested so far, and that he will continue to monitor the project. Director Loudon suggested that Mr. Gray request a copy of the grading permit to make sure it is in compliance with COMB's conditions on the property.

**8. Scope of Work and Cost for continued Meeting Facilitation Services for COMB/CCRB Reorganization**

Director Abel requested that the memo from Ms Rees handed out before the Board meeting, "John Jostes Scope of Work and Member Units Cost Share for COMB/CCRB Reorganization", be changed. She stated that the reorganization is Board directed and should not reflect staff involvement; therefore, the memo should be from the Coordinating Committee for Reorganization rather than Ms Rees.

Director Evans reviewed the Proposal for Continued Meeting Facilitation Services submitted by John Jostes, Interactive Planning and Management, LLC. Mr. Jostes outlined the expected tasks to move the reorganization toward resolution plus the steps and tasks associated with this effort. The cost estimate and scheduling consisted of 154 hours at a total cost of \$25,410. The memo included in the Board packet showed the Member Units' share of the cost.

Director Evans moved to approve, with the change in the memo, the scope of work and Member Units' cost share for continued meeting facilitation services for John Jostes, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 7/0/0.

**9. Consideration of Environmental Consultant for Pipeline Project on South Coast Conduit**

Ms Rees proposed that the Board consider an alternate recommendation for an environmental consultant for the Pipeline Project on the South Coast Conduit and presented several potential candidates. The Directors asked that they be evaluated during the Manager/Attorney meeting on June 7, 2006, and then brought back to the Board for consideration at the June 26, 2006 regular meeting. Brett Gray suggested that proposals from several potential consultants be considered by the Board in June, and the Board agreed that this was acceptable.

**10. COMB Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

Ms Rees and Mr. Gray reviewed the COMB goals and objectives for the FY 2006-2007 included in the Board packet.

#### **11. Proposed Fiscal Year 2006-2007 COMB Budget**

Ms Rees presented the proposed FY 2006-07 Preliminary Budget for review only. The final budget will be considered for approval at the next board meeting on June 26, 2006. The Finance Committee met with staff and reviewed the preliminary budget. Director Evans reported on the committees suggested changes, which have been incorporated into the proposed budget. Ms Rees and Mr. Gray summarized the activities planned for next fiscal year and answered questions from the Board.

One major project that was not approved by the Finance Committee is the Lauro Debris Basin project. Ms Rees noted that the project cost was estimated to about \$1.1 million, but that it will be carried out over two fiscal years to lessen the cost impact per year to the south coast Member Units. Director Evans indicated that Goleta Water District would like for the Board to consider a different formula for cost allocation than the normal Cachuma entitlement split. He was of the opinion that this was a water quality project and that the other south coast Member Units would, therefore, realize a greater benefit than would Goleta. Ms Rees explained that the primary purpose of the project was to keep Lauro Reservoir in service by reducing sedimentation, which is a benefit to all, and recommended that the cost be allocated using the standard entitlement percentages. The Board asked that the Managers discuss this at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Manager/Attorney meeting, and that the Finance Committee consider it again before the next Board meeting.

#### **12. Staff Appreciation Lunch June 29, 2006 at Lake Cachuma Park**

Ms Rees announced that the staff appreciation lunch has been scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> and invited the Board of Directors to join the staff at Lake Cachuma Park, at noon. A boat tour of the lake has also been scheduled with a Park Naturalist.

#### **13. Meeting Schedule**

May 24, 2006 COMB SCC Facilities Tour at 8:00 a.m., COMB Office  
May 30, 2006 Joint Special COMB/CCRB Meeting at 3:00 p.m., COMB Office  
June 26, 2006 Regular Board Meeting following CCRB at 2:00 p.m., COMB Office  
June 29, 2006 Staff Appreciation Lunch, at noon, Lake Cachuma Park  
July 6, 2006 Joint Special COMB/CCRB Meeting at 2:00 p.m., COMB Office

#### **14. COMB Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**

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Chair