

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

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, January 27, 2014**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Alonzo Orozco	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara

Others present:

Randall Ward	Tony Trembley
Janet Gingras	Michael T. Allen
Paddy Langlands	Tom Fayram
Ruth Snodgrass	Charles Hamilton
Kelley Dyer	Phil Walker
Joshua Haggmark	Giana Magnoli
Kevin Walsh	Darlene Bierig
Scott Volan	Nick Welsh
Dana McGrew	Nina Pisani
Mike Garello	Dan Ellison
Bruce Thomas	

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker made comments on the level of sedimentation in the reservoirs and Cal Fire emergency services.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes:**
December 9, 2013 Special Board Meeting
- b. **Investment Funds**
Financial Report
Investment Report
- c. **Payment of Claims**

Director Beebe moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Francisco, passed by a roll call vote 7/0/0:

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

4. Quagga Mussel Control Measures at Lake Cachuma-Presentation by Santa Barbara County Parks

Paddy Langlands, Santa Barbara County Parks updated the Board on the Quagga Mussel prevention measures being implemented at Lake Cachuma and changes since Quagga Mussels have been detected in Lake Piru in late December 2013. Tom Fayram and Michael Allen also contributed to the presentation.

Phil Walker commented.

5. Verbal Reports from the Board Committees

a. Administrative Committee Meeting held January 15, 2014

President Hanson reported that the committee reviewed the FY 2014/15 Audit, COMB's benefits policy and a discussion on the FY 2014/15 budget.

The Board next considered Item #7

7. Implementation of Two Tier Employee Health Benefits Policy

Janet Gingras, Administrative Manager, highlighted the proposed two tier Health Benefits Policy. Currently COMB pays for health benefit premiums for active employees and their dependents. In order to reduce future health benefit costs, the suggestion is to adopt a two tier Health Benefits Policy for new employees hired after February 1, 2014. The second tier policy would provide employees hired after February 1, 2014 health benefits, however if dependent coverage is required the premium would be paid by the employee.

COMB also provides post-retirement health care benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses/registered domestic partners that have twelve years of service with COMB or twelve years of credited service with previous PERS covered employment. The implementation of a two tier retiree Health Benefits Policy would reduce Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) costs. Those individuals hired after February 1, 2014 and become eligible to retire would be eligible for post-retirement benefits at, 50% premium coverage after twelve years of service or 100% premium coverage after twenty years of continuous service with COMB.

a. Resolution No. 572

Approval of Resolution No. 572 would adopt a two tier Health Benefit Program for employees hired after February 1, 2014.

Director Morgan moved to approve Resolution No. 572, seconded by Director Francisco, passed by a roll call vote 7/0/0:

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson

Nays: None
Absent/Abstain: None

b. Resolution No. 573

Approval of Resolution No. 573 would adopt a two tier retiree Health Benefit Program for employees hired after February 1, 2014 who retire and become eligible for post-retirement health benefits coverage.

Director Francisco moved to approve Resolution No. 573, seconded by Director Morgan, passed by a roll call vote 7/0/0:

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

8. Resolution No. 574 Establishing Time and Place for Board Meetings

The approval of Resolution No. 574 would establish the regular Board meeting dates and time for calendar year 2014.

Director Beebe moved to approve Resolution No. 574, seconded by Director Francisco. The Board requested that the Resolution state the months of May, November and December as meetings that are held on the third Monday due to holidays. Director Beebe and Director Francisco agreed to the change.

Passed by a roll call vote, 7/0/0:

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

9. General Counsel Report

Counsel Tony Trembley reported on his letter included in the board packet regarding a recent addition to the Brown Act. Beginning January 1, 2014, legislative bodies of local public entities are required to publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action. The Board will comply by employing roll call votes for all open session items and the Board minutes will reflect the names of each Board member voting and how each voted.

The Board next considered Item #12

12. Report on Quiota Creek Crossing 1 Fish Passage Improvement Project

Scott Volan, Project Biologist, highlighted the report that was included in the board packet. Site re-vegetation and hydro-mulching/seeding was completed on January 3, 2014. The County approved the finished product and the road was opened on January 3, 2014 at 2:00 PM. As-built drawings and all the final paper work and accounting are under way and should be completed by mid-February.

13. Progress Report on Cachuma Lake Oak Tree Program

Scott Volan, Project Biologist, reported on the Oak Tree Program. The inventory has been completed and the report should be finalized in a few weeks. Staff has implemented watering the trees as recommended by Ken Knight, Arborist. Mr. Volan reported that the cost of the Oak Tree Program was down from about \$65,000 to about \$28,000 for this past year.

14. Operations Division Report

Randall Ward, General Manager, highlighted the monthly report of the Operations Division that was included in the board packet. The report indicates many of the regular maintenance activities performed by the Operations staff. Mr. Ward noted that the crew has projects like the Sheffield drain system that required a great deal of effort but is necessary to maintain the integrity of the system.

The Board next considered Item #6

6. Presentation by Bartlett Pringle and Wolf, LLP, Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Ms. Danna McGrew and Ms. Nina Pisani presented the audit to the Board for discussion and review. The Draft Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013 and the Independent Auditors Report was included in the board packet. The auditors did not identify any management concerns or reportable conditions in conducting the audit and issued a clean opinion.

The auditors met with the Administrative Committee on January 15, 2014. The edits suggested by the Committee had been included in the draft audit.

Director Beebe moved to accept the Financial Statements and the Independent Auditors Report for Fiscal year ending June 20, 2013, seconded by Director Francisco, passed by a roll call vote, 7/0/0:

Ayes: Beebe, Francisco, Morgan, Orozco, Hanson

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

The Board took a break at 3:17 PM

The Board re-convened at 3:28 PM for Item #10

10. General Managers Report

Randall Ward, General Manager, highlighted his report included in the board packet. Included in the report was the response to the USBR site inspection recommendations and the bid package for the AVAR project.

Mr. Ward and staff had met with the Santa Barbara County staff regarding actions and planning that is underway following the discovery of the Quagga Mussels in Lake Piru.

Mr. Ward was requested by the County to participate on the drought task force, which met on January 22, 2014 at the County's Emergency Operations Center.

He also noted that the bid package for the repair of the North Portal elevator is in development and should be completed by mid-month.

11. Drought Contingency Planning Project

Randall Ward introduced the Drought Contingency team, Bruce Thomas, Project Manager for COMB, Mike Garello, HDR Contract Manager and Dan Ellison, HDR Project Manager. Mike Garello and Dan Ellison gave a presentation to the Board on the Emergency Pumping System. They highlighted the problem if there is not sufficient rainfall, the critical issues and challenges, the selected process forward and the schedule and the next steps.

Phil Walker commented.

The Board next considered Item #18

18. Closed Session

Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation

[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Name of case: Andrew Brown and Jessica Brown vs. Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1438821

Counsel, Tony Trembley announced that the Board would go into closed session regarding Item #18 of the agenda, significant exposure to litigation.

The Board went into closed session at 4.35 p.m.

19. 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 4:44 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.

The Board next considered Item #15

15. Fisheries Division Report

Scott Volan, Project Biologist, highlighted the Fisheries Division activities for the month. The report was included in the board packet. Most of the thermograph network was picked up at the end of December, due to the low threat of storm flow a few remain in the interest of gathering data. Due to the drought and careful monitoring of Lake Cachuma, lake profiles are taken monthly.

16. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly water reports for December 2013 were included in the board packet.

b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The Lake Cachuma Daily Operations report through January 21, 2014 was included in the board packet.

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

The County's summary of Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Program for December 2013 was included in the board packet.

17. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Leak at the outlet works and Hilton Creek issues.

20. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held February 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

21. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall Ward, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Lauren Hanson, President of the Board