

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

**held at  
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA  
Monday, May 23, 2016**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by President Doug Morgan who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Directors present:**

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| Doug Morgan           | Montecito Water District                  |
| Harwood "Bendy" White | City of Santa Barbara                     |
| Kevin Walsh           | SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1 |
| Polly Holcombe        | Carpinteria Valley Water District         |
| Lauren Hanson         | Goleta Water District                     |

**Others present:**

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| Janet Gingras  | Amy Smith       |
| Tim Robinson   | Adelle Capponi  |
| William Carter | Phil Walker     |
| Tom Fayram     | Kelley Dyer     |
| Nick Turner    | Chris Dahlstrom |
| Fray Crease    | Dale Francisco  |

**2. Public Comment**

Phil Walker recounted some of the treacherous obstacles that construction crews faced during the construction of the Tecolote Tunnel in the 1950s. He also reiterated some long-standing concerns of his regarding sedimentation in the reservoir and the resulting decrease in water storage.

*The Board next considered Item #15 and Item #16.*

**15. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing and Potential Litigation**

The Board went into closed session at 2:09 p.m.

- a. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]  
Protest of Member Agency re: Payment of Quarterly Assessments

## **16. 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 3:12 p.m.

- b. Protest of Member Agency re: Payment of Quarterly Assessments

There was no reportable action.

***Director White excused himself from the remainder of the Regular Board Meeting at this time.  
The Board next considered Item #3.***

## **3. Consent Agenda**

### **a. Minutes**

April 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

### **b. Investment Funds**

Financial Reports

Investment Reports

### **c. Review of Paid Claims**

### **d. Review of Pending Claims for Payment**

Director Hanson moved to approve the consent agenda, as modified with one revision: the striking of “fish” from the Minutes of the April 25, 2016 COMB Regular Board Meeting, Item #3a, Page 3 of the board packet. Seconded by Director Holcombe, the motion carried 5/0/2 as follows:

**Ayes:** Walsh, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

**Nays:** None

**Absent/Abstain:** White

## **4. Verbal Reports from Board Committees**

- *Fisheries Committee Meeting – May 6, 2016:* Director Holcombe gave a brief account of the Fisheries Committee’s consideration of each item on the agenda. Notably, she reported that the final financials were compiled for the Fish Passage Improvement Project at Quiota Creek Crossing 3, and informed the Board that the recent Adaptive Management Committee (AMC) meetings had been productive.
- *Operations Committee Meeting – May 10, 2016:* Director Walsh outlined the items on the agenda, highlighting the Operations Committee’s recommendation to approve payment of the Cushman Contracting Corporation’s (CCC) requested Change Order No. 12, which shall be considered as the following item on today’s agenda.

## **5. Cushman Contracting Corporation (CCC) – Change Order No. 12**

Director Holcombe moved to approve payment of Change Order No. 12, as recommended by the Operations Committee, and also commended staff for cooperating with CCC to

reduce the total amount of funds requested by the change order. Seconded by Director Walsh, the motion carried 5/0/2 as follows:

**Ayes:** Walsh, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

**Nays:** None

**Absent/Abstain:** White

**6. General Manager Report**

- *COMB Fiscal Year 2016-17 Draft Operating Budget*
- *Cachuma Member Unit Managers Meeting*
- *Operations Division Activities*
- *Fisheries Division Activities*

Ms. Janet Gingras, General Manager, highlighted topics within her report, as incorporated in the board packet, and invited any questions from the Board.

**7. Operations Division Report**

- *Lake Cachuma Operations*
- *Operation and Maintenance Activities*

On behalf of Operations Division Manager, Mr. Dave Stewart, Ms. Gingras summarized the report as presented in the board packet and updated the Board on several operations projects that are underway.

**8. Fisheries Division Report**

- *LSYR Steelhead Monitoring Elements*
- *Tributary Project Updates*
- *Surcharge Water Accounting*
- *Reporting/Outreach/Training*

Dr. Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager, noted features of the report as presented in the board packet and offered to field any questions from the Board.

**9. Resolution No. 612 – Approving Expenditures for the Construction of the Fish Passage Improvement at Quiota Creek Crossing Number 0a**

Director Holcombe moved to adopt the resolution approving project expenditures for the referenced fish passage improvement project; she also confirmed with Dr. Robinson that the project's construction will undergo the competitive bid process. Seconded by Director Hanson, the motion carried 4/1/2 as follows:

**Ayes:** Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

**Nays:** Walsh

**Absent/Abstain:** White

## **10. Fish Passage Improvement Project – Quiota Creek Crossing No. 8 Construction Cooperative Agreement**

Director Holcombe moved to authorize the Board President to enter into the Construction Cooperative Agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for the construction of Fish Passage Improvement Project – Quiota Creek Crossing No. 8, and to authorize staff to assist the County in applying for CalTrans Bridge Replacement Federal Grant funding for the project. Seconded by Director Hanson, the motion carried 4/1/2 as follows:

**Ayes:** Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

**Nays:** Walsh

**Absent/Abstain:** White

## **11. Progress Report on Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program**

- *Maintenance and Monitoring*

Dr. Robinson provided a concise update on the status of the project and went on to report to the Board his findings regarding the County of Santa Barbara's plan for managing the risk of invasion by the Gold-Spotted Oak Borer, an invasive species recently discovered in nearby San Diego County. Director Hanson requested that Dr. Robinson remain involved and engaged in the development of a risk management plan, possibly via the COMB Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Committee, as necessary.

## **12. Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Restoration Program – Water Truck Purchase**

Director Holcombe moved to authorize that the General Manager execute a purchase order in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 for the procurement of a 2,000 – 2,500 gallon water truck, to be utilized primarily for the Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Restoration Program. Seconded by Director Walsh, the motion carried 5/0/2 as follows:

**Ayes:** Walsh, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

**Nays:** None

**Absent/Abstain:** White

## **13. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports**

The reports were included in the board packet for information. Ms. Gingras reminded the Board that once a methodology for allocating unaccounted-for water is adopted, the monthly reports will be revised accordingly, beginning retroactively with the March 2016 reports.

## **14. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Future Meeting**

There were no requests for agenda items for a future meeting.


## **17. Meeting Schedule**

- The next Regular Board meeting will be held June 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website at [www.cachuma-board.org](http://www.cachuma-board.org)

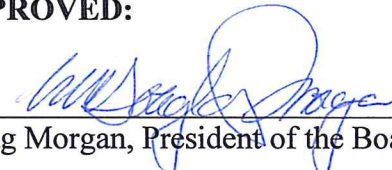
**18. COMB Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**

  
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Doug Morgan, President of the Board