

**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 24, 2010**

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by President Williams who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Directors present:**

Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara
Bob Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District
W. D. Morgan	Montecito Water District
Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Lee Bettencourt	SYR Conservation Dist ID#1

**Others present:**

Kate Rees	William Hair
Chris Dahlstrom	Tom Mosby
Janet Gingras	Rebecca Bjork
Gary Kvistad	Robert Dunlap
Alex Keuper	Sonia Fernandez
Ben Preston	Adelle Capponi
Tom Mosby	Geoffrey Kischuk
Ruth Snodgrass	

**2. Public Comment**

Phil Walker commented on the seismic risks to the Intake Tower and Lauro Reservoir. President Williams directed staff to include an evaluation of installing an early warning system for Lauro Reservoir on a Board agenda sometime during the summer.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes:**  
March 8, 2010 Special Board Meeting and April 26, 2010 Regular Board Meetings
- b. **Investment Funds**  
Financial Reports  
Investment Report
- c. **Payment of Claims**

Director Hanson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, 7/0/0.

4. **Consider Approval of Resolutions No. 502 and No. 503**
  - a. **Resolution No. 502 Consenting to Enter the Joint Protection Programs of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority**
  - b. **Resolution No. 503 Authorizing Application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California for a Certificate of Consent to Self insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities**

Janet Gingras reported that staff had submitted an application to ACWA/JPIA for workers compensation insurance, and that COMB had been approved for membership into the program on March 30, 2010. Board approval of Resolutions No. 502 and 503 were needed to complete the process for the application.

Director Lieberknecht moved to approve Resolution No. 502 consenting to enter the joint protection programs of the ACWA/JPIA and No. 503 authorizing application to the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for a certificate of consent to self insure workers compensation liabilities, seconded by Director Hanson. A roll call vote was taken, passed 7/0/0.

#### 5. Reports From the Manager

- a. **Cachuma Water Reports**  
These reports were included in the board packet.
- b. **Operations Report**  
The Operations Report was included in the board packet.
- c. **Proposition 50 and 84 Activities**  
Ms. Rees highlighted the information included in the board packet on Prop 50 and Prop 84.
- d. **County-Member Unit Issues Meeting**  
This was discussed during the CCRB meeting and nothing further was added.

#### e. **Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

##### Date 05/24/2010

Lake Elevation	746.48 feet
Storage	176,444 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	.02 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	26.77 inches
Fish Release-Hilton	14.3 acre feet
Month to Date Fish Release	341.9 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0 acre feet
Year to Date Spill	0 acre feet

**6. COMB Capital Improvement Program**

**a. Second Pipeline Project**

**1) Financing and Project Expenditure Approvals Schedule**

Ms. Rees reported that the current financing and approval schedule for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project was included in the board packet. There will be a COMB Special Board meeting on June 9, 2010 to select the lowest qualified bidder, approve the project expenditure, and approve the Project Indemnification Agreement with ID#1.

**2) Construction Bids**

The construction bids for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline were received on May 18, 2010. The list of contractors who submitted bids was included in the board packet.

**3) Project Status**

This report was included in the board packet.

**4) Permit Status**

This report was included in the board packet.

**7. Cachuma Renewal Fund/Warren Act Trust Fund Meeting and County's Public Meeting on Cachuma Project \$100,000 Betterment Fund, May 13, 2010**

**a. Recommended Uses of Renewal Fund/Trust Fund for FY 2010-2011**

Ms. Rees reported that the annual meeting of the Cachuma Renewal Fund/Trust Fund Committee was held on May 13, 2010. The Committee authorized the funds to be used for the Lower Santa Ynez River Fisheries Program. The authorized programs for next year were the Fisheries Monitoring Program, the Hilton Creek Channel Enhancement Study, and the Oak Tree Restoration Program. The full amount of the Renewal Fund will be applied to the first six month FY 10-11 CCRB Budget. The Trust Fund will equally split between the two six-month budgets because Trust Fund payments from CCWA are made quarterly.

**b. Recommended Uses of County Water Agency's Cachuma Project \$100,000 Betterment Fund for FY 2010-2011**

Ms. Rees and Mr. Naftaly, representing the Member Units and the County respectively, concurred that the Cachuma \$100,000 Betterment Fund for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 will be used for the USGS Stream Gage Monitoring for the fisheries program (\$73,000) and for preparation of the Final Surcharge Operations Report prepared by Stetson Engineers (\$27,000).

Director Williams moved to approve the recommended use of the County Water Agency's Cachuma project \$100,000 Betterment Fund for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, seconded by Director Hanson, passed 7/0/0.

**8. OPEB Liability Presentation – Geoff Kischuk, Total Compensation Systems, Inc.**

Geoffrey Kischuk, Total Compensation Systems, Inc. prepared the actuarial study of Retiree Health Liabilities for COMB that was included in the board packet, and gave a presentation on the OPEB liability and pre-funding options for the Board's information.

#### **9. Proposed Preliminary FY 2010-2011 COMB Budget**

A revised FY 2010-11 Preliminary COMB Budget was distributed at the Board meeting. Staff answered questions from the Directors regarding the preliminary budget, and detailed the additional reductions being proposed. The final FY 2010-2011 COMB Budget will be presented to the Board for approval at the June 28<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting.

#### **10. Consideration of License Agreement for Kimball-Griffith for Use of Federal Right-of-Way at Ortega Reservoir Ridge Road**

Ms. Rees reported that the Kimball-Griffith family owns the undeveloped property at 582 Ortega Ridge Road. They have requested a license from COMB to access their property from the top along Ortega Reservoir Ridge Road through the COMB gate. Counsel Bill Hair's opinion was that the property owners were vague about why they needed additional access to the top of their property when they already have access from the bottom of the property. He did not believe it was in the best interest of COMB to grant their request, and recommends that the Board decline the Griffith's request for an access license.

Director Morgan moved to deny the property owners request for a license from COMB to access their property along Ortega Reservoir Ridge Road, seconded by Director Hanson, passed 7/0/0.

#### **11. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

President Williams requested that an early warning system at Lauro Reservoir be added to the agenda in the summer.

Director Morgan requested the evaluation of salaries and benefits be added to a future agenda. Ms. Rees reported that that discussion would begin in August with the Finance Committee.

#### **12. Meeting Schedule**

The next regular Board meeting will be held June 28, 2010 following the CCRB meeting at 2:15 P.M.

A Special Board meeting will be held June 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The Directors by consensus changed the start time to 1:00 p.m. on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, [www.cachuma-board.org](http://www.cachuma-board.org)

**13. 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 Boards went into closed session at 5:08 p.m. and came out of closed session at 5:12 p.m.

The report out of closed session was that the Board had deferred this item to the next regular Board meeting of COMB and CCRB, June 28, 2010.

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

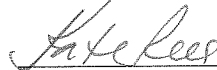
**14. CCRB Adjournment**

CCRB adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

**15. COMB Adjournment**


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**

  
Das Williams, President