

**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, August 23, 2010**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Directors present:**

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

**Others present:**

Kate Rees	William Hair
Chris Dahlstrom	Chip Wullbrandt
Janet Gingras	Rebecca Bjork
Jim Colton	Adelle Capponi
Alex Keuper	Phil Walker
Ruth Snodgrass	Glen Hille
Dave Ault	Sonja Fernandez
John McInnes	Bob Roebuck
Tom Mosby	

**2. Public Comment**

Phil Walker made comments regarding earthquakes affecting the reservoirs, an early warning system at Lauro Dam, and a possible long-term drought.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes:**  
July 26, 2010 Regular Board Meeting and August 2, 2010 Special Board Meeting
- b. **Investment Funds**  
Financial Reports  
Investment Report
- c. **Payment of Claims**

Director Morgan requested that more detail be provided on the payment of claims for the consultants and their activities.

Director Bettencourt requested to see the invoice for line item 19135 for Electronic Data Solutions.

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

**4. Consider Support Letter to Bureau of Reclamation Regarding City of Santa Barbara's Hydroelectric Plant at Lauro Reservoir – Presentation by Bob Roebuck**

Bob Roebuck, City of Santa Barbara, highlighted the City's plans to recommission the hydroelectric plant located at Lauro Reservoir. In 1982 USBR executed a License and Agreement which provided for construction, operation, and maintenance of the hydroelectric plant by the City. In 2002 the City decided to surrender the FERC license and decommission the power generation equipment. Currently there is a national effort underway to develop, clean, renewable sources of energy. The City has the opportunity to participate in this effort by producing clean hydroelectric power. An important part of the process is for COMB to indicate to the Bureau of Reclamation that they support declaring the land upon which the hydro plant sits, as excess which will allow the City to acquire the land in accordance with the U.S. General Services Administration process. All senior access across the parcel will remain in place for COMB and Reclamation. A support letter was included in the board packet for the Board's consideration.

Director Williams moved to approve sending a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation in support of the City of Santa Barbara's request to convey ownership of a parcel of land to the City for the purpose of recommissioning its hydroelectric plant at Lauro Reservoir, seconded by director Morgan, passed 7/0/0.

**5. Committee Appointments for FY 2010-11**

President Hanson made the following committee appointments for FY 2010-11.

- a. Capital Improvements**  
Chair Das Williams  
Member Bob Lieberknecht  
Alternate Lauren Hanson
- b. Finance**  
Chair Lauren Hanson  
Member Doug Morgan  
Alternate Bob Lieberknecht
- c. Management & Public Relations**  
Chair Bob Lieberknecht  
Member Lauren Hanson

Alternate Lee Bettencourt

**d. Operations**

Chair Bob Lieberknecht  
Member Doug Morgan  
Alternate Das Williams

**e. Legal Affairs**

Chair Das Williams  
Member Lee Bettencourt  
Alternate Lauren Hanson

**6. Committee Reports**

**a. Finance Committee Meeting August 11, 2010**

As Chair of the Finance Committee, Director Hanson reported that the committee had met on August 11, 2010 to begin the discussion on the COMB salaries and benefits. Staff was directed to provide more information for further discussion and comparison with other similar Joint Powers Agencies.

**7. 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. COMB Staffing**

Ms. Rees reported that during budget discussions she had recommended not filling a WSW 1 position this year to cut personnel costs. Due to recent staffing changes including the retirement of the Operations Supervisor, the needs of the operations crew were reevaluated. It was determined that COMB does not have sufficient field crew to carry out basic maintenance of the SCC system. Therefore, she informed the Board that instead of filling the Operations Supervisor position at this time, it would be best to fill the WSW 1 position. Advertising for the position began August 21, 2010. The Operations Supervisor position will be filled next fiscal year. There were no budget impacts as a result of this staffing decision.

**d. Replacement of SCC Lateral Meters – MWD Reach**

Ms. Rees reported that two of the three replacement meters for MWD had been ordered. The meter for Barker Pass Pump Station will be installed during the upgrade at that facility. The meter for the Ortega Pump Station has not been ordered due to a possible change in meter selection. MWD has volunteered to install the meters.

**e. Bureau of Reclamation's Annual Operations Coordination Meeting, August 12, 2010.**

Ms. Rees highlighted the Annual Operations Coordination meeting that was held at the COMB office. An agenda was included in the board packet and

Ms. Rees highlighted each agenda item. Director Morgan requested that she provide a written summary of the meeting for the Directors and Member Unit managers.

**f. Bureau of Reclamation's Construction Permitting Workshop, August 16, 2010**

Jim Colton reported that staff had attended a Permitting Process seminar sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation. The workshop presentation described the context of how Reclamation administers use authorizations on its lands, facilities, and water bodies. Mr. Colton provided a summary of the presentation in the board packet.

**g. Quagga Mussel Inspection Report – County of Santa Barbara**

The Quagga Mussel inspection report for July from the County of Santa Barbara was included in the board packet.

**h. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

**Date 08/23/2010**

Lake Elevation	740.85 feet
Storage	160,805 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	.00 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	26.77 inches
Fish Release-Hilton	33.3 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0 acre feet
Year to Date Spill	0 acre feet

**8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project**

**a. Project Status Report**

The status report was included in the board packet.

**b. Permit Status Report**

The status of the permit was included in the board packet. The process of the 106 permit is progressing and Reclamation has been very responsive to keeping the process moving. COMB's consultant, Applied Earthworks, has completed a draft report documenting the historic significance of the existing South Portal Site. The work plan for additional field testing to complete the identification of buried resources is pending approval from the Santa Ynez Band and Barbareno Tribe.

**c. Section 106 Permit – Meetings with Reclamation, August 3, 2010**

Ms. Rees met with Tony Overly, Reclamation in Fresno concerning the Section 106 permits for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project. Ms. Rees has invited Mr. Overly to the September 27, 2010 Board meeting.

**d. Bid Extension Agreement with Blois Construction, Inc.**

A copy of the fully executed agreement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project bid extension between COMB and Blois Construction, Inc. was included in the board packet.

**9. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

There were no requests.

**10. Meeting Schedule**

The next regular Board meeting will be held September 27, 2010 following the CCRB meeting at 2:15 P.M.

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


**11. [Closed Session] Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) (one case)**

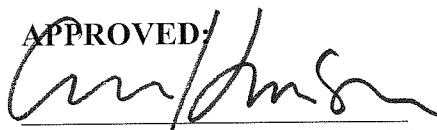
The Board went into closed session at 5:10 p.m. and came out of closed session at 5:32 p.m. The report out of closed session was that direction was given to staff.

**12. COMB Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**  
  
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Lauren Hanson, President of the Board