

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD
held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, April 23, 2012**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Matt Roberts	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Dale Francisco (2:15 arrival)	City of Santa Barbara

Others present:

Bruce Mowry	Tony Trembley
Charles Hamilton	Ruth Snodgrass
Kate Rees	Tim Robinson
Phil Walker	Janet Gingras
Rebecca Bjork	

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker made comments on CalPERS retirement and Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District water rates.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

March 26, 2012 Regular 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 Roberts, motion passed 5/0/2, and Director Francisco was absent.

Director Francisco arrived at 2:15 p.m.

4. Approval of Resolution No. 540 to Join the Health Benefits Program of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that COMB contracts with ACWA-Health Benefits Authority (HBA) for health care coverage for all employees and retirees. ACWA HBA has initiated proceedings to transition its operations and programs into the ACWA Joint Powers Authority (JPIA) that could result in cost savings. HBA must undertake a formal process to dissolve itself and combine its operations with JPIA. Resolution No. 540 consents to join the Employee Benefits Program of the ACWA/JPIA and ratifies the action of the ACWA Health Benefits Authority Board of Directors to terminate the HBA.

Director Beebe moved to approve Resolution No. 540 consenting to join the Health Benefits Program of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority, ratifying the action of the ACWA Health Benefits Authority Board of Directors to terminate the Health Benefits Authority Joint Powers Agreement, and authorizing and directing the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board to execute all necessary documents, seconded by Director Roberts. After discussion the motion and second were amended by stating the Resolution approval was contingent on staff approval of the new insurance policy issued by JPIA.

The motion passed by a roll call vote 7/0/0:

Ayes: Francisco, Roberts, Hanson, Morgan, Beebe

Nays: None

Abstain/Absent: None

5. Approval to Support Bill AB 2443 “Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention”

President Hanson reported that the letter in the board packet had been prepared to support Bill AB 2443, “Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention”. This bill would establish a new source of revenue to help local governments carry out existing requirements for inspection of Quagga and Zebra mussels.

Director Morgan moved to approve the letter of support for AB 2443 (Williams) seconded by Director Beebe, motion passed 7/0/0.

Phil Walker made comments.

6. Approval of Quiota Creek MOU with the County of Santa Barbara

Counsel Tony Trembley reported that the County and COMB believe it is in their mutual interest to enter into this Agreement to assign responsibility for ownership and maintenance of the roadway and culvert portions of these Projects. Mr. Trembley reported that the County submitted some minor changes to the Master Agreement and recommended that the Board approve the MOU with these changes.

Director Francisco moved to approve the Master Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board for the maintenance of roadway and culvert improvements for Quiota Creek Crossings at Refugio Road, seconded by Director Morgan.

The motion passed by a roll call vote 6/1/0:

Ayes: Francisco, Roberts, Hanson, Morgan,

Nays: Beebe

Abstain/Absent: None

7. Report From Board Committee

a. Administrative Committee Meeting, April 13, 2012

President Hanson reported that the committee met to go over the draft FY 2012-2013 budget. She reported that the General Managers had not had sufficient time to review the budget and that the changes and suggestions requested by the Administrative committee were not reflected in the draft budget presented in the board packet.

8. Draft FY 2012-2013 Budget

President Hanson stated that if there were no objections from the Directors, the budget included in the board packet would be sent back to the General Managers for their review at the May 2, 2012 General Managers meeting. The suggestions and comments from the Administrative Committee of April 13th and from the May 2nd Managers meeting would be incorporated in the draft budget and then reviewed by the Administrative Board Committee prior to the May Board meeting. The committees recommendations would be incorporated in the budget presented to the Board.

9. Report on Modified SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the first section of pipe was laid on March 30th and to date approximately 800 feet of pipe has been laid. The Bureau of Reclamation and the funding Agency have visited the site and have had no concerns regarding the project. Directors wishing to visit the construction site should contact the office for arrangements. The full monthly report prepared by Dave Baum was included in the board packet.

Phil Walker made comments.

10. Conveyance System Operations Program Report

The monthly report was included in the board packet; General Manager Bruce Mowry highlighted the report. President Hanson noted that an incident of March 27, 2012 concerning a flow change that had affected the Corona Del Mar Treatment Plant had not been included in the report. President Hanson distributed a letter to the Board from GWD's General Manager to COMB's General Manager.

Director Morgan requested that the Board be brought up to date regarding the grant application for the Highway 192/Mission Creek fish passage project at a future meeting.

11. Fisheries Program Report

Tim Robinson highlighted the Fisheries Report for March. Mr. Robinson has given several talks and would like to present a portion of those talks to the Board when the agenda schedule allows time.

12. Reports From the Manager

a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly water reports were included in the board packet.

b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The daily operations report for Lake Cachuma through April 18, 2012 was included in the board packet.

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

The County's summary of Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Program for March 2012 was included in the board packet.

d. General Manager's Overview of the System

President Hanson requested that the General Manager present the overview of the system report at the May meeting so that Director Lieberknecht as chair of the Operations Board Committee could be present.

13. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional requests from the Directors.

14. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation

a. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): One case

At 3:35 p.m. Tony Trembley announced that the Board would adjourn into closed session, conference with legal counsel. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): one case: removal of excess fill over the South Coast Conduit at 1215 Franklin Ranch Road, Goleta, CA, landowners Jessica and Andrew Brown, County LUP Appeals Case #, 07 LUP-00000-00830.

The Board came out of closed session at 4:05 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.

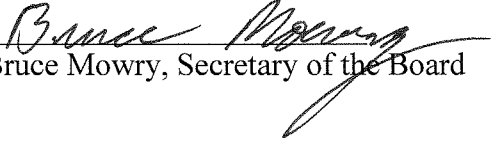
15. Meeting Schedule

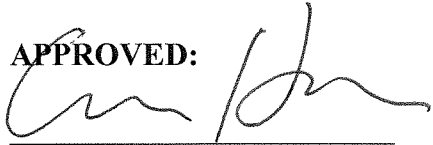
- The next regular Board meeting will be held May 21, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

16. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Mowry, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Lauren Hanson, President of the Board