

**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, January 25, 2010**  
REVISED

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:19 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	Fran Farina
Chip Wullbrandt	Rebecca Bjork
Tim Robinson	Adelle Capponi
Matt Bloise	Phil Walker
John McInnes	Charles Hamilton
Mark Reinhardt	Susan Segovia
Alex Keuper	Harlan Burchardi
Gary Kvistad	Bill Rosen
Isaiah Brookshire	

**2. Public Comment**

Phil Walker, a resident of Santa Barbara commented about the need for a warning siren at Lauro Reservoir in the event of a seismic situation.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes:**  
December 21, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- 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, 6/0/1, Director Morgan abstained.

**4. Introduction of Montecito Water District's Appointee Doug Morgan to the COMB Board**

President Williams introduced Doug Morgan, Montecito Water District's appointee to the COMB Board.

**5. Resolutions Relating to COMB Bank Account**

- a. **Resolution No. 498 Authorizing Signatories for the Cachuma Project Trust Fund and Renewal Fund Accounts at Santa Barbara Bank & Trust**
- b. **Resolution No. 499 Authorizing Signatories for General Fund Account at Santa Barbara Bank & Trust**

Ms. Rees reported that the COMB Board has had a recent change in two of its Directors, Lee Bettencourt replaced Matt Loudon from the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and Doug Morgan replaced Jan Abel from the Montecito Water District. The adoption of Resolution 498 and 499 will add these two Directors as a signatory on the COMB Renewal Fund and Trust Fund Accounts and on the COMB General Fund Account at Santa Barbara Bank & Trust.

Director Lieberknecht moved to approve and adopt Resolutions No. 498 and 499, seconded by Director Hanson. A roll call vote was taken, passed 7/0/0.

**6. Reconsideration of COMB Board Committee Appointments**

President Williams made the following committee appointments for the remaining FY 2009-2010 to fill vacancies due to the change in two Directors.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
 FY 2009-2010  
Mid-Year Appointments**

COMMITTEE NAME	COMMITTEE MEMBER	COMMITTEE MEMBER	ALTERNATE MEMBER
Capital Improvements	Lauren Hanson	Das Williams	Doug Morgan
Finance	Lauren Hanson	Bob Lieberknecht	Das Williams
Management & Public Affairs	Bob Lieberknecht	Das Williams	Doug Morgan
Operations	Bob Lieberknecht	Lauren Hanson	Doug Morgan
Legal Affairs	Lee Bettencourt	Das Williams	Lauren Hanson

## **7. Reports From the Manager**

### **a. Cachuma Water Reports**

The Water Reports were included in the board packet.

Director Morgan requested that the metering issue in the lower reach be resolved. Ms. Rees stated that there would be a meeting probably in February to address the issues.

### **b. Operations Report**

The Operations Report was included in the board packet

### **c. COMB Operating Committee**

The draft minutes from the January 13, 2010 meeting were included in the board packet.

Rebecca Bjork stated she felt the minutes reflect an accurate representation of what was discussed at the meeting. She wanted to point out that the letter from ID #1, which was distributed during the Board meeting, described actions that were not actually taken. The intent of the Operating Committee was to allow the managers to discuss issues before those issues were presented to the Board. She reiterated that the issue with the proposed Meadowlark project was a perfect example of the Operating Committee functioning as it was intended to. The committee felt this project was not an appropriate project for either COMB or CCRB to undertake. The ID #1 letter mischaracterizes what actually happened at the Operating Committee meeting concerning the Meadowlark project and the ownership and maintenance contract for the fish projects with the county. No action was taken on either item and these items will not be considered by the COMB Board.

Chris Dahlstrom spoke to the COMB Board regarding the concerns of the ID #1 Board of Trustees and why President Buchardi wrote the letter objecting to COMB's involvement in the Meadowlark project as well as the it's involvement in negotiating a contract with the County for the ownership and maintenance of the Fish Projects.

### **d. Quagga Mussel Inspection Report – County of Santa Barbara**

The monthly report from the County of Santa Barbara was included in the board packet.

Director Hanson reported that the Quagga Ad Hoc Committee has not been able to schedule a meeting with the County Board of Supervisors.

### **e. Jesusita Fire Activities**

The final report for the Jesusita Fire activities was included in the board packet. Director Morgan requested that cost for the different activities be included in these reports.

### **f. Status of Cachuma Lake & Park RMP/EIS**

Ms. Rees reported that there had been no change in the status of the Cachuma Lake Resource Management Plan and EIS (RMP/EIS). The completion date is now anticipated for January 2010. A certified EIS is also necessary for the long term lease negotiations to proceed.

**g. Proposition 50 and 84 Activities**

Ms. Rees had reported at the December meeting the SWRCB had suspended reimbursement to the Santa Barbara Prop 50 region. Included in the board packet was the corrective action letter sent to the SWRCB from Santa Barbara County Public Works Department. The State Board considered the actions and Ms. Rees has recently received information that the State Board has accepted the County's corrective actions and the reimbursement suspension will soon be released.

Ms. Rees reported that she hopes to bring to the Board in February a new MOU for Prop 84 that will be considered for the distribution of the administrative costs for continued work on Proposition 84 grant applications.

**h. 2008 Surcharge Accounting**

The monthly Surcharge Accounting was included in the board packet.

**i. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

**Date 01/25/2010**

Lake Elevation	737.30 feet
Storage	151,489 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	9.99 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	18.5 inches
Fish Release-Hilton	11.6 – 12.5 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	293.3 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0 acre feet
Year to Date Spill	0 acre feet

**8. Consider Resolution No. 497 to Approve the COMB 2010 Revenue Bond and Related Legal Documents and Agreements for the SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project (2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project)**

- a. Comb Indenture of Trust**
- b. Goleta Water District Joint Participation Agreement**
- c. City of Santa Barbara Joint Participation Agreement**
- d. COMB Purchase Contract – Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.**
- e. COMB Continuing Disclosure Agreement – Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.**
- f. COMB Preliminary Official Statement**
- g. Montecito Water District Contribution Agreement**
- h. Bond Indemnification Agreement**

A letter to the COMB Board from the Board President of Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, ID #1 was distributed at the meeting. The letter stated that the ID #1 Board determined in a unanimously approved motion that it would defer and withhold its action on the COMB Bond Resolution until such time that an

amendment is made and approved to the COMB JPA. The amendment needs to state and clarify that COMB is precluded from performing or engaging in any and all activities in the Santa Ynez River downstream of Bradbury Dam, and any and all Cachuma Project or water rights matters that affect downstream interests. Also, a clear demarcation between COMB and CCRB must be re-established.

Director Williams moved to table Item #8 to the February Board meeting, seconded by Director Morgan, passed 7/0/0.

**9. COMB Capital Improvement Program**

**a. Second Pipeline Project**

**1) Project Status Report**

This report was included in the board packet

**b. Mission Creek Pipeline and Fish Passage Project**

**1) Project Status Report**

This report was included in the board packet.

Director Morgan questioned the timeline of the two projects and if they were up to date. Ms. Rees said that it would be looked at but that she thought they were up to date.

**10. Consider Approval of COMB Operations Staff Restructuring and New Engineer Position**

Ms. Rees reported on the Operations staff restructuring. She recommended that the Operations Supervisor's job description be revised to shift a few higher level duties to a new engineer position. Along with the revised job description would be a lower salary range for the Operations Supervisor position. She requested the Board approve the permanent appointment of Robert Dunlap to Operations Supervisor and eliminate the Operations Foreman position.

Ms. Rees also requested approval to hire a new professional Engineer at a commensurable salary range. The fiscal impact for FY 2010-11 will be an increase in operations salaries for a total of \$17,852. To offset the increase in salary, staff will reduce other areas of the COMB budget, primarily in outside consulting work.

Director Hanson moved to approve the staff recommendations with the addition of Director Morgan's request that Robert Dunlap be given an evaluation, that the Operating Committee be able to look at the top engineer candidates, inform the Board of the selection committee when it has been formed and to consider Bob Roebuck to fill the position possibly as a half time position. The motion was seconded by Director Morgan and passed 6/1/0. Director Lieberknecht voted no.

**11. Ad Hoc Committee Report Regarding COMB Operating Committee's Role and Responsibilities**

Director Williams reported on the COMB Operating Committee's Role and Responsibilities as discussed during the January 13<sup>th</sup> Operating Committee meeting.

A wide ranging discussion took place regarding the structure of the Operating Committee:

- Which issues should first be considered by the Operating Committee and which should first go directly to the Board or the Board CIP Committee
- Return to a more informal Managers meeting, so that both COMB and CCRB items could be discussed
- Strive to develop the model of the CCWA Operating Committee
- Including fisheries projects discussion at the COMB Operating meeting
- Fisheries work would be discussed at a separate meeting on an ad hoc basis, including attorneys as needed
- Continue the current Operating Committee structure dealing with COMB issues only
- Do fisheries projects involve water rights or do they not

Director Hanson moved to recommend that the COMB Operating Committee would address COMB issues and that there be a separate managers meeting taking place on an ad hoc basis, including the attorneys as needed, to occur before or after the Operating Committee meetings. This meeting would be held to discuss fish project issues. Director Hanson included in her motion to add this item to the next CCRB agenda for consideration, seconded by Director Morgan, passed 7/0/0.

**12. Consider Santa Barbara County Parks Department's Request for Assistance with Matching Funds for Cachuma Park Federal Grant and Request to Authorize issues Discussion with the County CEO's Office**

This was thoroughly discussed during the CCRB meeting, Item #5.

Director Morgan moved to postpone the approval of allowing County Parks to use COMB/CCRB projects as matching funds for a federal grant application for the improvement projects at Lake Cachuma until COMB has an opportunity to speak with the County, seconded by Director Hanson,. He would like to authorize Ms. Rees to develop a list of unresolved issues, circulate it among the MU managers and ID #1, and would like for John McInnes to immediately initiate a dialog with the County CEO's office to institute a collaborative process, so the COMB motion is essentially the same as the CCRB motion. Director Bettencourt requested that either a staff or board representative from ID #1 be included on the committee that meets with the County to make sure ID #1's position is heard. President Williams indicated ID#1 was a member of COMB; Mr. Bettencourt said although ID#1 was a member on COMB, it was not a member of CCRB, so he could only vote on this motion. President Williams said ID#1's concern is taken care of as it has specifically been called out in the motion. The motion passed 6/1/0, Director Bettencourt voted no.

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

President Williams requested that an amendment to the COMB JPA to remove the Santa Ynez River Conservation District, ID #1 from the COMB JPA be considered.

Director Hanson requested that consideration of an amendment to the COMB JPA to revise the unanimous consent so that project approval would only require approval from the paying members.

#### **14. Meeting Schedule**

February 10, 2010 COMB Facilities Overview Tour, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
The next regular Board meeting will be held February 22, 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)

#### **15. COMB Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**

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Das Williams, President