

**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, October 25, 2010**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 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 Water Conservation Dist ID#1

Others present:

Kate Rees	Tony Trembley
Rebecca Bjork	Chip Wullbrandt
Janet Gingras	Sarah Knecht
Jim Colton	Adelle Capponi
Tim Robinson	Charles Hamilton
Ruth Snodgrass	David Ault
Gary Kvistad	Sonja Fernandez
John McInnes	Brad Newton
Tom Mosby	Chris Dahlstrom

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

September 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Reports
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

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

4. 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. Director Hanson requested the dates of the upcoming Tabletop design meetings. The next design meeting will be December 9, 2010. A planning meeting will be held January 11, 2011 and the actual exercise will occur on January 12, 2011.

c. USBR Periodic Facilities Review September 14-17, 2010

Ms. Rees reported that the Bureau of Reclamation conducted a Periodic Facility Review (PFR) of some of the Cachuma Project facilities September 13-17. As a result of that review, Reclamation recommended several actions. Staff presented a spreadsheet and schedule to implement these repairs in a timely manner. The majority of the work will be completed within six months, and updates will be provided periodically for the Board. Status reports on this O&M work will be included in the COMB Operation and Maintenance Plan that is currently being developed.

d. Proposition 50 and 84 Process

Ms. Rees reported that we are currently invoicing in-kind services for Prop 50. Santa Barbara County has submitted both the planning grant and implementation grant applications for Round 1 for Proposition 84 funding. Additional information was included in the board packet.

e. Quagga Mussel Inspection Reports – County of Santa Barbara

The Quagga Mussel Inspection reports for August and September from the County of Santa Barbara were included in the board packet.

f. Utility Executives Conference, October 14-15, 2010

Ms. Rees reported on the Utility Executives Conference that she had attended October 14-15, 2010.

g. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 10/25/2010

Lake Elevation	736.61 feet
Storage	149,722 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	1.42 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	1.42 inches
Fish Release-Hilton	382.4 acre feet for the month
Month to Date Spill	0 acre feet
Year to Date Spill	0 acre feet

5. Revised FY 2010-11 COMB Budget Effective January 1, 2011

A revised FY 2010-11 detailed budget reflecting the budget augmentation approved by the Board at the September 27, 2010 meeting for the existing fisheries program was included in the board packet. After discussion concerning specific items that

will be included in the COMB budget to support the fisheries activities, it was recommended that the budget be reviewed again at the December meeting to ensure that the budgeted items are consistent with the Draft Concept Reorganization Agreement. It was also recommended that at the next reorganization meeting the General Managers discuss the details of the fisheries portion of the budget.

6. 2nd Pipeline Project

a. Project Status Report

The project status report was included in the board packet. Ms. Rees reported that Jim Blois had requested that the Board consider awarding the construction bid for the 2nd Pipeline project for a portion of the project sooner than December 14, 2010 in order to avoid a possible increase in pricing for materials. The Board was not amenable to this suggestion as there was no provision in the bid specs to award a partial contract. In addition, all permits and funding are not yet in hand.

b. Permit Status Report

The permit status report was included in the board packet. Ms. Rees reported that Reclamation has determined that there is no historic significance to the south portal. The final cultural resources report has been completed and submitted to Reclamation. The Summary Regarding Buried Site Testing has been completed and the final draft report will be completed by October 22, 2010 for submittal to Reclamation. Once Reclamation accepts the final reports, they will write a Finding of No Effect for the Project and submit it to SHPO for concurrence. Ms. Rees thinks the 106 Permit should be issued by mid-December.

With regard to the EIS, Reclamation had some formatting and organizational changes to the EIS. However no additional impacts were identified, so the document does not need to be recirculated. Once the final EIS is completed, a Notice of Availability will be sent with the EIS to Washington DC for posting in the Federal Register and with EPA for a 30 day review period.

c. Update on Funding Process and Project Approval Schedule

A schedule was included in the board packet. This schedule will need to be reviewed and updated. The Bond documents and Contribution Agreements also need to be updated and prepared for Board approval.

President Williams requested that approval of the financial documents and bid award be added to the November agenda if possible.

7. Consideration of COMB Land Use Authorization Policy

Staff recommended that COMB would issue approval letters, permits, or licenses for land use activities that are only minor or temporary in nature. Reclamation would issue approval letters, permits, or licenses for land use activities that are permanent or more complex in nature. COMB staff would do all preliminary assessments of encroachments and make recommendations to Reclamation.

Staff recommended that the Board authorize staff to finalize the Land Use Authorization Process, Policy, and Fee Schedule using this approach. If at some time in the future, this approach is not acceptable to the Board, staff will seek direction on a preferred structure to establish a COMB policy.

Director Williams moved to authorize staff to finalize staff's recommended Land Use Authorization Process, Policy and Fee Schedule for Board consideration at the November 22, 2010 meeting, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 7/0/0.

8. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional requests for agenda items, however Director Morgan requested that a Finance Committee meeting be schedule to discuss benefits/salaries.

9. Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board meeting will be held November 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

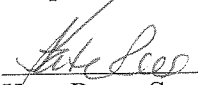
10. [Closed Session] Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) (one case)

The Board went into closed session at 5:08 p.m. and came out of closed session at 5:35 p.m. There was nothing to report out of closed session.

11. COMB Adjournment


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Lauren Hanson, President of the Board