

**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, September 24, 2007**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:44 p.m. by Vice-President Matt Loudon, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Matt Loudon	SYR Water Conservation Dist., ID#1
Harry DeWitt	Goleta Water District
Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara
Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
June Van Wingerden	Carpinteria Valley Water District

Others present:

Kate Rees	William Hair
Steve Mack	Brett Gray
Bob Roebuck	Charles Hamilton
Gary Kvistad	Chris Dahlstrom
Rebecca Bjork	Janet Gingras

2. Public Comment

Director Williams announced that along with City staff, he would be meeting with Assemblyman Pedro Nava to discuss stiltation issues that may result from the Zaca Fire and also what kind of help might be available from the State.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

August 27, 2007 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Abel moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Williams. Motion carried, 5/0/2, Director DeWitt abstained.

4. Reports from the Manager

a. Water Storage, Water Production Use, SWP Accounting

The monthly reports were included in the Board packet

1. Operations Report

The August 2007 report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the board packet.

2. 2006 Surcharge Accounting

Ms. Rees highlighted the changes she had made to the 2006 Surcharge Water chart she prepares each month. She added a column showing the WR 89-18 releases, which are being conjunctively used to meet target flow requirements for the steelhead fishery.

e. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 09/24/2007

Lake elevation

Storage	acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	acre feet
Month to Date Spill	acre feet

5. Santa Barbara County's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

a. MOU for Administration of Santa Barbara Countywide IRWMP and Proposition 50 Round 2 Step 2 Grant Application

b. Budget Adjustment to Cover Increased Cost

The recommendations before the Board were:

- a. That the COMB Board approve a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Administration of the Santa Barbara Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and Proposition 50 Round 2 Step 2 Grant Application, in substantially the same form as attached, with a COMB share not to exceed \$60,000 to support the ongoing IRWMP administrative expenses and prepare the grant application.

- b. Approve a FY 2007-08 Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$25,000 for increased costs for the consultant to prepare the IRWMP Round 2 Step 2 grant application.

Ms. Rees reported that the new MOU provided for sharing the costs associated with the ongoing administration of the IRWMP process and for the cost of preparing a detailed application for the Step 2 grant process. All Cooperating Partners were encouraged to continue funding the minor expenses associated with the IRWMP administration. The more substantial costs associated with the Step 2 grant application are to be funded by the Project Proponents. COMB is one of the Project Proponents and, therefore, responsible for its share of the cost to prepare the grant application. COMB's 2nd Pipeline Project has been included on the project list. If Santa Barbara is awarded the full \$25 million, COMB will receive \$4 million for the 2nd Pipeline Project.

Ms. Rees reported the \$25,000 budget adjustment would be a transfer of funds from the Legal account to the IRWMP account. There would still remain sufficient funds to cover COMB's projected legal expenses for this fiscal year.

Director Williams moved to approve staff recommendations 1 and 2, seconded by Director DeWitt, passed 6/0/1, Director Loudon abstained.

6. Zaca Fire Potential Impacts to Lake Cachuma, Winter Storm Emergency Preparedness Projects

Brett Gray, Operations Supervisor, reported on the recent meetings he had attended with the County Flood District regarding Zaca Fire potential impacts to Lake Cachuma and winter storm emergency preparedness projects. With over 50% of the watersheds at Lake Cachuma and Gibraltar Reservoir burned, a potentially serious emergency exists with the expected winter storms and runoff. In response to the anticipated amount of woody debris that may enter Lake Cachuma, it is necessary to take some preventative actions. In response to the potential emergency, staff presented three recommendations for Board approval:

1. Allocate \$200,000 of unexpended fund balance from Fiscal Year 2006/2007 to fund the winter storm emergency preparedness projects.
2. Assist the County Flood Control District with funding for the log booms in Lake Cachuma in the amount of \$30,000.
3. Contract for debris removal in Lake Cachuma with an outside contractor in the amount of \$120,000.

Mr. Gray also reported that even though Gibraltar Reservoir is a City of Santa Barbara facility, the loss of storage capacity in Gibraltar would greatly impact the ability to meet peak demand in the summer, and place a burden on the SCC beyond its current limits. Because of this, staff will closely follow the City's activities to prevent siltation into

Gibraltar Reservoir and also offer support for any control measures for Gibraltar Reservoir.

Ms. Rees recommended that the Board also consider hiring Barry Hecht, Balance Hydrologics, Inc., to assess the impacts on Lake Cachuma due to the fire. The Board agreed that there was a need to react quickly to possible potential emergencies during the winter storm season and to put in place possible preventive actions. The Board also thought Mr. Hecht was well qualified to do the assessment of Lake Cachuma.

Director Abel moved to approve staff recommendations, and also directed to staff to contact Mr. Hecht for a proposal to carry out an impact assessment on Lake Cachuma, seconded by Director Williams, passed 7/0/0.

7. COMB Nomination of Kate Rees for the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee

Ms. Rees expressed interest in serving on the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee for the 2008-2009 term. She would like to become more involved in ACWA and broaden her interaction with water agencies on a statewide level. She reported that the committee meets four times a year, two of which are held during the ACWA conferences, and that all expenses would need to be paid by the sponsoring agency.

Director Williams moved to nominate Kate Rees to serve on the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee for 2008-2009, seconded by Director Van Wingerden, passed 7/0/0.

8. Certificate of Appreciation for Steve Mack Water Resources Manager, Upon His Retirement from the City of Santa Barbara

Director Abel moved to approve the certificate of appreciation for Steve Mack, seconded by Director Williams, passed 7/0/0.

Director Loudon, COMB Vice-President and Director Abel, CCRB President presented the certificate of appreciation to Steve Mack upon his retirement from the City of Santa Barbara. All expressed their appreciation to his dedication and hard work to the City of Santa Barbara and to the entire Santa Barbara water community. His professionalism, knowledge, and experience will be greatly missed.

9. Certificate of Appreciation for Kirk C. Rodgers, Regional Director Mid-Pacific Region, Upon His Retirement from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Director Abel moved to approve sending a certificate of appreciation to Kirk C. Rodgers, Regional Director of the Mid-Pacific Region, upon his retirement from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, seconded by Director Williams, passed 7/0/0.

10. Consider Rescheduling November 26, 2007 Regular Board Meeting to November 19, 2007

The Directors will be contacted before the October 22, 2007 meeting to consider moving the November Board meeting from November 26 to November 19, 2007.

11. Director's Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no requests from the Directors.

12. Meeting Schedule

October 22, 2007 is the next regular COMB Board meeting following the 2:15 P.M. CCRB regular Board meeting, at the COMB office.

The Board Packets are available on the CCRB-COMB Website, www.ccrb-comb.org

13. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chuck Evans, President