

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF
CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD**

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105**

**Monday, February 25, 2019
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

Those in attendance were:

Directors Present:

Polly Holcombe, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Lauren Hanson, Goleta Water District
Kristen Sneddon, City of Santa Barbara
Tobe Plough, Montecito Water District

General Counsel Present:

William Carter, Musick, Peeler & Garrett, LLP

Staff Present:

Janet Gingras, General Manager
Edward Lyons, Administrative Manager/CFO
Joel Degner, Water Resources Engineer
Elijah Papen, Program Analyst

Dave Stewart, Operations Division Manager
Dorothy Turner, Administrative Assistant II
Scott Volan, Project Biologist

Others Present:

Farfalla Borah, Goleta Water District
Fray Crease, SB Water Agency
Kelley Dyer, City of Santa Barbara

Charles Hamilton, Resident
Eileen Preston, WE Watch
Philip Walker, Resident

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Walker shared how a super-Atmospheric River Storm (ARkStorm) might impact California. Mr. Walker also commented on the Stockton area levies and the recent Highway 154 closure.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of January 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- c. Review of Paid Claims

The consent agenda was addressed in two motions to allow Director Plough to abstain. Director Hanson motioned to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Director Sneddon, the motion passed with a vote of five in favor and one abstention.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Abstain: Plough

Absent:

Ms. Gingras commented upon various items of note within the Investments and Paid Claims Reports. Director Hanson motioned to approve the Investment Reports and Paid Claims. Director Sneddon seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Plough, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

4. **VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES**

- ***Administrative Committee Meeting – February 15, 2019:*** Director Holcombe presented the topics within the Administrative Committee Meeting agenda, noting that items will be addressed within the Board meeting agenda.

5. **MID-YEAR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19; SELECTION OF ACWA REPRESENTATIVE**

- Administrative Committee
- Operations Committee
- Fisheries Committee
- Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Committee
- Public Outreach Committee
- ACWA Representative Selection

President Holcombe presented her member assignments for the various committees. Further, she solicited interest from Board members to be appointed as the ACWA JPIA representative. After a short discussion, Director Sneddon was appointed as COMB's representative to ACWA JPIA, with a request that she report back to the board on her ACWA JPIA activities.

6. **FINAL COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) – FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

Ms. Gingras offered the final Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Letter of Required Communication, as presented in the Board Packet, for receipt & filing. President Holcombe called for the vote to receive and file the CAFR. Director Hanson so moved and Director Sneddon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Plough, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 683 – ADOPTION OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019 UPDATE**

Ms. Gingras presented the staff memo and Resolution, noting that the 2019 changes to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRM Plan) were made to bring the plan into compliance with the 2016 guidelines and update mandated provisions. Director Plough motioned that Resolution No. 683 be approved; Director Hanson seconded. Director Sneddon asked for an overview of the history of the IMWM Plan which was provided by Ms. Gingras. After discussion, the vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously with six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Plough, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

8. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

- Administration
- Operations / Engineer Activities
- Fisheries Division Activities

Ms. Gingras presented her report as contained in the Board packet, highlighting the Transferred Project Works Contract Renewal, the release of unexpended funds to the member agencies, the Non-Member Agency invoice, various infrastructure work and an update on Fisheries activities. A discussion ensued regarding the Non-Member Agency invoice and payment. Mr. Carter advised the Board of the sequence of events in the matter and the next step to be taken.

9. **WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER REPORT**

- Forecasted Lake Elevations
- Climate Conditions
- Highway 154 Closure
- Infrastructure Improvement Project Status

Mr. Degner presented his staff report supplemented by a slide show illustrating the topics within his report. He provided data on recent storm events, the highway 154 debris flow, projections on lake elevation taking into account CCWA deliveries and forecasts of inflows and outflows. He provided an

overview of the Santa Ynez River downstream accounting methods and history. Mr. Degner fielded questions from the Board and responded to points of discussion.

10. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. Stewart presented the Operations Division Report as contained in the Board packet, noting the hiring of a new Water Service Worker I, a couple of successful conduit shutdowns for repairs and the City of Santa Barbara repair of a failed culvert next to the conduit. There were no questions from the Board.

11. FISHERIES DIVISION REPORT

- LSYR Steelhead Monitoring Elements
- Tributary Project Updates
- Surcharge Water Accounting
- Reporting/Outreach/Training

Mr. Volan presented the Fisheries Division Report, illustrated by a slide show highlighting the work in progress, including the annual beaver dam survey, the ongoing migrant trapping and the Passage Supplementation Program. He fielded questions from the Board.

12. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Volan provided a summary of the ongoing maintenance of the Oak Tree program, noting that Cachuma Park is a great location for the plantings, both as an access point and the availability of water. Oak Tree inventories for years one through nine are finished and work is beginning on year ten trees just planted. He fielded questions from the Board.

13. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

- a. Cachuma Water Reports
- b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions
- c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

Ms. Gingras presented the Cachuma Project Reports as provided in the Board packet, noting that there was nothing unusual to report.

14. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

Director Sneddon requested that a closed session be scheduled for the next board meeting.

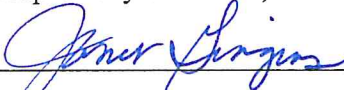
15. **MEETING SCHEDULE**

- **March 25, 2019 at 1:00 PM, COMB Office**
- **Board Packages available on COMB website www.cachuma-board.org**

16. **COMB ADJOURNMENT**

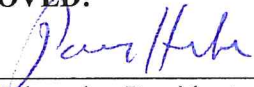
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Polly Holcombe, President of the Board

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	<i>Unapproved</i>