

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD**

**TELECONFERENCE
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (b)**

held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, June 25, 2012

NOTICE: This Meeting included teleconferencing as authorized and in accordance with Government Code section 54953. The teleconferencing took place at the COMB Board room at 3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 and at 5440 Colorado Route 41, Grand Lake, CO 80447.

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
Bob Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Dennis Beebe(via teleconference)	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara

Others present:

Bruce Mowry	Tony Trembley
Charles Hamilton	Karen Carroll
John McInnes	Tim Robinson
Phil Walker	Janet Gingras
Ruth Snodgrass	Adelle Capponi
Zach Fournier	Megan Emami
David Baum	Melinda Fournier
Theresa Lancy	Sam Schaefer
Kate Rees	

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker made comments on a 1998 tree study and droughts and also on an article in the LA times on the Baldwin Hills area shifting.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

May 21, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Francisco moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Director Morgan.

Alternate Director Karen Carroll stated that she felt the third paragraph under Item #4 of the minutes did not accurately reflect her statement regarding the Oak Tree Program. Ms. Carroll will submit her statement in regards to the Oak Tree Program which will be incorporated in the minutes and approval of the minutes will be considered at the July 23, 2012 meeting.

After discussion Director Francisco withdrew his motion and moved to approve the Investment Funds and the Payment of Claims and consider the May 21, 2012 minutes at the July 23, 2012 Board meeting. As the second of the motion, Director Morgan agreed to this change and seconded the new motion.

The motion passed with a roll call vote, 7/0/0:

Ayes: Hanson, Morgan, Lieberknecht, Francisco, Beebe

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Consider Approval of Proposed FY 2012-2013 Budget

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the COMB FY 2012-13 Proposed Final Operating Budget is presented for Board approval. The only change in the budget from last month's preliminary budget was a reduction in the North Portal repairs.

The Directors had some questions on separate line items in the budget which were explained and clarified. Director Beebe proposed deleting several line items that ID#1 does not support. Director Beebe also objected to the term development of Riverware. The board agreed the line item should reference 'use of' Riverware not 'development'.

Director Francisco moved to approve the COMB Proposed Final Operating Budget for fiscal year 2012-13 which includes advancement of the South Coast Member Units MURRP net quarterly assessments during the first three quarters of the fiscal year, and also including the change in wording for Riverware from 'development' to 'use', seconded by Director Morgan.

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

Ayes: Hanson, Morgan, Lieberknecht, Francisco

Nays: Beebe

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Director Morgan requested that the Administrative Committee meet in the next six months to review the benefits package for COMB employees.

5. FEMA/CAL-EMA 2005 Winter Storm Funding Closeout

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the State Office of Emergency Services (Cal-EMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Recovery Division has performed a final closeout on COMB's disaster application #1577 pertaining to the 2005 winter storms. At that time COMB applied for and received FEMA disaster relief through Cal-EMA. Of the twelve small projects submitted for repair, three of the projects have been de-obligated due to incompleteness of the original approved scope of work. A summary of the projects will be prepared for the Directors for the July meeting.

Director Francisco moved to approve the designation of restricted funds in the amount of (\$34,871.42) for the purposes of returning FEMA/Cal-EMA unused 2005 Winter Storm Grant Funds, seconded by Director Morgan.

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

Ayes: Hanson, Morgan, Lieberknecht, Francisco

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Beebe

6. Consider Approval to Join ACWA/JPIA Workers' Compensation Insurance Program

Bruce Mowry reported that ACWA/JPIA has provided very attractive rates on their workers compensation insurance product. COMB pursued the application process and the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee will recommend that COMB join the risk pool for this program. COMB's workers compensation premiums will be reduced by over 6% with an overall savings of approximately \$35,000 as compared to the FY 2011-12 Budget. The approval of Resolutions 541, 542 and 543 are the necessary steps to implement this program.

a. Resolution No. 541 Authorizing Application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California for a Certificate of Consent to Self Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities

Director Lieberknecht moved to approve Resolution No. 541 authorizing application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California for a Certificate of Consent to Self Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities, seconded by Director Morgan.

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

Ayes: Hanson, Morgan, Lieberknecht, Francisco, Beebe

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

b. Resolution No. 542 Consenting to Enter the Joint Protection Programs of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Director Francisco move to approve Resolution No. 542 consenting to enter the Joint Protection Programs of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority, seconded by Director Morgan.

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

Ayes: Hanson, Morgan, Lieberknecht, Francisco, Beebe

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

c. Resolution No. 543 Consenting to Provide Volunteer Personnel Workers' Compensation Insurance

Director Francisco move to approve Resolution No. 543 consenting to provide Volunteer Personnel Workers' Compensation Insurance, seconded by Director Morgan.

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

Ayes: Hanson, Morgan, Lieberknecht, Francisco, Beebe

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7. Work Plan for the Oak Tree Restoration Program

Included in the board packet was a work plan for the Cachuma Oak Tree Restoration Program, a letter from Dennis Beebe, ID#1 Board President and a revised work plan that was handed out at the Board meeting. Director Beebe had requested a detailed work plan from staff to be presented to the Board, Tim Robinson summarized the revised work plan.

Melinda Fournier, Sam Schaefer and Phil Walker made comments on this item.

Director Beebe stated that he is very concerned by the risk COMB is taking by doing this program in house.

The Directors requested that a monthly report on the program progress be included in the monthly board packet.

8. Report on Modified SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the project is ahead of schedule and going very well. The underground piping is almost completed and the pipe for the interconnection is currently being fabricated. Mr. Mowry also reported that all work has been permitted and Reclamation reviewed the project and stated that the project

is in full compliance with their requirements. The full report from David Baum was included in the board packet.

9. Conveyance System Operations Program Report

Bruce Mowry reported that staff had attended the USBR Dam Instrumentation Training and an "Asbestos Pipe Safety Training" course as well as a Pesticide Applicators Professionals Association seminar. The monthly report of activities from Shane King was included in the board packet.

10. Fisheries Program Report

Tim Robinson reported that staff has finished the last Redd Survey and is currently doing the snorkel surveys and water quality measurements. He also reported that all grant funding for the Quiota Creek Crossing 7 has been secured. Draft 100% design drawings have been submitted to Santa Barbara County and to NMFS. A draft construction contract will be brought to the Board at the July meeting for review and approval.

11. 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 June 20, 2012 was included in the board packet.

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

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

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that staff would be presenting to the Board a project at Glen Anne Reservoir for review and discussion. It would first be discussed at the next General Managers meeting.

He also reported that in order to stay in compliance with the ACWA/JPIA Workers Compensation Insurance, there are upgrades and changes that need to be made to the facility at Lauro yard during the coming weeks.

12. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Director Beebe requested continued discussion on the Cachuma Oak Tree Restoration Program and possible action by the Board, should the work plan be proven to be inadequate.

Director Beebe also requested a legal opinion from counsel on an order by the State Water Board regarding the Oak Tree Program and water rights issues. President Hanson stated that this should be included when the Board returns to discussion on differences of opinions and reorganization.

13. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

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

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 went into closed session at 4:13 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:35 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.

14. [Closed Session]: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957

a. Title: General Manager

The Board went into closed session at 4:36 p.m. and came out of closed session at 6:23 p.m.

The Board has scheduled a Special Board Meeting for Friday, June 19, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.

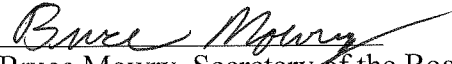
15. Meeting Schedule

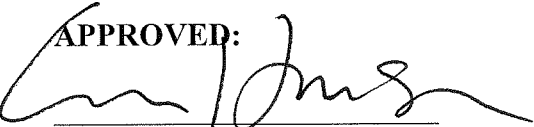
- The next regular Board meeting will be held July 23, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

16. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Mowry, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Lauren Hanson, President of the Board