

**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, March 23, 2009**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by President Das Williams, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

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

Alternate Director, Larry Mills, represented Goleta Water District while Director Hanson was absent.

Others present:

Kate Rees	William Hair
Eric Ford	Larry Mills
Brett Gray	Janet Gingras
Tom Mosby	Rebecca Bjork
Gary Kvistad	Phil Walker
David McDermott	Charles Hamilton
Rosie Thompson	Chip Wullbrandt
Bruce Jones	

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker made public comments concerning the silt accumulation in Lake Cachuma, Santa Cruz drainage, seismic concerns at the Intake Tower, the Ortega Reservoir seepage, and the 2nd Pipeline Project.

(The board next considered Item #10)

10. Consider Approval of MOU to Participate in Prop 84

The discussion of this item took place during the CCRB Board meeting, item # 6.

Director Mills moved to approve the MOU as presented during the CCRB meeting, contingent upon the County Board of Supervisors also approving the MOU, seconded by Director Loudon, passed 7/0/0.

Director Loudon left the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

3. Public Hearing for Consideration of the South Coast Conduit/Upper Reach Reliability Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The public hearing was opened at 4:08 p.m. There were no comments from the public.

Brett Gray summarized the 2nd Pipeline Project and presented an overview of the EIS/EIR, public comments received, and the environmental findings.

In answer to Director Williams' question, Rosie Thompson, SAIC explained the procedure that would be used to relocate any red-legged frogs from the construction site, should they be present.

Brett Gray answered Director Van Wingerden's questions concerning the location of the new pipeline and the material used to construct the original and the new pipe.

The public hearing was closed at 4:26 p.m.

4. Proposed Resolution No. 485 Certifying the Final Environmental impact Report Prepared for the South Coast Conduit/Upper Reach Reliability Project, Adopting Environmental Findings Pursuant to CEQA, A statement of Overriding Considerations, and A Mitigation monitoring and Reporting plan, and Approval of the South Coast Conduit/Upper Reach Reliability Project

Ms. Rees presented the staff recommendation that the Board certify the Final EIR; adopt the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations Fact regarding the significant environmental impacts of the proposed Project, adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan to track mitigation measures designed to reduce or avoid such impacts, and approve the proposed Project.

Director Mills moved to approve Resolution No. 485 – Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the South Coast Conduit/Upper Reach Reliability Project and Approval of the Project, seconded by Director Abel, a roll call vote was taken,6/0/1, Director Loudon was absent.

6. Lauro Debris Basin Site Visit

Time did not allow for the site visit.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

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Director Mills moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Director Williams, passed 5/0/2, Director Van Wingerden abstained, Director Loudon was absent.

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Abel moved to approve the Investment funds and the Payment of Claims as presented, seconded by Director Van Wingerden, passed 6/0/1, Director Loudon was absent.

8. Reports From the Manager

a. Cachuma Water Reports

The water reports prepared by Janet Gingras were included in the Board packet.

b. Operations Report

The Operations Report from Brett Gray was included in the Board packet.

c. Santa Barbara County Water Purveyors Meeting Held March 12, 2009

Ms. Rees highlighted the Santa Barbara County Water Purveyors meeting held March 12, 2009.

d. Gibraltar Pass Through Meeting Held March 2, 2009

Ms. Rees reported on the Upper Santa Ynez River Operations Agreement (Pass Through) meeting held March 2, 2009. She reported that the City of Santa Barbara has instituted the pass through mode of operations for the first time due to a sudden increase in sedimentation into Gibraltar Reservoir due to the Zaca Fire, which has caused a substantial decrease in the capacity of the Reservoir.

e. Stimulus Funding Application for COMB CIP Projects

Ms. Rees included in the board packet the pre-application's that COMB submitted for stimulus funding from the State Revolving Fund. The projects totaled about \$18 million. This will be an accelerated process, so grant awards will be made within the next couple of months.

f. 2008 Surcharge Accounting

Ms. Rees' surcharge accounting report was included in the board packet. All water being released for fish target flows is currently being provided from Cachuma Project yield. There is 3,200 acre feet of water remaining in the fish passage account to provide supplementation flows for steelhead passage migration.

h. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions
Date 03/23/2009

There was no report this month.

9. Report on Washington D.C. Meetings, February 2009

President Williams and Chip Wullbrandt reported on the Washington D.C. meetings during the CCRB meeting Item #5.

Director Hanson returned to the meeting at 4:45 p.m. and replaced Alternate Director Mills at the table.

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

Director Abel requested that Ms. Rees report on the County Board of Supervisors' meeting to be held March 24, 2009 concerning the Quagga Mussel issue, especially the plan that County Parks was requested to provide to COMB showing how boating fees or other Park revenue would be increased over time to cover the cost of the Quagga prevention program.

12. Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board meeting will be held April 27, 2009 following the 2:15 p.m. CCRB regular Board meeting, at the COMB office.

Proposed Field Trip Dates: April 29, April 30, May 27, May 28, 2009

The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website,
www.cachuma-board.org

(The Board next considered Item #5)

5. Closed Session Under Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Claim of Saida Samayoa

The Board went into closed session at 4:46 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:50 p.m.

The report out of closed session was that a claim had been made against COMB, and that the Board rejected the claim. A letter will be sent to the claimant.

13. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Das Williams, President