

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

**held at  
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA  
Monday, December 17, 2012**

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**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
Matt Roberts	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara

**Others present:**

Bruce Mowry	Tony Trembley
Charles Hamilton	Tim Robinson
Karen Carroll	Adelle Capponi
Janet Gingras	Ruth Snodgrass
Chris Dahlstrom	Sonia Fernandez
David Baum	Douglas DeFlitch
Nick Zaninovich	Kim Chisholm
Tom Brown	

**2. Public Comment**

There were no comments from the Public.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes:**  
November 19, 2012 Regular Board Meetings
- b. **Investment Funds**  
Financial Report  
Investment Report
- c. **Payment of Claims**

Director Beebe moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Director Francisco, passed 7/0/0.

#### **4. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 555, 2013 Board Meeting Schedule**

The approval of Resolution No. 555 would establish the regular Board meeting dates for calendar year 2013.

Director Beebe moved to approve Resolution No. 555, seconded by Director Francisco, the motion passed by a roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Beebe, Francisco, Hanson, Roberts, Morgan

**Nayes:** None

**Absent/Abstain:** None

#### **5. Report From Board Committees**

##### **a. Fisheries Board Committee Meetings, November 27, 2012 and December 12, 2012**

Director Beebe reported on the Fisheries Board Committee meetings. The meeting held on November 27<sup>th</sup> was for a final review of the 2010 Annual Monitoring report. The committee provided comments which were incorporated in the report before submitting it to Reclamation. The December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was spent mostly discussing the sharing of data with CDFG in regards to their DIDSON system used for monitoring fish migration. CDFG has requested that our current data from fish trapping be released to them so they could verify the accuracy of their new system. This will come back to the Board in the form of a letter for Board consideration. The committee also discussed a grant for riparian corridor fencing to prevent cattle from reaching the creek in certain areas in order to protect steelhead habitat.

#### **6. Progress Report on Cachuma Lake Oak Tree Program**

The monthly report prepared by Tim Robinson and Scott Volan was included in the board packet.

The ad hoc committee has been appointed for the Oak Tree Program which would include Director Morgan, Chair and Director Beebe, member.

#### **7. Report on Modified SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project**

David Baum presented a photo overview of the project; the completion date is expected to be January 11, 2013.

Tom Brown, landowner and Charles Hamilton, CVWD General Manager made comments.

#### **8. Report on Quiota Creek Crossing 7 Fish Passage Improvement Project**

Tim Robinson had a photo presentation of the Quiota Creek Crossing 7 Project. The project began 9/4/2012, the stream was allowed to flow on 10/18/2012, the Refugio Road was reopened on 11/16/2012 and the project was successfully completed on 11/20/2012.

## **9. Conveyance System Operations Program Report**

The December Conveyance System Operations Program report by David Baum was included in the board packet. Bruce Mowry highlighted the preparation for the Tecolote Tunnel Inspection to be held on December 19, 2012.

## **10. Fisheries Program Report**

Tim Robinson highlighted the monthly report on the Fisheries Program. Mr. Robinson reported that two grants have been submitted for the construction cost of the Quiota Creek Crossing 1 project, staff has met with the CDFG grants coordinator regarding Crossing 0 and COMB staff is waiting for the revisions from HDR for the Jalama Road Fish Ladder modification. Staff also participated in a Santa Ynez Charter School field trip to the Santa Ynez River.

## **11. Tri County Fish Team Meeting December 4, 2012**

The draft forum agenda for the Tri County Fish Team was included in the board packet.

## **12. Reports From the Manager**

### **a. Cachuma Water Reports**

The monthly reports were included in the board packet.

### **b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

The Lake Cachuma Daily Operations report through December 10, 2012 was included in the board packet.

### **c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey**

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

### **d. COMB Activities**

General Manager Bruce Mowry had nothing to add to his report.

## **13. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Director Beebe requested that the 'unaccounted for water' be added to a future agenda.

Director Morgan requested the benefits program for future hires be added to an agenda after the Administrative Committee has prepared a proposed plan.

## **14. [Closed Session]:**

### **a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

**Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code 54956.9): One Case (November 9, 2012 Government Claim of Andrew and Jessica Brown)**

Tony Trembley announced that the Board would adjourn into closed session, conference with legal counsel to discuss Item 14a.

*The Board took a break at 3:35 p.m.*

The Board entered into closed session at 3:42 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:00 p.m.

In accordance with Government Code Section 54957.1, the report of action taken in closed session was:

On a vote of 6/0/1, Director Beebe abstained, the Governing Board adopted the following motion: "The Governing Board hereby rejects the November 9, 2012 claim of Andrew and Jessica Brown for Breach of Right of Entry and Revocable License Agreement, and directs COMB staff to provide written notice of the rejection of the claim to claimants' attorney in accordance with Government Code Section 913."

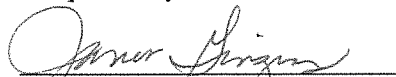
**15. Meeting Schedule**

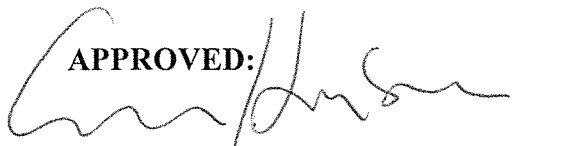
- The next regular Board meeting will be held January 28, 2013 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, [www.cachuma-board.org](http://www.cachuma-board.org)

**16. COMB Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**   
Lauren Hanson, President of the Board