

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board
held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, California
January 23, 2006**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Vice President Evans called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Directors present:

Chuck Evans	Goleta Water District
Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
Robert Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara
Lee Bettencourt	Santa Ynez River Water Conservation Dist ID#1 (Alternate)

Others present:

Bob Wignot	Kate Rees
Brett Gray	Janet Gingras
Bob Roebuck	Tim Robinson
William Hair	Russell Ruiz
Steve Mack	Larry Wilson
Chip Wullbrandt	Kevin Walsh
Steve A. Amerikaner	Gary Kvistad
Robert Dunlap	Scott Volan
B.R. Bertrando	Jack Ruskey

2. Introduction of Council Member Das Williams, New COMB Representative from the City of Santa Barbara

Chair Evans welcomed and introduced Council Member Das Williams, the new COMB representative from the City of Santa Barbara.

(the Board next considered Item #4)

4. Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of November 21, 2005 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Reports from the Manager

- Water Storage
 - Productions & Use, SWP Accounting Water
 - Operations Report
 - Financial Report
 - Investment Report
- c. Payment of Claims

Director Abel moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Bettencourt. Motion carried, 7/0/0.

7. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Reservoir Current Conditions:

Date 01/23/2006

Lake elevation	747.35 feet
Storage	180,115 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	7.82 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	10.7 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	11 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	265 acre feet

The remaining surcharge in the fish account is just over 2700 AF.

8. Lauro Dam Seismic Safety Modifications Project

Mr. Wignot reported the Lauro Dam Seismic Safety Modification Project is underway and they are currently screening material to be stockpiled and used later in the project. Sand and gravel will be delivered March through August for the new filter and drainage system that will be installed on the downstream embankment.

The repayment contract for reimbursement of the 15% obligation of the project costs is currently being circulated for the 60 day public review. That period ends on February 14, 2006. If there are no changes in the contract due to public comments, the contract should be ready to present to the COMB Board at the March 27, 2006 meeting.

9. Proposed Residential Development in the Lauro Reservoir Watershed at 1560 San Roque Road

Mr. Wignot reminded the Board of the letter that was sent to the County Planning Department, signed by President Matt Loudon in November 2005. This letter included the recommended conditions of the Board for the development at 1560 San Roque Road, to be included in approval of this project by the County. The project was denied by the Board of Architectural Review and then appealed to the County Planning Commission by the owner. The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on this item January 25, 2006. Mr. Wignot will be attending the meeting.

10. Authorize Director Jan Abel to Attend the ACWA Conference in Washington D.C., February 28-March 2, 2006

Director Lieberknecht moved to authorize Director Jan Abel to represent COMB and attend the ACWA Conference in Washington D.C., February 28-March 2, 2006. Seconded by Director Evans, passed 7/0/0.

11. Schedule of Regular Board Meeting Dates and Board Packet Information Deadlines for 2006

Mr. Wignot made note of the schedule included in the Board packet, of the dates for the regular Board meeting and the deadlines for Board packet information.

(the Board next considered Item #6)

6. Report from COMB Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee

Director Evans summarized the report from the COMB Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee provided in the Board packet. The committee concluded that the best organizational structure would be for CCRB to be merged into the existing COMB JPA. It is expected that it may take up to three months to get the amendments in place and during that interim the existing staff would be headed by Kate Rees, with additional technical duties handled by Brett Gray.

A letter from the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, ID #1 was included in the Board packet. Director Bettencourt commented on the concerns of ID#1. ID#1 feels the action is moving forward too fast and that the reorganization structure needs to be further developed by work groups and public workshops. ID#1 recommends that the COMB Board of Directors approve the concept of reorganizing COMB and CCRB so the process can continue to move forward.

The Board scheduled a special joint meeting of COMB/CCRB for February 6, 2006 at 3:00 pm with a single item agenda; the consideration of the proposed reorganization of COMB and CCRB. Bill Hair requested the written analysis of the two JPA agreements prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee be provided to staff prior to the meeting. The JPA of COMB and CCRB should also be provided for information prior to the meeting.

12. Requests from Directors for Items to be Included on Next Agenda

A Special Joint Board Meeting of COMB/CCRB has been scheduled for February 6, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. The next regular COMB Board meeting will be February 27, 2006 immediately following the CCRB Board meeting.

(the Board next considered Item #3)

3. **[Closed Session.] Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a.) One case: Crawford-Hall v. COMB, Superior Court of California. County of Santa Barbara, Case NO. 1171135**

The Board went into Closed Session at 3:50 p.m. Closed Session ended at 4:19 p.m.
There was nothing to report out of Closed Session.

13. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chair