

**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, June 25, 2007**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:23 p.m. by President Chuck Evans, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Chuck Evans	Goleta Water District
Matt Loudon	SYR Water Conservation Dist., ID#1
Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara
Jan Abel	Montecito Water District
Robert Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District

Others present:

Kate Rees	William Hair
Steve Mack	Brett Gray
Janet Gingras	

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

May 21, 2007 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

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

4. Reports from the Manager

a. Water Storage, Water Production Use, SWP Accounting

The monthly reports were included in the Board packet

b. Operations Report

The May 2007 report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the board packet.

c. 2006 Surcharge Accounting

The May Cachuma Reservoir disposition of 2006 surcharge water was included in the board packet. Of the original 9,200 acre feet of surcharge water, 3,200 acre feet has been designated to supplement passage flows. This amount needs to be kept for passage flows and cannot be used for maintenance or target flows. 500 acre feet is designated as an Adaptive Management Account which will be used this year for meeting target flows at the Alisal Bridge. Once expended, target flow releases will be charged against Cachuma Project yield.

e. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 06/25/2007

Lake elevation	738.35
Storage	155,284 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	0.00 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	3.47 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	30 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	755 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0.00 acre feet

Ms. Rees also reported that the Laurel SOD project cost to date is \$6,323,420.

5. Resolution 454 to Adopt Santa Barbara County's Integrated Regional Management Plan

This was thoroughly discussed during the CCRB Board meeting, Item #9, and there was nothing further to add.

Director Williams moved to approve Resolution 454 adopting the Santa Barbara Countywide Integrated Water Management Plan, seconded by Director Loudon. A roll call vote was taken, the Resolution passed, 7/0/0.

Ms. Rees reported on submittal of an implementation grant application to the State. COMB's 2nd Barrel Project is on the list of projects for this grant funding. If the \$25 million grant is awarded, \$4 million will be designated for the 2nd Pipeline Project. Discussion on financial options to provide the balance of funding needed for this project will be brought to the Board at a future date.

Ms Rees reported that an amendment to the consultant's contract under the existing MOU had been written, which extended CH2M Hill's contract to cover writing the Round 2 grant application. Another important issue is that the State needs assurance that there will be consistent governance of the IRWMP process and contract obligations. To accomplish this, the cooperating partners believe that the Santa Barbara County Water Agency is the appropriate agency to maintain administration of the contract, if we are successful in receiving the grant application. Meetings will be scheduled next month with County administration staff to address this issue.

6. Proposed Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Final COMB Budget

Director Williams reported on the COMB Finance Committee meeting held June 18, 2007. The basic issue was a request by ID No. 1 to reduce the G&A costs that ID No.1 historically has paid. The committee suggested that the non-staff costs be allocated at 86% to be paid by the south coast member units only, and 14% allocated among all 5 member units. The staff portion of the G&A budget would be 60% allocated among the south coast member units only, and to 40% allocated among all 5 member units.

Director Evans stated he was not in favor of approving the FY 2007-2008 budget today and recommended the Board postpone the decision. He recommended that a COMB Special Board meeting follow CCRB's Special Board meeting scheduled for July 6, 2007. At that time, approval of the COMB budget would be considered.

Director Williams moved to defer the FY 2007-2008 Budget approval to the July 6th Special Board Meeting, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 7/0/0.

Ms. Rees reported that Janet Gingras had looked into the JPIA Workers Compensation Insurance. It would be \$3,000 to \$5,000 less than the current cost. Ms. Gingras would look into whether or not it would be feasible to switch to the JPIA insurance mid-year, as it is now too late to join at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The Directors determined they would prefer to have the discussion concerning the positions and salaries of the Operations Supervisor and the Sr. Resources Scientist at the July 6th meeting.

7. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Director Evans requested that the consideration to move the Santa Ynez Fisheries Program activities from CCRB to COMB be added to the July 23, 2007 agenda for discussion and possible action by the Board.

Director Abel asked the Board how they would like to handle the consultant's contracts that would expire in July. Ms. Rees explained the contracts in question would be for the fisheries activities. Director Abel requested that discussion of this item be added to the CCRB agenda for the July 23, 2007 meeting.

8. Meeting Schedule

July 6, 2007 is a Special COMB Board meeting following the 4:00 P.M. CCRB Special Board meeting, at the COMB office.

July 23, 2007 is the next regular COMB Board meeting following the 2:15 P.M. CCRB regular Board meeting, at the COMB office.

The Board Packets are availability on the CCRB-COMB Website, www.ccrb-comb.org

9. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chuck Evans, President