

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD
held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA

Monday, October 22, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Morgan, who chaired the meeting.

Those in attendance were:

Directors Present:

W. Douglas Morgan, Montecito Water District
Kristen Sneddon, City of Santa Barbara
Polly Holcombe, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Lauren Hanson, Goleta Water District

Staff Present:

Janet Gingras, General Manager
Edward Lyons, Administrative Manager/CFO
Joel Degner, Water Resources Engineer

Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager
William Carter, General Counsel
Adriane Passani, Administrative Assistant III

Others Present:

Fray Crease, SB Water Agency
Mike Garello, HDR
Tyler Hunt, MNS Engineers
Anna Mallonée, HDR

Bob McDonald, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Nick Panofsky, MNS Engineers
Mark Preston, Women's Environmental, SY
Philip Walker, Santa Barbara resident

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Preston shared a recent presidential memo: Promoting Reliable Water Supply in the West.

Mr. Walker reported on various reservoir levels within the State and commented on earthen dams, with respect to seismic pulses.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of September 24, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- c. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras presented the Consent Agenda as provided in the Board Packet. Director Holcombe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by Director Sneddon and passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

4. VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

- **Administrative Committee Meeting – October 10, 2018:** Director Morgan presented the Committee Meeting items as provided in the agenda, reporting that the items will be discussed separately within staff reports.
- **Operations Committee Meeting – October 11, 2018:** Director Sneddon presented the Committee Meeting items as provided in the agenda, reporting that the items will be discussed separately within staff reports.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW – 1st QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

Mr. Lyons presented the financial review of the first quarter of the fiscal year as contained in the Board packet memorandum and illustrated in a Power Point slide show. He noted that the financial reports show that the divisions are within budget. Mr. Lyons summarized the administrative goals for the second quarter. He fielded questions from the Board and those in attendance.

6. DRAFT SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE 1996 COMB AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWER AGREEMENT

Ms. Gingras presented the staff memorandum as contained in the Board Packet. She noted that Reclamation has provided, via email, a statement that Reclamation has no objection to the withdrawal of Santa Ynez River Water District ID No.1 from the Joint Exercise of Power Agreement. Director Holcombe motioned that the Board be authorized to send the Draft Second Amendment to the 1996 COMB Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Power Agreement to the Member Agencies and their counsels for their review and approval. The motion was seconded by Director Hanson and carried unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

7. ANNEX TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Ms. Gingras presented the memorandum as contained in the Board packet. She summarized the approval process for the COMB Annex to the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Director Hanson stated she supports this project and submitted a printed copy of the Annex to COMB staff containing her suggested edits. Assuming that no substantive edits are made to the document as contained in the Board packet, motion was made by Director Morgan that the approval process of the Annex to the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan be initiated by submission to Santa Barbara County. Motion was seconded by Director Sneddon and passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

8. SAN ANTONIO CREEK BLOW-OFF REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Degner presented his memorandum as provided in the Board packet, summarizing the history of the blow-off structure. Mr. Degner outlined the repair process and further itemized the savings realized in water, time and costs by proceeding with a non-competitive bid. He fielded questions from the Board. Motion was made by Director Hanson to approve the project as presented; seconded by Director Holcombe, the motion was carried with a unanimous vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Holcombe, Hanson, Morgan
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

9. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Meetings
- Administration
- Personnel
- Operations /Engineer Activities
- Fisheries Division Activities

Ms. Gingras presented her memorandum as incorporated in the Board packet. She reported that Santa Barbara County has reinstated its Drought Task Force. Ms. Gingras highlighted topics within her report, including Contracts Executed by the General Manager, the recent CAFR Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting received by COMB primarily due to Mr. Lyons extraordinary effort on the fiscal year 2016-17 audit document, the staff appreciation outing, the Arroyo Paredon Bridge replacement and other projects in Operations & Fisheries divisions. There were no questions.

10. WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER REPORT

- Forecasted Lake Elevations
- Climate Conditions
- Grant Funding Activities
- Infrastructure Improvement Planning

Mr. Degner discussed topics as presented in his Board Packet memorandum, highlighting lake elevation and climate, noting that April is the target month for deployment of the Emergency Pumping Facility, based on current projections. He commented further on grant funding and the status of infrastructure improvements projects. Mr. Degner reported that he would conduct a kick-off meeting in the near future on the Lake Cachuma Water Quality & Sediment Management Plan. He fielded questions from the Board. Mr. Degner provided an update on the Arroyo Paredon Bridge work in relation to the conduit.

11. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. Degner presented the Operations Division report as contained in the Board packet, highlighting continued maintenance within the upper and lower reaches of the system and the increase in dig alerts due to rebuilding efforts. He fielded questions from the Board.

12. FISHERIES DIVISION REPORT

- LSYR Steelhead Monitoring Elements
- Tributary Project Updates
- Surcharge Water Accounting
- Reporting/Outreach/Training

Mr. Robinson presented his report as provided in the Board packet, highlighting Steelhead monitoring efforts and the status of the Quiota Creek crossings. He reviewed the recent power outages at Lake Cachuma and their resulting impact on the Hilton Creek Watering System and the fish population, noting that PG&E alerts were integral to rapid response.

13. UPDATE ON FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- a. Quiota Creek Crossing 5
- b. Quiota Creek Crossing 9

Mr. Robinson introduced the HDR team to the Board. He provided updates on the statuses of the fish passage projects at Quiota Creek Crossings 5 and 9 as provided in the Board packet, highlighting the successful installation of Crossing 9, despite the rain. Further, Mr. Robinson advised that there is a change order pending on these projects due to a last minute County requirement. Mr. Robinson reviewed the financial position of both crossing projects. He fielded questions from the Board.

14. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson presented the memorandum as provided in the Board packet, noting that irrigation and oak tree maintenance are ongoing, as will be plantings, pending change in the weather.

15. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

- a. Cachuma Water Reports
- b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions
- c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

Ms. Gingras presented the Cachuma Project water reports as provided in the Board packet. Mr. Lyons noted that these reports represent the end of the water year. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the Board.

16. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

There were no requests from the directors.

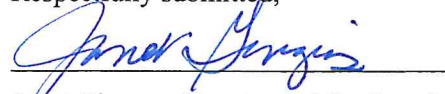
17. MEETING SCHEDULE

- **November 26, 2018 at 1:00 PM, COMB Office**
- **Board Packages available on COMB website www.cachuma-Board.org**

18. COMB ADJOURNMENT

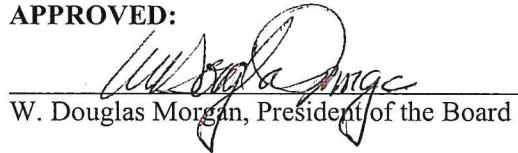
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:


W. Douglas Morgan, President of the Board

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	<i>Unapproved</i>