

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

held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, November 19, 2012

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Bob Lieberknecht	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
Ken Knight	Tim Robinson
Rebecca Bjork	Kate Rees
Janet Gingras	Ruth Snodgrass
Chris Dahlstrom	Sonia Fernandez
David Baum	Phil Walker
Charles Hamilton	

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented on current copper theft, fracking and managing water resources.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes:**
October 22, 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.

Director Beebe requested a change to the minutes Item 5, the “+/- 6% system loss” should be changed to “+/- 6% unaccounted for water”.

Director Beebe who made the motion and Director Francisco who seconded the motion, agreed to this modification to the minutes. The motion passed 7/0/0.

4. Report From Board Committees

a. Administrative Committee Meeting, November 12, 2012

President Hanson reported that the committee had continued to discuss the benefits of current and future employees. The agenda was included in the board packet.

5. Discussion of Future New Hire Benefits Package

Bruce Mowry highlighted the discussion of future new hire benefits package held at the November 12, 2012 Administrative Committee meeting. The Committee discussed options for reducing pension costs and overall benefit costs associated with future employees. The suggested direction gained from that discussion was that the benefits for future new hires would be similar to but slightly modified as compared to existing active employee and retiree benefits.

There was Board discussion on the future of new hire benefits package, options available and examples given for various packages. The discussion will go back to the Administrative Committee for further development. Staff has been asked to look at current benefit packages of other Joint Powers Agencies as well as the Member Units for additional information.

Phil Walker made comments.

6. Progress Report on Cachuma Lake Oak Tree Program

The monthly Cachuma Lake Oak Tree Program report was included in the board packet.

a. Presentation by Ken Knight on the Cachuma Lake Oak Tree Program

Consultant Ken Knight and Senior Resources Scientist Tim Robinson highlighted in their presentation the procedures staff uses for inventory and the maintenance performed on the trees in order to increase their survivability. They were able to show the GIS efforts used in this process to monitor each individual tree. They also suggested developing a Board Committee to address tree policies, location strategy, legal and budget issues concerning the mitigation program.

7. Report on Modified SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project

The monthly report prepared by David Baum was included in the board packet. Mr. Baum reported that the two slide gates had been installed and water was conveyed from the Junction Structure to the Glen Anne Turnout drain. On October 30, 2012, COMB shut down the Tecolote Tunnel; Blois Construction accomplished all major items of work and at completion of all work water from the Tecolote Tunnel was turned back on flowing through the new 48” pipe to the Glen Anne Turnout. Mr. Baum stated that the project has been very successful.

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

Tim Robinson reported that the project was completed Friday, November 16, 2012. On Friday the County opened the road and signed off on their encroachment permit. All mitigation trees have been planted and the site will be hydro-mulched Tuesday, November 20th.

9. Conveyance System Operations Program Report

The November Conveyance System Operations Program report by David Baum was included in the board packet.

10. Fisheries Program Report

The November Fisheries Program report by Tim Robinson was included in the board packet. Mr. Robinson reported that the draft WY2010 Annual Monitoring Report had been distributed to the COMB Fisheries Board Committee. Staff has also been working on the second grant application to fund a project at Quiota Creek Crossing 1 that will be submitted by the end of November. If the grant is successful this project would be constructed in the fall of 2013.

a. Quiota Creek Crossing 0 Grant Action

Mr. Robinson reported that this project entails replacing two partial fish passage barriers in the form of concrete low flow crossings 200 yards apart with railroad car bridges. The two landowners at this site have agreed to go forward with funding the project through grants. The Board directed staff to meet with CCRB and ID#1 on strategy, talk to CDFG regarding a grant and bring the information back to the Board.

11. 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 November 14, 2012 was included in the board packet.

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

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

d. COMB Activities

Bruce Mowry reported that the Tecolote Tunnel inspection is scheduled to take place December 19th.

Comprehensive review of the Dams will start mid February 2013, a team from Reclamation will be here for several days for the review.

December 10th is a meeting with Reclamation in Fresno with COMB and the County Water Agency, the agenda is not available at this time.

12. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Director Beebe requested that the unaccounted for water discussion come back to the Board.

Appointment of a Board Committee for the Cachuma Lake Oak Tree Program.

13. Resolution No. 554 Commendation for Bob Lieberknecht

Resolution No. 554 expresses appreciation and thanks to Robert Lieberknecht for the years of service on the COMB Board.

Director Morgan and Director Beebe moved to approve Resolution No. 554 Commendation for Bob Lieberknecht, seconded by Director Francisco.

The Resolution passed by a roll call vote:
Ayes: Francisco, Hanson, Morgan, Beebe
Nays: None
Abstain/Absent: Lieberknecht abstained.

The Board took a break to honor Director Lieberknecht and returned at 5:00 p.m.

14. [Closed Session]:

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code 54956.9): One Case – Andrew and Jessica Brown Claim.**
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Facts and Circumstances Relating to the Claims Being Asserted by Andrew and Jessica Brown Against COMB as stated in their November 9, 2012 Government Claim. (Government Code 54956.9):**
- c. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957**

Title: General Manager

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

The Board entered into closed session at 5:01 p.m. and came out of closed session at 6:40 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.

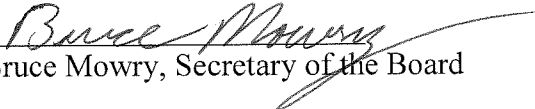
15. Meeting Schedule

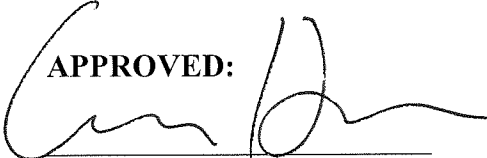
- The next regular Board meeting will be held December 17, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

16. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Mowry, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Lauren Hanson, President of the Board