

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD**

**Monday, May 23, 2022
1:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Holcombe at 1:00 PM.

All attendees participated electronically pursuant to California Government Code sections 54953(b)(1), (b)(2), (e)(1) and (e)(3) (AB 361).

Directors Present:

Polly Holcombe, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Kristen Sneddon, City of Santa Barbara
Lauren Hanson, Goleta Water District
Cori Hayman, Montecito Water District

General Counsel Present:

William Carter - Musick, Peeler, Garrett, LLP

Staff Present:

Janet Gingras, General Manager	Elijah Papen, Program Analyst III
Edward Lyons, Administrative Manager/CFO	Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager
Joel Degner, Engineer/Operations Division Manager	Dorothy Turner, Administrative Assistant
Shane King, Operations Supervisor	

Others Present:

Joshua Haggmark, City of Santa Barbara	Stephen Torigiani, Young, Wooldridge LLP
Catherine Taylor, City of Santa Barbara	Matt Young, COSB Water Agency

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of April 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- c. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras presented the Consent Agenda items for Board approval and invited comments from Mr. Lyons. Mr. Lyons drew Board attention to the Paid Claim Report, reviewing various items of note,

including payments to Flowers & Associates, Houston & Harris, Tierra Contracting and the USGS. As there were no comments or questions, President Holcombe called for a motion.

Director Hanson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, followed by a second from Director Sneddon. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hayman, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain

4. VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

- *Administrative Committee Meeting – May 3, 2022* – President Holcombe advised that the single item reviewed in committee is presented to the Board today.
- *Operations Committee Meeting – May 11, 2022* - Director Sneddon briefly reviewed the committee agenda items and noted that both were forwarded to the Board to be heard today.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 748 – CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOVERNOR NEWSOM’S DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY (HEALTH AND SAFETY)

Ms. Gingras presented the resolution to the Board, stating that she continues to review the County website to monitor COVID case numbers. A Board discussion followed with each Board member providing input and perspective.

Director Hanson moved to approve the resolution. Director Sneddon seconded the motion which carried with a vote of five ayes and one nay.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays: Hayman

Absent:

Abstain

6. RESOLUTION NO. 749 – 2021-2025 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (IIP) – PROPOSED 3RD AMENDMENT

Ms. Gingras introduced the resolution to approve the third amendment to the IIP. She noted that the amendment supplements the annual budget and results in a nominal net increase to the plan of \$5000.

Director Sneddon provided a motion to adopt the amendment. Director Hayman seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hayman, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain

7. RESOLUTION NO. 750 – FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET

Ms. Gingras presented the FY 2022-23 Operating Budget to the Board for approval, noting it was unchanged since the Special Board meeting, other than the addition of a section illustrating performance metrics.

Director Sneddon motioned to adopt the Operating Budget, seconded by Director Hanson. The motion carried with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hayman, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain

8. RESOLUTION NO. 751 – 2021-2025 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN – LAKE CACHUMA EMERGENCY PUMPING FACILITY SECURED PIPELINE PROJECT

Ms. Gingras introduced the resolution to approve the Secured Pipeline Project, with thanks to Mr. Degner and team for their hard work in bringing the project forward. Mr. Degner reviewed the highlights of the staff memo. Mr. Degner noted the advantages to water quality and re-deployment of the EPFP that will be captured if the secured pipeline is installed. He summarized the status of the various tasks appurtenant to the project and reviewed the contractor agreements necessary to manage and construct the project. Mr. Degner fielded comments from the Board.

Director Hayman provided a motion to approve the project and Director Sneddon seconded. The motion carried with an enthusiastic vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hayman, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain

9. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Administration

Ms. Gingras presented the General Manager Report, commenting on the upcoming audit schedule and COMB's internal work plans. She provided an update on the status of IRWMP Round 2 funding, noting that COMB will submit the pumping barge for funding consideration.

10. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Climate Conditions and Water Quality
- Lake Elevation Projections
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects

Mr. Degner presented the Engineer's Report, noting that Santa Barbara County is now classified as being in the extreme drought category. Based upon lake elevation models, anticipated CCWA deliveries and water rights releases, he projected deployment of the pumping barge as early as March of 2023. Mr. Degner reported that he had requested updated demand estimates from the Member Agencies and will update the modeling scenario as these are received. Finally, he reviewed briefly the status of the various Infrastructure Improvement Projects.

11. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. King reviewed the Operations Division Report, highlighting Operations staff support in the third trailer installation, annual confined space training, fence repair at Lauro reservoir and progress on tasks requested by Reclamation in the 2021 Facilities Review. Additionally, he reported that staff is busy with routine tasks, including weed abatement and work at the North Portal. Mr. King 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 the Fisheries Division Report with an update on BiOp required target flow measurements. In light of upcoming reservoir demands and lack of precipitation, he advised that he will be meeting with CDFW and Reclamation to determine steps required to continue to meet target flows and sustain the fishery. Mr. Robinson fielded various questions and concerns. Additionally, he reported that thermograph units are all deployed. Finally he presented a well-received slide show illustrating migrant trapping efforts and redd surveys.

13. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson presented the Oak Tree Report, noting that staff continues to irrigate the trees and weed. The Oak Tree inventory is well under way with hopes to complete it soon. He advised the Board that upon completion of the inventory, the annual report would be compiled.

14. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

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

Ms. Gingras commented that the Cachuma Project Reports as presented contained nothing unusual to note.

15. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

President Holcombe requested an update on the status of staff funding efforts.

16. MEETING SCHEDULE

- **Regular Board Meeting – June 27, 2022 at 1:00 PM**
- **Board Packages available on COMB website www.cachuma-board.org**

17. COMB ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gingras
Janet Gingras (Jun 29, 2022 07:33 PDT)
Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

√	<i>Approved</i>
	<i>Unapproved</i>

APPROVED:

Polly Holcombe
Polly Holcombe (Jun 29, 2022 08:02 PDT)
Polly Holcombe, President of the Board