

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

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, April 27, 2015**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Kevin Walsh	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara
Polly Holcombe	Carpinteria Valley Water District

Others Present:

Randall Ward	Duane Stroup
Janet Gingras	Tom Fayram
Dave Stewart	Mitchell White
Tim Robinson	Charles Hamilton
Adelle Capponi	Chris Dahlstrom
William Carter	Phil Walker

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented on the recent earthquake in Nepal; potential fault lines in Ventura and Santa Barbara, and their effects on water and transmission lines.

Duane Stroup from Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Fresno office requested that the Member Units who operate treatment plants provide information to the BOR on the effects to water quality as the lake level decreases; and, how low can the water level be and still be pumped. Director Francisco referred Mr. Stroup to Joshua Haggmark, who would provide all requested information. President Hanson referred Mr. Stroup to John McInnes, General Manager of Goleta Water District. Lastly, Mr. Stroup requested that the Annual Monitoring Reports for 12, 13 & 14 be submitted to the BOR.

3. Verbal Reports From Board Committees

- *Administrative Committee, April 6, 2015:* President Hanson reviewed the topics considered: benefits and salaries update; IRWMP Grant Funding Allocation; Draft FY 15/16 Budget; and various Operations Division projects set for the current fiscal year.

- *Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Committee, April 6, 2015:* President Hanson highlighted the single item for discussion on the agenda, specifically the Emergency Pumping Facilities Project (EPFP).
- *Fisheries Committee, April 14, 2015:* President Hanson highlighted the two items included on the agenda-Risk Analysis and Optimization of the LSYR Migrant Trapping Program Study; and, the Trust Fund and Renewal Fund 5-Year Plan. President Hanson asked that the 5-Year Plan summary be distributed to the Directors for information. Director Holcombe thanked Tim Robinson for the tour of the Oak Tree Program areas, Hilton Creek, and the various Quiota Creek Crossings, stating it was very informative and encouraged any current or new Directors to participate in a tour.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes**
March 23, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- b. **Investment Funds**
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Report
- c. **Payment of Claims**
- d. **Progress Report on Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program**
- e. **Fisheries Division Report**
- f. **Operations Division Report**
- g. **Monthly Cachuma Project Reports**
- h. **Operations Division Projects Current Fiscal Year**
 - i. North Portal Jet Flow Spool Design and Purchase
 - ii. Elevator Electric Control Panel Replacement
 - iii. V-Ditch Project
 - iv. Open Air Vent Rehabilitation Project
 - v. Vehicle Purchases
- i. **Risk Analysis and Optimization Proposal**

At the request of Director Morgan and Director Walsh, President Hanson removed Items d, e, f, g, and h for discussion. Item i was removed for separate consideration and vote.

Regarding Item 4f, Director Morgan wished to compliment Dave Stewart, Operations Division Manager, for his efforts and responsibility in handling the work being done in Operations.

Items 4 a, b, c, d, e, f, and g:

Following a lengthy discussion, Director Francisco moved to approve Items a through g, seconded by Director Holcombe. President Hanson put the vote all in favor: Aye; all Opposed; motion carried 7/0/0 as follows:

Ayes: Morgan, Walsh, Holcombe, Francisco, Hanson

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

Item 4h ii, iii, iv, and v:

President Hanson noted that the items presented for consideration and possible action were reviewed by the Administrative Committee. Following discussion and project highlights as outlined in the memo included in the board packet, Director Morgan moved to approve Item 4h-ii with the corrected contractor estimate of \$26,500; 4-iii for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000; 4-iv up to \$35,000; and, 4-v as recommended, seconded by Director Francisco, and passed by roll call vote 7/0/0 as follows:

Ayes: Morgan, Walsh, Holcombe, Francisco, Hanson

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

Item 4h-i. is continued pending the Board's request for staff to obtain expanded cost information on fabrication, engineering drawings, etc.

Item 4i:

Following a lengthy discussion, Director Morgan moved to approve Item 4i up to \$35,000, with the condition that the scope of work as submitted by Cramer Fish Sciences not begin until the Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) receive all the detailed trapping data/analysis, and that it be provided sooner rather than later, seconded by Director Hanson, and passed by roll call vote 6/1/0 as follows:

Ayes: Morgan, Holcombe, Francisco, Hanson

Nays: Walsh

Absent/Abstain: None

Mr. Ward responded that the information as requested by Director Morgan is close to completion and could be provided, without putting a specific date, in the near term. For clarification, the years' pending are 2012 and 2013; 2014 is not due at this time.

5. IRWMP Proposition 84 Grant Funding Allocation

Randall Ward, General Manager, reviewed the memo as included in the board packet and the accompanying Project Costs spreadsheet, which detailed the percentage expended and grant monies received by participating Districts. The recommended action is to distribute the Prop 84 Grant Funds to Goleta Water District and City of Santa Barbara in a weighted percentage allocation as set forth in the Master Renewal Contract. Following Board review, Director Morgan moved to approve the recommendation as presented, seconded by Director Holcombe, and passed by roll call vote 7/0/0 as follows:

Ayes: Morgan, Walsh, Holcombe, Francisco, Hanson

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

The Board took a 10-minute recess at 4:07 p.m.

The Board returned from recess at 4:20 p.m. and considered Item 9 Closed Session.

9. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing and Potential Litigation

- a. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]
Name of case: California Trout, Inc. v. United States Bureau of Reclamation et al., United States District Court, CDCA, Case No. 2:14-CV-7744
- b. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]
Name of case: Arnold Edmund Keir Nash and Marguerite Bouraad Nash v. Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board, Santa Barbara Superior Court, Case No., 15-CV-00499
- c. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]
Name of case: Randy F. Ondracek and Victoria K. Ondracek v. Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board, Santa Barbara Superior Court, Case No., 15-CV-00500

The Board went into closed session at 4:20 p.m.

10. Reconvene Into Open Session

[Government Code Section 54957.7]

Disclosure of actions taken in closed session, as applicable

[Government Code Section 54957.1]

The Board came out of closed session at 6:03 p.m.

Item 9a: The matter was reviewed and discussed and no reportable action was taken.

Item 9b: The matter was reviewed and discussed and no reportable action was taken.

Item 9c: The matter was reviewed and discussed and no reportable action was taken.

The Board continued with the remaining Items on the agenda.

6. Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Draft Operating Budget

This item was continued to the May 18, 2015 Regular Board meeting.

7. General Manager's Report

Randall Ward, General Manager, referred to his report included in the board packet, which details activities. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

8. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Director Morgan requested a discussion on COMB Resolution Nos. 239 and 259, which speak to the delegation of responsibilities. It was suggested that this be addressed at the Committee level first to review potential issues; request input from the General Manager's; lastly, forward information to the Board for final presentation and consideration at a future meeting.

Director Holcombe requested an update on the ACWA/JPIA Conference be included on the agenda.

Director Walsh requested a discussion on the process for requesting and obtaining information and records.

Randall Ward, General Manager, clarified the items for inclusion on the agenda for the May 18th meeting would be confined to the Draft Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget; the Draft Infrastructure Improvement Plan (IIP); the Draft Habitat Improvement Plan (HIP); and, Closed Session.

The requests noted above will be considered either at the June regular board meeting, or at a future meeting.


11. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular meeting of the Board will be held May 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Note: this is the 3rd Monday due to the Memorial Day Holiday.
- The Agendas and Board packets are available for viewing and downloading on the COMB website at www.cachuma-board.org.

12. COMB Adjournment

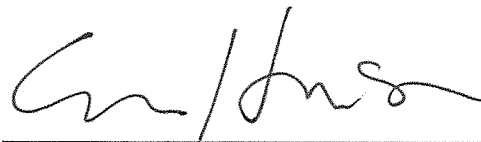
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall Ward, Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:



Lauren Hanson, President of the Board