

**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, February 28, 2011**

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1

**Others present:**

Kate Rees	Tony Trembley
Jim Colton	Gary Kvistad
Chip Wullbrandt	John McInnes
Sonja Fernandez	Tom Mosby
Ruth Snodgrass	Susannah Pitman
Jim Blois	Rebecca Bjork
Phil Walker	Bruce Wales
Harlan Burchardi	Beth Ford
Marv Shaw	

**2. Public Comment**

Phil Walker pointed out an article on aging dams.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes:**

January 24, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and January 13, 2011 Special Board Meeting

**b. Investment Funds**

Investment Report

**c. Payment of Claims**

Director Beebe moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Francisco, passed 7/0/0.

#### **4. Resolutions Relating to COMB Bank Accounts**

Due to the recent changes in the Directors to the COMB Board, adoption of the resolutions will add Director Francisco and Director Beebe as signatories on the COMB General Fund Account and on the Renewal Fund and Trust Fund Accounts at Santa Barbara Bank & Trust.

**a. Resolution No. 519 Authorizing Signatories for General Fund Account at Santa Barbara Bank & Trust**

Director Morgan moved to approve Resolution No. 519 authorizing signatories for the General Fund Account at Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, seconded by Director Francisco, a roll call vote was taken, passed 7/0/0.

**b. Resolution No. 520 Authorizing Signatories for the Cachuma Project Trust Fund and Renewal Fund Accounts at Santa Barbara Bank & Trust**

Director Morgan moved to approve Resolution No. 520 authorizing signatories for the Cachuma Project Trust Fund and Renewal Fund Accounts at Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, seconded by Director Francisco, a roll call vote was taken, passed 7/0/0.

#### **5. Oak Tree Restoration Programs at Lake Cachuma and Lauro Reservoir – Presentation by Melinda Fournier**

Melinda Fournier gave an informational presentation on the progress of the Oak Tree Restoration Program at Lake Cachuma and Lauro Reservoir.

#### **6. Reorganization Issues**

**a. Report on Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, February 3, 2011**

Ms. Rees reported on the Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee meeting held February 3, 2011. They discussed the 2001 Fish MOU responsibilities and assignment issues that had been raised, and determined that the most viable option was for COMB, CCRB and ID#1 to enter into a separate agreement whereby CCRB and ID#1 assign their collective responsibilities under Section 4, Financial Arrangements, and Section 5, Administrative and Monitoring Support to COMB. There would then be no need for CCRB or ID#1 to withdraw from the 2001 Fish MOU. The Committee reached agreement on the terms of the Conceptual Organizational Structure for CCRB and COMB, and identified the amendments to the COMB Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that are needed to implement the reorganizational structure.

**b. Executing Documents to be Prepared**

Two amendments to the COMB JPA need to be prepared and approved by each of the 5 Member Units. Ms Rees recommended that COMB's General Counsel, Tony Trembley, draft the JPA amendments. The Fish MOU agreement between CCRB, ID#1 and COMB also needs to be prepared, and Ms Rees recommended that Chip Wullbrandt write the draft agreement This agreement will need to be approved by COMB, CCRB and ID#1 upon completion.

**c. Revised Timeline to Complete Reorganization**

Ms. Rees included in the board packet the steps and timeline for the remaining reorganization activities. Director Lieberknecht added the April CVWD Board meetings to the schedule.

Director Morgan moved to direct Chip Wullbrandt to draft an agreement among CCRB, ID#1 and COMB to assign implementation of CCRB and ID#1's 2001 Fish MOU responsibilities under Sections 4 and 5 to COMB, and to direct Tony Trembley to draft amendments to the COMB JPA as specified in the draft Conceptual Form and Structure for organization of CCRB and COMB dated February 3, 2011, seconded by Director Beebe, passed 7/0/0.

**7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project and Consideration of Alternative Projects**

Ms. Rees reported that at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, several options were considered to either allow the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project to move forward, or what to do if the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project was not constructed. At the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Operating Committee meeting, it was suggested that consideration should be given to an equitable suite of alternative projects that the south coast Member Units could agree to fund using entitlement percentages. COMB staff was requested to develop a suite of replacement projects to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project.

Ms. Rees reported that she had met with Matt Naftaly, County Water Agency, and Jane Gray, Dudek, regarding a proposal to replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project with a suite of other projects and still retain the Prop 50 grant funding. Mr. Naftaly discussed this proposal with County management, and indicated the County would support COMB's request to the State Water Board. A conference call with the Cooperating Partners was also held, and the Partners approved COMB's suggested replacement suite of projects. The next step is for COMB staff to develop the scope of the new projects, and contact the State Water Board staff to discuss COMB's request to substitute a suite of alternate projects that will still provide regional benefit to the south coast.

**a. Permits and NEPA Status**

The status of the permits was included in the board packet.

**b. Blois Construction Bid Extension**

Mr. Blois stated that because pipeline prices have increased, he was unable to hold his bid any longer. Counsel Trembley advised the Board that it should formally reject Mr. Blois' bid at the next Board meeting if the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project was not going to be constructed.

**c. Report on Evaluation of Replacement Projects for 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Project**

Included in the board packet was a list of projects prepared by AECOM for consideration if the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline project is deferred. The list included the estimated cost of each project. The Board directed staff to further evaluate the replacement projects. These will also be discussed with the General Managers

at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Operating Committee meeting and with the Board Administration Committee on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **8. COMB Operation and Maintenance Program – Presentation by Staff**

Jim Colton and Susannah Pitman gave a presentation to the Board on the Maintenance Program developed for COMB Operations. It is a fully automated mobile program, integrating existing mobile mapping technology and hardware with customized maintenance input forms optimized for field use.

#### **9. Table-Top Emergency Exercise Held February 2, 2011**

Ms. Rees summarized the Table-Top Emergency Exercise held February 2, 2011. The simulated event was a 7.5 magnitude earthquake along the Santa Ynez Fault that caused a fissure in Lauro Dam. Many months of preparation went into planning the Table Top by first responders, local water purveyors, emergency response agencies, County incident control personnel, Reclamation, and COMB personnel.

COMB has an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) in place and is developing emergency plans, lists of materials needed to have on hand, and contractors to contact. Staff has developed an Incident Command Structure for COMB, and will continue to attend emergency seminars and classes. President Hanson requested updates to the Board on how COMB's EAP is progressing.

#### **10. Reports From the Manager**

##### **a. Cachuma Water Reports**

The monthly water reports were included in the board packet.

##### **b. Operations Report**

The Operations Report was included in the board packet.

##### **c. Operating Committee Meeting, February 9, 2011 Draft Minutes**

The draft minutes were included in the board packet.

##### **d. Oak Tree and Honeysuckle Restoration Program for Lauro Retention Basin Enlargement Project – 2010 End of Year Summary**

The 2010 End of Year Summary was included in the board packet.

##### **e. Fisheries Program Report**

The monthly report was included in the board packet.

##### **f. Transmittal of Biological Opinion Compliance Binder to USBR and NMFS**

The letter from Reclamation to NMFS providing the BO Compliance Binder submittal was included in the board packet.

##### **g. Quiota Creek Watershed Plan Board Workshop, February 16, 2011**

The agenda for the Quiota Creek Watershed Fish Passage Enhancement Plan Workshop was included in the board packet.

**h. Status of Funding Options for Quiota Creek Fish Passage Projects at Crossings 2 and 7**

Ms. Rees reported on the funding options for fronting the money for these two projects, to then be reimbursed by grant funds. The most favorable option was for one of the Member Units with reserves to loan COMB the money upfront. Director Morgan and Beebe were asked to discuss this request with their Boards for consideration.

**i. Tri-County Fish Team Meeting, February 3, 2011**

The agenda and minutes from the February 3, 2011 meeting were included in the board packet.

**j. Propositions 50 and 84 Process Update**

Updated information on the Prop 84 process was included in the board packet.

**k. Quagga Mussel Inspection Report – County of Santa Barbara**

The Quagga Mussel inspection report for January from the County of Santa Barbara was included in the board packet.

**l. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

The Lake Cachuma daily operations report through February 23, 2011 was included in the board packet.

**11. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Director Beebe requested a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the progress of hiring a new COMB General Manager.

**12. Meeting Schedule**

- The next regular Board meeting will be held March 28, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.
- Administration Committee Meeting, March 10, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
- Lauro Reservoir Early Warning System Public Meeting, March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., COMB office

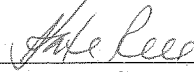
President Hanson requested information on the progress of the preparations for the meeting.

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**13. COMB Adjournment**

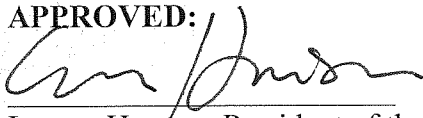
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**



Lauren Hanson, President of the Board