

**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, October 24, 2011**

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 (2:37 p.m.)	City of Santa Barbara

Others present:

Bruce Mowry	Tony Trembley
John McInnes	Charles Hamilton
Chris Dahlstrom	Bill Ferguson
Ruth Snodgrass	Janet Gingras
Tom Mosby	Kate Rees
Melinda Fournier	Zach Fournier
Tim Robinson	Theresa Lancy
Sonia Fernandez	Phil Walker
Kate Rees	

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented on past rain events and sedimentation in the reservoirs.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

September 26, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and September 21, 2011 Special Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Investment Report

Payment of Claims

Director Morgan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Director Lieberknecht and Director Beebe passed 5/0/2, Director Francisco was absent.

4. Modified SCC Upper Reach Reliability Project

a. Invitation to Bid for Construction of the Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the Project is being partially funded by a Prop 50 Grant up to 3.2 million dollars with the remainder of the funding from the participating Member Units. The grant requirement is to have the construction of the project completed by January 2013. To meet this schedule the bid opening would need to be December 14, 2011 and be presented to the COMB Board for award of the construction contract at the December 19, 2011 meeting. Staff is proposing that the bid go out for advertisement October 25, 2011 if approved at today's meeting.

Director Morgan moved to approve the Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project for advertisement and bid as described in the Invitation to Bid and to authorize other changes deemed necessary by COMB General Counsel before advertising, seconded by Director Lieberknecht.

The motion was passed by a roll call vote:

Ayes: Hanson, Lieberknecht, Morgan

Nays: None

Abstain: Beebe

Absent: Francisco

b. Construction Management Services for the Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project (MURRP)

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that staff had prepared a "Work Plan" for COMB's O&M staff. The Plan was based on the MURRP project schedule and outlines and identifies tasks and workloads for both construction management and regular operations and maintenance duties required of COMB staff. Mr. Mowry feels confident that staff would be able to perform both functions.

Director Morgan moved conceptual approval of staff to perform Construction Management Services for the Project, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 4/0/3, Director Beebe abstained and Director Francisco was absent.

The Directors requested that staff report to the Board as the plan is updated and developed in more detail.

5. Report From Board Committee

a. Board Administration Committee Meeting, October 18, 2011

Director Hanson reported on the meeting, stating that the committee had continued discussions on COMB's compensation package and OPED liability and topics of interest with the County. Personal and risk management issues and COMB assessments and MU payment were new topics on the agenda.

1) COMB Assessments and Member Unit Payment of Assessments

COMB assessments and Member Unit payment of assessments was discussed and the committee felt that Counsel should review the obligations of the Member Units and report to the Board. Counsel Tony Trembley reported that the JPA, 2003 Amendment, Section 4.2 of Article 4, indicates the parties will divide and pay the administrative costs, the storage operations and maintenance costs and conveyance operations and maintenance costs of the Board according to their use of the facilities and their participation in the benefit of the annual yield of the Cachuma Project such cost shall be assessed to the parties on a schedule approved by the Board. The Board makes the assessments and the parties pay the assessments. COMB has the authority to assess the Member Units based on the Board approved annual budget and the Member Units have an obligation to pay their assessments to COMB.

6. Santa Barbara County Pursuing Quiota Creek Easements

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the County of Santa Barbara began the process to realign all of their easements along Refugio Road where the road crosses Quiota Creek. The process to realign the easements and record subsequent deeds will take time but will be beneficial to COMB's effort to improve fish passage along Quiota Creek. Until the process is completed all fish passage projects along Quiota Creek will be done with temporary construction easements.

7. Update From General Counsel

a. Joint Defense and Cooperation Agreement

Counsel Tony Trembley reported that he had not seen the latest version of the Agreement for his review. He would bring it back to the Board once the review is complete.

b. MOU with the County of Santa Barbara

Counsel Tony Trembley reported that due to the work load for the Modified Upper Reach Reliability Project he had been unable to review the status of the MOU with the County of Santa Barbara.

8. Quiota Creek Project Crossing #2 Update

a. Change Order for Quiota Creek Project Crossing #2 – Report from the General Manager

General Manger Bruce Mowry reported that bedrock was discovered while excavating for the second of two constructed rock riffles. A new design was agreed upon by the NMFS and CDFG Fish Passage engineers. The unexpected change required a change order for \$32,080, which was approved by COMB's General Manager prior to construction.

Tim Robinson presented the Board with some photographs of the nearly completed project. The remaining tasks are to install the guard and bridge rails, pave the road, replace ranch fencing, hydro-mulch and seed, and plant mitigation trees. The project is scheduled to be completed by the middle of November.

9. Operations Division Activities

a. Operations Report

The September Operations Report was included in the board packet.

10. Fisheries Division Activities

a. Lower Santa Ynez River Fisheries Report

The monthly report was included in the board packet.

b. Cross Creek Ranch Fish Passage Project – Weir Repair

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that Tim Robinson has applied for a California Department of Fish and Game discretionary funds grant for these repairs on El Jaro Creek. The recommended repair is to place seven 2-4 ton boulders in three damaged locations, adding small chinking rock to seal the weir. The project will go forward upon receiving full grant funding.

11. Reports From the Manager

a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly water reports were included in the board packet.

b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The daily operations report for Lake Cachuma through October 18, 2011 was included in the board packet.

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

The Cachuma Lake Quagga Survey for September was included in the board packet. No mussels were detected in September 2011.

d. Report on General Managers Meeting, October 5, 2011

General Manager Bruce Mowry reported that the managers had a productive meeting on October 5th. The November 2nd meeting will be to discuss the amendment to the JPA.

12. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no requests.

13. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) Two cases

Counsel Tony Trembley announced the closed session.

The Board went in to closed session at 3:09 p.m. and came out of closed session at 3:42 p.m.

There was no action to report out of closed session.

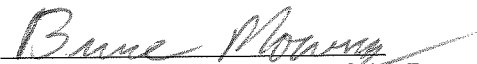
14. Meeting Schedule


- The next regular Board meeting will be held November 21, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website,
www.cachuma-board.org

15. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Mowry, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED: 
Lauren Hanson, President of the Board