

**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, December 15, 2008**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:51 p.m. by President Das Williams, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Directors present:**

Das Williams	City of Santa Barbara
Bob Lieberknecht	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Jan Abel	Montecito Water District

**Others present:**

Kate Rees	William Hair
Chip Wullbrandt	Eric Ford
Brett Gray	David McDermott
Tom Mosby	Rebecca Bjork
Alex Keuper	Phil Walker
Janet Gingras	Stacey Hansen
Danna McGrew	

**2. Public Comment**

Phil Walker, citizen of the City of Santa Barbara, expressed concern on the following topics: sediment in Lake Cachuma and the possibility of utilizing modeling developed by USBR, the cost of COMB's 2<sup>nd</sup> Barrel Project, and the effects of climate change with regard to water intrusion rates in the tunnels.

President Williams requested that Ms. Rees address these concerns during the Manager's report.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes:**  
November 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
- b. **Investment Funds**  
Financial Report  
Investment Report

**c. Payment of Claims**

Director Abel moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 4/0/3, Director Loudon and the Goleta Water District Director were absent.

**4. Report From the Auditor for Fiscal Year 2007-2008: Recommendation to Accept the Audit**

The Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and the Independent Auditors' Report were prepared by Bartlett Pringle & Wolf, Certified Public Accountants and were included in the board packet. Danna McGrew, Partner with Bartlett Pringle & Wolf, and Stacey Hansen, CPA summarized the audit for the Board of Directors. The auditors did not identify any management concerns or reportable conditions in conducting the audit, they issued a clean opinion.

Ms. McGrew discussed with the Board the implications of GASB 45, OBEB Obligation; the implementation date is June 30, 2010. This would require government agencies to accrue liability for health and other benefits provided to retirees. Ms. McGrew stated that they are recommending to their clients that the actuary study be completed during the next year since the liability can be significant. Staff would look into a cost estimate for the study and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

Janet Gingras highlighted the handout on the Constructive Return Distribution for FY 07/08. Out of the \$1.154 million constructive return, \$600,000 was previously committed to the Lauro Debris Basin Project. The Finance Committee recommended that the remaining \$461,906 should be designated for capital expenditures. Staff will come back to the Board in January with a recommendation.

Ms. Rees and the COMB Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Directors accept the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and the Independent Auditor's Report.

Director Lieberknecht moved to accept the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and the Independent Auditor's Report, seconded by Director Abel, passed 4/0/3 director Loudon and Goleta Water District Director were absent.

**5. Reports From the Manager**

**a. Cachuma Water Reports**

The water reports prepared by Janet Gingras were included in the board packet.

**b. 2008 Surcharge Accounting**

Ms. Rees surcharge accounting report was included in the board packet.

**c. Lauro Debris Basin Progress Report**

Brett Gray's progress report on the Lauro Debris Basin project was included in the board packet. The project is 75% completed and is progressing very well. There have been 7 change orders to date and Mr. Gray is expecting a couple of changes orders due to some unforeseen soil conditions. He will bring the actual costs to the Board in January.

**d. Carpinteria Reach Metering Issues Report**

Brett Gray reported that he has been meeting with the engineers from Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) - Bob McDonald, and Montecito Water District (MWD) - Karl Meier. They have been evaluating the overall metering problem in the Carpinteria reach of the South Coast Conduit. They have been focusing on the accuracy of the existing boundary, its location, and rehabilitation of some of the older meters up pipeline of the boundary meter.

**e. ACWA 2008 Fall Conference December 2-5, 2008, Long Beach, CA**

Ms. Rees reported on a few of the sessions she attended that were relevant to COMB activities and administration. She also completed an ethics training certification.

**f. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions**

**Date 12/15/2008**

Lake elevation	742.42 feet
Storage	165,062 acre feet
Rain (for the month to date)	1.45 inches
Rain YTD (for the season to date)	1.94 inches
Fish Release-Hilton Creek	10 acre feet per day
Month to Date Fish Release	150.3 acre feet
Month to Date Spill	0 acre feet
Year to Date Spill	0 acre feet

**g. 2009 Board Meeting Schedule**

The Board meeting schedule was included in the CCRB board packet, item 4c

Ms. Rees addressed the concerns Mr. Walker expressed during Public Comment regarding loss of capacity due to siltation of Lake Cachuma after the Zaca Fire. President Williams requested that a copy of the most recent 2008 Bathymetric Survey of Lake Cachuma be sent to Mr. Walker. Ms Rees stated that the projected cost of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Barrel Project is currently \$9 to \$10 million. She also noted that although we have not done any climate change studies, the water intrusion rate into Tecolote Tunnel has remained fairly constant over time. For hydrologic modeling work, Stetson Engineering has been the primary firm used due to their expertise on Santa Ynez River hydrology, rather than USBR.

**6. Damage to South Coast Conduit in Sycamore Canyon**

Brett Gray reported on damage to the SCC in Sycamore Canyon caused by a contractor's excavator puncturing a hole through the pipe on Thursday morning December 4<sup>th</sup>. The 30" pipeline was taken out of service for 5 days; however no customers were without water during that time. COMB staff worked with the

Member Unit water agencies in shutting down the system, determining water demand through the weekend and meeting those demands. A replacement pipe was ordered and delivered that same day. By Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> the pipeline was repaired. Monday morning COMB began to charge the system, and the pipeline was fully back in service by the end of the day.

The issue of who is responsible for the break and who will be paying for the repair is under discussion due to several factors involved.

**7. Consider Resolution No. 478 Regarding Access License for Oceanview Home Owners Association**

Ms. Rees reviewed for the Board the request from the Oceanview Home Owners Association for a license to use Reclamation's right-of-way at Ortega Reservoir. Reclamation has no objection to granting a license and the Transfer of Operation and Maintenance Contract allows COMB, acting as Reclamation's agent, to grant a license to the HOA for access rights.

Director Abel moved to approve Resolution no. 478 approving and authorizing the execution of an access license for the Oceanview Home Owners Association, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, a roll call vote was taken, passed 4/0/3. Director Loudon and Goleta Water District Director were absent.

**8. Selection of Representative to Attend ACWA 2009 DC Conference**

Director Lieberknecht moved that Director Abel be selected to attend the ACWA 2009 DC Conference, February 24-26, 2009, seconded by Director Williams, passed 4/0/3, Director Loudon and Goleta Water District Director were absent.

**9. Director's Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

The Directors had nothing to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

**10. [Closed Session] Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (one case).**

The Board went into closed session at 3:50 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:05 p.m. There was nothing to report out of closed session.

**11. Meeting Schedule**

The next regular Board meeting will be held January 26, 2009 following the 2:15 p.m. CCRB regular Board meeting, at the COMB office.

The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, [www.cachuma-board.org](http://www.cachuma-board.org)

**12. Lauro Debris Basin Site Visit**

Due to the morning rains the Lauro Debris Basin site visit was postponed until the January 26, 2009 Board meeting.

**13. COMB Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

**APPROVED:**

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Das Williams, President