

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 20, 2010

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:16 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

Others present:

Kate Rees	William Hair
Jim Colton	Gary Kvistad
Chris Dahlstrom	John McInnes
Sonja Fernandez	Tom Mosby
Ruth Snodgrass	Janet Gingras
Dennis Beebe	Bill Ferguson
Tim Robinson	

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3. [Closed Session] Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9© (one case)

The Board went in to closed session at 3:17 p.m. and came out of closed session at 3:45 p.m. There was nothing to report out of closed session.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes:**
November 22, 2010 Regular Board Meeting
- b. **Investment Funds**
Financial Reports
Investment Report
- c. **Payment of Claims**

Director Morgan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 4/0/3, Director Francisco abstained and an ID#1 representative was absent.

5. 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. Meeting with Deputy Regional Director at ACWA Fall Conference, Indian Wells, November 30 – December 3, 2010 Regarding COMB Capital Improvement Needs

Ms. Rees reported on her meeting with Reclamation's Deputy Regional Director at the ACWA Fall Conference. She discussed with him the need to find funding for the many capital improvement projects for the Cachuma Project. Ms. Rees reported that legislation is probably the best possible means of funding for the Cachuma Project improvements. Reclamation cannot provide non-reimbursable funds under the current Cachuma Master Contract, which designates almost all costs as reimbursable.

d. Propositions 50 and 84 Process Update

Ms. Rees included updated information in the board packet.

e. Quagga Mussel Inspection Reports – County of Santa Barbara

The Quagga Mussel Inspection monthly report from the County of Santa Barbara was included in the board packet.

f. Extension of County Parks Recreation Agreement for Cachuma Park

A letter from Reclamation regarding the extension of the County Parks Recreation Agreement for the Cachuma Park was included in the board packet.

g. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The Cachuma Reservoir Conditions up to 12/15/2010 were included in the board packet.

6. 2nd Pipeline Project

a. Project Status Report

The project status report was included in the board packet.

b. Permit and NEPA Status Report

The permit status report was included in the board packet. The Notice of Availability was posted 12/10/2010 for 30 days; the Record of Decision can be signed by the Regional Director at Reclamation after the Environmental Review, completing the NEPA process by 1/31/2011. Reclamation's Finding of No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties for Section 106 was submitted to SHPO for a 30 day review period 12/6/2010 and should be completed by

1/10/2010. The Section 106 process could be completed by 1/31/2010 and construction contract awarded by 2/25/2011.

c. Revised Funding Process and Project Approval Schedule

A schedule was included in the board packet. The last round of approval would be for COMB to approve the Project Expenditure followed by ratification of each of the five Member Units.

d. Consider Letter to CVWD Requesting Reconsideration of Cost Sharing in 2nd Pipeline Project

Included in the board packet was a letter to the Carpinteria Valley Water District requesting that the District reconsider its earlier decision not to fund its share of the 2nd Pipeline Project.

Director Francisco moved to approve sending the letter to CVWD under the signature of President Hanson, seconded by Director Hanson, passed 6/0/1, ID #1 representative was absent.

7. Consider COMB Letter to California Highway Patrol in Support of Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Request to Ban Trucks Carrying Hazardous Materials on Highway 154

At the request of President Hanson, staff prepared a letter of support to ban the hauling of hazardous waste materials on portions of Highway 154 in Santa Barbara County. Director Morgan suggested that the letter should emphasize the closeness of Hwy 154 adjacent to the water supply in Lake Cachuma.

Director Morgan moved to approve the letter to the California Highway Patrol including the suggested changes emphasizing the closeness of the highway to the Lake, seconded by Director Francisco, passed 6/0/1, ID#1 representative was absent.

8. Consider Approval of COMB Land Use Authorization Policy

Ms. Rees reported that staff had prepared draft land use authorization policies, procedures, applications, and special provisions for COMB. Staff recommended approval of this policy in order to proceed with land use requests within the SCC easement. The final land use documents for COMB's permitting activities have incorporated comments from the member units and COMB's General Counsel.

After discussion the Directors determined that staff should make quarterly reports to the Board on the progress of this procedure, and revisit the policy in a year to evaluate possible modifications. President Hanson provided suggestions and corrections to the policy. President Hanson also suggested that the COMB Land Use Authorization Policy be posted on COMB's website and linked to the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department and the City of Santa Barbara Planning Department websites. Staff will incorporate these suggestions into the document.

Director Morgan moved to approve COMB Land Use Authorization Policy and Procedures, Permit Application, Permit, and Fee Schedule with the stipulation for staff to make quarterly reports and in a year return it to the Board for possible modifications, and to incorporate the suggestions and corrections as stated by President Hanson, and to authorize the General Manager to implement the COMB Land Use Authorization Policy, seconded by Director Lieberknecht, passed 6/0/1, ID#1 representative was absent.

9. Consider Approval of Professional Agreements with: Cardno-Entrix, Northwest Hydraulics, HDR and Melinda Fournier

Ms. Rees reported that with the transfer of the existing Santa Ynez River Fisheries Program to COMB as of January 1, 2011, the consultants under contract with CCRB need to contract with COMB also effective January 1, 2011. Staff requested approval of the PSAs and authorization for the General Manager to sign them. Four consultant agreements were included in the board packet.

Director Morgan requested that the Scopes of Work and the hourly rates for the consultants be provided prior to approving the Professional Agreements. It was also requested that approval of the PSAs be deferred until a new ID#1 COMB representative was selected.

Director Francisco moved to approve the Professional Services Agreements for the consultants to carry out ongoing work for the existing Santa Ynez River Fisheries Program and related activities effective January 1, 2011, and to authorize the General Manager to sign the Professional Services Agreements for the consultants, seconded by President Hanson, motion failed 4/2/1, Director Morgan voted no, Director Lieberknecht voted no and ID#1 representative was absent.

The requested information will be reviewed by the COMB Operating Committee before coming back to the Board for approval at a special Board meeting on January 13, 2011.

10. Notification of Kate Rees' Retirement as COMB's General Manager and Appointment of Ad Hoc General Manager Search/Transition Committee

Included in the board packet was a notification of Kate Rees' retirement from COMB. Ms. Rees reported that it would be effective upon hiring a new General Manager but not later than June 30, 2011. Ms Rees will remain CCRB's Manager.

President Hanson appointed the representative from the City of Santa Barbara (Director Francisco) and the representative from Goleta Water District (President Hanson) to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to search for a new General Manager and direct the transition. President Hanson announced that they would be meeting in early January.

11. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

12. Meeting Schedule

A Special Board meeting will be scheduled in early January 2011

The next regular Board meeting will be held January 24, 2011 following the CCRB meeting at 2:15 P.M.

The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website,
www.cachuma-board.org

13. COMB Adjournment

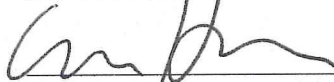
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Lauren Hanson, President of the Board