

**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 25, 2008**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:52 p.m. by Vice-President Matt Loudon, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

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| Matt Loudon | SYR Water Conservation Dist., ID#1 |
| Das Williams | City of Santa Barbara |
| Jan Abel | Montecito Water District |
| Bob Lieberknecht | Carpinteria Valley Water District |

Others present:

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| Kate Rees | William Hair |
| Chris Dahlstrom | Brett Gray |
| Tom Mosby | Kevin Walsh |
| Gary Kvistad | Rebecca Bjork |
| Janet Gingras | Whitney Uyeda |

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

January 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting

b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Abel, motion carried, 5/0/2, Director Evans was absent.

4. Reports from the Manager

a. Water Storage, Water Production Use, SWP Accounting

The monthly reports from Janet Gingras were included in the board packet.

b. Operations Report

The January report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the board packet.

Mr. Gray also reported on the increased under-drain flows at Ortega Reservoir. Monitoring continues as does additional testing. Divers were sent into the reservoir on February 11, 2008 and the leaks that were found were not of a sufficient size to be a significant contributor to the increased under-drain flows. COMB staff will continue to work with Montecito Water District staff to try to determine the cause of the increase under-drain flows.

c. Post-Zaca Fire Report

Included in the board packet was a letter from Ms Rees to Tom Fayram, Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, requesting financial assistance for a Bathymetric Survey for Lake Cachuma. Mr. Fayram indicated that the County would be able to assist with funding this work. Also a progress report from Balance Hydrologics, Inc. on the delta instability and seiche/tsunami-generation hazard was included for information.

d. 2008 Spill/Surcharge Issues

Ms. Rees reported that the Bureau of Reclamation had declared the availability of surplus water from February 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008. The letter was included in the board packet. Stetson Engineering is currently working on establishing a protocol for surcharging the Lake and also for ramping down a release in order to avoid killing any fish.

e. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 02/25/2008

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| Lake elevation | 752.09 |
| Storage | 194,461 acre feet |
| Rain (for the month to date) | 2.23 inches |
| Rain YTD (for the season to date) | 21.46 inches |

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| Fish Release-Hilton Creek | 14.4 acre feet per day |
| Month to Date Fish Release | 426.8 acre feet |
| Month to Date Spill | 10,895 acre feet |

5. Capital Improvement Program/Bond Issuance Presentation

The recommendation before the Board was to authorize the use of \$143,000 of unexpended fund balance from Fiscal Year 2006-07 to continue the design process for the 2nd Pipeline Project (Project Component #1) and start the environmental process for the Mission Creek Crossing Project (Project Component #3). Director Williams moved to approve the recommendation as stated in the memo, seconded by Director Abel, passed 5/0/2. Director Evans was absent.

Brett Gray then gave a presentation highlighting the O&M Reliability Program Initial Project Report. He highlighted six of the Project Components by presenting the description, purpose, environmental requirements and a budget for each project. Mr. Gray requested that at the March Board meeting the Directors would review the project components, review the prioritization of the projects and review the bond issuance process. Mr. Gray would also be available to attend Board meetings of the Member Units to present COMB's O&M reliability program.

Director Williams requested that Mr. Gray provide information on energy cost savings if a new COMB office building were to be constructed and also what the cost would be to replace several of the older trailers that are currently being used as offices.

6. Proposed Draft License for Ocean View Homeowners' Association at Ortega Reservoir to Use U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Right-of-way

A draft license agreement designed to grant access to Ortega Reservoir Ridge Road for the property owners in the Ocean View Homeowners Association was handed out to the Directors prior to the meeting. Ms. Rees indicated this was for information only, and that a final license agreement recommendation would be presented for approval at the March Board meeting, if all parties bought off on the license. Ms. Rees highlighted the background on the requested right-of-way. The proposed draft License would be between COMB and the Ocean View Homeowners' Association. Counsel Bill Hair highlighted the terms of the license for the Directors.

7. Quagga Mussel Issues Regarding Lake Cachuma

Ms. Rees reported that a letter had been received from the County Board of Supervisors requesting that COMB attend a public hearing on prevention of Quagga mussels and present our request for a temporary restriction on private boating at Lake Cachuma. Ms. Rees will prepare a presentation for the March 11, 2008 County Board of Supervisors meeting. There were also several letters included in the board packet addressing the Quagga mussel issue.

Public Comment was made by Whitney Uyeda concerning the Quagga mussel.

8. Conference Report

- a. Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region Water Users Conference, Reno, January 23-25, 2008

Ms. Rees reported that this session of the Water Users Conference was the best she had attended. The common theme throughout the conference was the change in operations that almost every agency is experiencing due to an endangered species. The projects and operations are all impacted by requirements to protect endangered species.

9. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional requests from the Directors.

10. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held March 24, 2008 following the 2:15 P.M. CCRB regular Board meeting, at the COMB office.

The Board Packets are available on the CCRB-COMB Website, www.ccrb-comb.org

11. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chuck Evans, President