

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD**

**held at
3301 Laurel Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA
Monday, October 27, 2014**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President Lauren Hanson who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Dennis Beebe	SYR Water Conservation District, ID No. 1
Dale Francisco	City of Santa Barbara
Alonzo Orozco	Carpinteria Valley Water District

Others present:

Randall Ward	Tony Trembley
Janet Gingras	Matt Naftaly
Dave Stewart	Charles Hamilton
Ruth Snodgrass	Kevin Walsh
Eric Boldt	Phil Walker
Marcus Hedenberg	Sarah Horwath
Scott Engblom	Adelle Capponi

2. Public Comment

Phil Walker commented on the weather forecast and earthquake faults.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes:**
September 22, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment Funds**
Financial Report
Investment Report
- c. Payment of Claims**

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

Ayes: Beebe, Morgan, Francisco, Orozco, Hanson,

Nays: None

Abstain/Absent: None

4. Reports From Board Committees

a. Fisheries Committee Meeting held October 9, 2014

Director Beebe and Director Hanson are members of the Committee. During the meeting the committee discussed BO Compliance reporting, Hilton Creek issues and Mission Creek project.

5. General Manager's Report

Randall Ward, General Manager, highlighted his report which was included in the board packet. Mr. Ward reported on the USBR site inspection regarding cross connections, the rehabilitation of the North Portal Elevator, the Santa Barbara County Drought Task Force October 8, 2014 tour of the Emergency Pumping Facility Project. He also reported on the construction status, grant funding and IRWMP grant status for the Drought Emergency Pumping Facility Project.

6. Update Weather Projection, Presentation by Eric Boldt

Eric Boldt, NOAA/National Weather Service, gave a presentation on weather predictions and the winter outlook. The National Weather Service website, www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov will have weekly updates from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC).

Phil Walker commented.

7. Progress Report on Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Program

Scott Engblom, Project Biologist, highlighted the report which was included in the board packet. Mr. Engblom reported that watering of Year 1 through Year 6 trees was conducted in September and October as well as weeding and deer cage maintenance. The Lake Shore Inventory results will be provided to the Lake Cachuma Oak Tree Committee this fall and the annual oak tree inventory will begin in November.

Phil Walker commented.

8. Operations Division Report

Dave Stewart's report described the activities performed by the Operations field crew staff for the previous month. Randall Ward, General Manager, reported that COMB staff had met with County staff to formalize the process used for encroachments on the South Coast Conduit. The Board requested an update next month to be included in the General Managers' report.

9. Fisheries Division Report

Scott Engblom, Project Biologist, highlighted the report which was included in the board packet.

10. Monthly Cachuma Project Reports

a. Cachuma Water Reports

The monthly water reports for September 2014 were included in the board packet.

b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

The Lake Cachuma Daily Operations report through October 19, 2014 was included in the board packet.

c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

The County's summary of Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Program for September 2014 was included in the board packet.

11. Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

As requested during the General Managers' report, add to that report an update on the encroachment process with the County.

President Hanson stated that the Administration Committee would be discussing the request from Director Orozco regarding the Member Units using more than their allotted water. Also the Committee will discuss employee benefits at their next meeting as requested by Director Morgan. Both items will come back to the Board after the Committee discussions.

Counsel Tony Trembley announced that the Board would go into closed session for Item #12 as indicated on the agenda.

The Board went into closed session at 3:40 p.m.

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

[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Name of case: Andrew Brown and Jessica Brown vs. Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1438821

13. Reconvene into Open Session

[Government Code Section 54957.7]

Disclosure of actions taken in closed session, as applicable

[Government Code Section 54957.1]

The Board came out of closed session at 4:18 p.m. There was no action to report out of closed session.

14. Comb General Counsel: Reappointment of Musick Peeler & Garret LLP with William Carter/Lead Counsel

Musick Peeler & Garrett LLP serving as COMB's General Counsel and Mr. Tony Trembley serving as lead counsel to COMB, requests that the Board consider

replacing Mr. Tony Trembley, with Mr. William Carter, as the firms lead counsel representing COMB effective immediately.

Director Francisco moved to approve the reappointment of Musick Peeler & Garret LLP as COMB's General Counsel and name Mr. William Carter lead counsel to represent COMB effective immediately, seconded by Director Morgan, passed 7/0/0 by a roll call vote:

Ayes: Beebe, Morgan, Francisco, Orozco, Hanson,

Nayes: None

Abstain/Absent: None

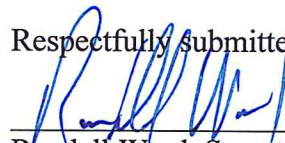
15. Meeting Schedule

- The next regular Board meeting will be held November 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Agendas and Board Packets are available on the COMB website, www.cachuma-board.org

16. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall Ward, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:



Lauren Hanson, President of the Board