

**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, March 26, 2007**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:51 p.m. by President Chuck Evans, who chaired the meeting. Those in attendance were:

Directors present:

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

Others present:

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| Kate Rees | Douglas Morgan |
| Chip Wullbrandt | Steve Mack |
| Bill Hair | Gary Kvistad |
| Charles Hamilton | Janet Gingras |
| Greg Wilkinson (via phone) | |
| Michelle Ouellette (via phone) | |

2. [Closed Session]: Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Pending Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a). One Case: Crawford-Hall V COMB, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, Case No. 1171135.

The Board went into closed session at 3:53 p.m. Closed session ended at 4:12 p.m. There was nothing to report out of closed session.

3. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes:

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b. Investment Funds

Financial Report
Investment Report

c. Payment of Claims

Director Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Loudon. Motion carried, 7/0/0.

5. Reports from the Manager

a. Water Storage

The monthly report was included in the Board packet

b. Water Production & Use, SWP Accounting

The two monthly reports were included in the Board packet

c. Operations Report

The February 2007 report on operations from Brett Gray was included in the Board packet.

d. 2006 Surcharge Accounting

Ms Rees reported on the 2006 surcharge account included in the board packet. Due to the low rainfall this year the reservoir has not spilled. The remaining nearly 4,600 acre feet of surcharge balance from 2006 will be used for managing the fisheries in 2007.

e. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions

Date 03/26/2007

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| Lake elevation | 742.38 |
| Storage | 166,064 acre feet |
| Rain (for the month to date) | 0.06 inches |
| Rain YTD (for the season to date) | 3.47 inches |
| Fish Release-Hilton Creek | 12 acre feet per day |
| Month to Date Fish Release | 288.7 acre feet |
| Month to Date Spill | 0.00 acre feet |

f. Update on SWRCB Water Rights Fee Litigation

Ms. Rees highlighted the information included in the board packet concerning the current information she had received regarding the instructions to the State Water Resources Control Board to go back and recalculate the water rights fees.

6. Lauro Dam Safety of Dams Repayment Agreement
a. Status of Member Unit Ratification of Lauro Dam SOD Agreement and Approval of Allocation Agreement

It was reported that all Member Units had approved the Lauro Dam SOD Allocation Agreement. Counsel Hair reminded everyone that they need to send him a signed or certified copy of their resolutions ratifying the Lauro Dam SOD Agreement and approving Allocation Agreement so that he can file a Validation Action in Superior Court. Ms. Rees reported that the cost to date for the Lauro Dam SOD work is \$6,095,165.

7. Reclamation's Comprehensive Facilities Review of Cachuma Project Facilities

Ms. Rees reported on the Comprehensive Facilities Reviews (CFR) that have been conducted to date by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Mechanical engineering and civil engineering reviews of the four dams and balancing reservoirs along the South Coast Conduit (SCC) were conducted during March 2007. Overall, nothing of major concern was noted during the field examinations. The draft report from the CFRs should be distributed for review in about six weeks, after which the final report would be prepared. The CFR for the SCC will be conducted in May.

8. COMB/CCRB Reorganization Process

Director Evans updated the Board on the reorganization process of COMB and CCRB. He reported that he had not been able to meet with the Directors from ID#1 and will do so as soon as schedules can be accommodated. John Jostes has indicated that his allocated budget has been spent. If the Board wishes to continue using his services, Mr. Jostes' budget would need to be augmented.

9. Proposition 50 and Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Issues

This was thoroughly discussed during the CCRB meeting, item #6, and there was nothing further to add.

10. Directors' Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Director Evans requested that the letter from ID #1 concerning the spill water policy be added to the COMB agenda for the April 23, 2007 meeting for discussion and information only.

11. Meeting Schedule

April 23, 2007 is the next regular COMB Board meeting following the 2:15 P.M. CCRB Board meeting, at the COMB office.

COMB's 50th Anniversary Open House will be held on May 17, 2007 from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the COMB office.

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

12. COMB Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED:

Chuck Evans, President