

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RESERVOIR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

David Hart, Chair  
Ken Ekelund  
Richard Ortiz  
Mark Nielsen  
David Pozzi  
Mark Gonzalez

John Baillie  
Benny Jefferson  
Dean Benedix  
Michael Tozzi (Parks)  
Mark Sandoval (CalParks)

**TIME:** 1:30 PM  
**DATE:** Thursday, May 5, 2016  
**PLACE:** Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
Board Room  
893 Blanco Circle  
Salinas, CA 93901  
(831) 755-4860

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order at 1:30 P.M. by Chair David Hart and a quorum was established.**  
**Members present:** David Hart, Ken Ekelund, Richard Ortiz, Bill Capps (for Mark Nielsen), John Baillie, Benny Jefferson, Mark Sandoval  
**Members absent:** David Pozzi, Mark Gonzalez, Dean Benedix, Michael Tozzi

**Bill Stevens, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), participated in the meeting via Conference Call.**

2. **Public Comments:**  
**Bob Martin, Rio Farms, asked for clarification about the 400 cfs maximum releases from the Low Level Outlet Works at Nacimiento.**

**Director Ortiz expressed concern about the impact on the water supply from the pipeline project currently under way in San Ardo.**

3. **Approve the Minutes of the Reservoir Operations Committee Meeting held on April 7, 2016**

**ACTION: On motion and second of Committee members Baillie and Capps, the Committee approved the minutes.**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously by those members present.**

4. **Review the status of both reservoirs and current releases**  
Jason Demers, Hydrologist, reported on this item. Since the seasonal low of January 2016, the net increase for San Antonio is 14,500 acre-feet of storage and 68,700 for Nacimiento.

There is a flow of 57 cfs in the Salinas River near the Bradley gage. End of flow in the Salinas River is at river mile 73.5 about five miles from King City.

Nacimiento Reservoir elevation is 742.95 feet and 128,398 acre-feet of storage, 34% of capacity, and current release is 60 cfs.

San Antonio Reservoir elevation is 668.00 feet and 24,750 acre-feet of storage, 7% of capacity, and current release is 3 cfs.

5. **Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors adopt a release schedule for Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs for 2016**  
Germán Criollo, Associate Hydrologist, reported on this item.

**Public Comments:** Nancy Isakson, Salinas Valley Channel Coalition; Bill Stevens, National Marine Fisheries Service.

**ACTION:** On motion and second of Committee members Ekelund and Baillie, the Committee approved the release schedule.

**VOTE:** Yes: Hart, Ekelund, Ortiz, Capps, Baillie, Sandoval  
No: Jefferson  
Absent: Pozzi, Gonzalez, Benedix, Tozzi

6. **Receive report on the status of the Operations Policy Manual for San Antonio and Nacimiento Reservoirs**

Germán Criollo reported on this item. The next meeting of the Operations Policy Committee is scheduled for June 22, 2016.

7. **Receive report regarding Operations and Maintenance activities at the Reservoirs**

Brent Buche, Deputy General Manager, and Chris Moss, Senior Water Resources Engineer, reported on this item. A handout was provided.

8. **Receive report regarding Interlake Tunnel Project**

Dave Chardavoyne, General Manager, reported on this item.

**Public Comment:** Nancy Isakson

9. **Receive status reports on:**

**A. Lake Recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department**

Mark Sandoval, CalParks, reported on this item.

**B. Easement and Agency Leases**

Brent Buche reported on this item.

**C. Quagga / Zebra Mussel Plan**

Mark Sandoval reported on this item.

**D. San Luis Obispo County Activities**

No report on this item.

**E. National Marine Fisheries Service**

Bill Stevens, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), reported on this item.

**F. Cloud Seeding**

Brent Buche reported on this item on behalf of Dean Benedix.

**ACTION:** On motion and second of Committee members Baillie and Jefferson, the Committee recommends the Board of Directors approve the Agency utilize \$15,000 from the cloud seeding reserve fund for participation in a Regional Cloud Seeding feasibility study with San Luis Obispo County.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

**10. Set next meeting date and discuss future Agenda items**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 2, 2016 at the reservoirs.

**11. Adjournment by Chair David Hart at 3:57 P.M.**

**SUBMITTED BY: TERESA CAMPA**

**Approved on: June 2, 2016**