

**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, March 3, 2016
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Board Room
890 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 755-4860

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER @ 1:30 P.M. by Chair David Hart and a quorum was established.**
Members present: David Hart, Ken Ekelund, Richard Ortiz, Mark Nielsen, Mark Gonzalez, John Baillie, Benny Jefferson, Dean Benedix, Michael Tozzi,
Members absent: David Pozzi, Mark Sandoval

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT - none**
3. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RESERVOIR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

ACTION: On motion and second of Committee members Jefferson and Ortiz, the Committee approved the minutes.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

4. **REVIEW THE STATUS OF BOTH RESERVOIRS; REVIEW RELEASES AND RELEASE SCHEDULE**
Jason Demers, Hydrologist, reported on this item. There is a flow of 63 cfs in the Salinas River near the Bradley gage. End of flow in the Salinas River is at river mile 71.3, approximately 3 miles upstream of King City. For this year, Nacimiento Reservoir has received a net increase of 22,007 acre-feet of storage and San Antonio has received a net increase of 2,001 acre-feet of storage. Rainfall amounts expected the weekend of March 6th and 7th are in the range of one to three inches in the Salinas Valley and five inches in the Santa Lucia Mountains.

Nacimiento Reservoir elevation is 726.95 feet and 84,680 acre-feet of storage, 22% of capacity, and current release is 60 cfs.

San Antonio Reservoir elevation is 649.65 feet and 12,358 acre-feet of storage, 4% of capacity, and current release is 3 cfs.

Public Comment: Nancy Isakson, Salinas River Channel Coalition

5. RECEIVE REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL FOR SAN ANTONIO AND NACIMIENTO RESERVOIRS

Germán Criollo, Associate Hydrologist reported on this item. The Operations Policy Subcommittee met on February 17, 2016, and will meet every two months. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment: Bob Martin, Rio Farms

6. 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 list of maintenance items for San Antonio was distributed.

7. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING INTERLAKE TUNNEL PROJECT

Brent Buche, Deputy General Manager, reported on this item. A meeting is scheduled with Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee (NRWMAC) on March 18, 2016.

8. RECEIVE REPORTS ON STATUS OF:

A. LAKE RECREATION BY CONCESSIONAIRE & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Michael Tozzi, Parks Department reported on this item.

B. EASEMENTS AND AGENCY LEASES

Chair David Hart reported on this item. Director Ekelund requested an update on illegal dumping.

C. UPDATE ON SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY ACTIVITIES

Dean Benedix, San Luis Obispo County Public Works, reported on this item.

D. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Bill Stevens and Joel Casagrande voiced concerns relating to the Interlake Tunnel Project. Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Hydrologist, stated a workshop is scheduled for March 8, 2016, to discuss reservoir and interlake tunnel operations criteria.

E. CLOUD SEEDING

Committee member John Baillie provided a statement.

9. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items for discussion will include a Quagga Mussel report, and an update from staff about potential sources of funding increase. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 7, 2016 at the Agency.

10. ADJOURNMENT BY CHAIR DAVID HART AT 3:26 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY: TERESA CAMPA

Approved on: April 7, 2016