

**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, January 7, 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, David Pozzi, Mark Gonzalez, John Baillie, Dean Benedix, Michael Tozzi, Mark Sandoval

Members absent: Mark Nielsen, Benny Jefferson

Bill Stevens, 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 December 3, 2015.

ACTION: On motion and second of Committee members Baillie and Pozzi, 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 76 cfs in the Salinas River at the Bradley gage. End of flow in the Salinas River is estimated to be between river miles 69 and 74. Nacimiento Reservoir received 0.6 feet (or 1600 acre-feet) of inflow from the recent rains. No inflow has been received for San Antonio except from the direct rainfall. Salinas has received about 1.50 inches of rain so far this month. South Salinas has received 8 inches this season. The mountains have received 4-6 inches in the past seven days. At the dams there's been over 1 inch, and about 2 inches in the upper part of the valleys above the reservoirs.

Nacimiento Reservoir elevation is 717.40 feet and 63,650 acre-feet of storage, 17% of capacity, and current release is 60 cfs.

San Antonio Reservoir elevation is 645.50 feet and 10,254 acre-feet of storage, 3% of capacity, and current release is 3 cfs.

5. Receive report on the status of the Operations Policy Manual for San Antonio and Nacimiento reservoirs.

Brent Buche, Deputy General Manager, and Germán Criollo, Associate Hydrologist, reported on this item. An update on the December 16, 2015 Reservoir Operations Policy Subcommittee meeting was provided. The next meeting of the Subcommittee is scheduled for February 17, 2016. Due to questions about public attendance at the Subcommittee meetings, County Counsel has advised that Subcommittee meetings are not subject to Brown Act regulations and only Subcommittee members should attend. Updates will be provided at the Reservoir Operations Committee meetings. Keith Roberts, a South County grape grower, will be added to the Subcommittee.

ACTION: On motion and second of Committee members Baillie and Pozzi, the Committee approved the addition of Keith Roberts, representative for the South portion of Monterey County, to the Subcommittee and approved to keep it as a Subcommittee.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

6. Receive report regarding Operations and Maintenance activities at the reservoirs.

Brent Buche, Deputy General Manager, reported on this item.

7. Receive report regarding Interlake Tunnel Project.

Dave Chardavoyne, General Manager, reported on this item.

8. Receive status reports on:

A. Lake recreation by Concessionaire and Parks Department

Mark Sandoval (CalParks), and Michael Tozzi (Parks Department) reported on this item.

B. Easements and Agency Leases.

Brent Buche reported on this item.

C. Quagga/Zebra Mussels Plan.

Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Hydrologist, reported on this item.

D. San Luis Obispo County Activities.

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

E. National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

F. Cloud Seeding.

No report provided.

9. Set next meeting date and discuss future Agenda items.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 4, 2016 at the Agency.

10. Adjournment @ 3:06 PM by David Hart, Chair.

SUBMITTED BY: TERESA CAMPA

Approved on: February 4, 2016