

**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 P.M.
DATE: Thursday, September 3, 2015
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Board Room
890 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 1:35 P.M. by Chair David Hart and a quorum was established.

Members Present: Hart, Ekelund, Nielsen, Pozzi, Gonzalez, Baillie, Jefferson, Benedix

Members Absent: Ortiz, Tozzi and Sandoval

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RESERVOIR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2015

A request was made for a correction to Rodney Braga's name under the comments in Item 5.

ACTION: On motion and second of Directors Baillie and Nielsen, the Committee approved the minutes with the correction mentioned above.

VOTE: Unanimous by those Directors present.

4. REVIEW THE STATUS OF BOTH RESERVOIRS; REVIEW RELEASES AND RELEASE SCHEDULE

Jason Demers, Hydrologist, presented this item for review. Releases from San Antonio Reservoir were gradually increased at San Antonio from 5 cfs on August 28, 2015, to 200 cfs on September 3, 2015.

Currently, flow of approximately 234 cfs is reaching the Salinas River near Bradley USGS gage and continues to rise. The end of continuous flow in the Salinas River was observed at approximately river mile 86.

Nacimiento Reservoir elevation is 726.00 feet and 82,400 acre-feet of storage, 22% of capacity, and current release is 60 cfs.

San Antonio Reservoir elevation is 650.95 feet and 13,018 acre-feet of storage, 4% of capacity, and current release is 200 cfs.

Information regarding El Niño weather conditions for the 2015-16 season was presented. The Committee also reviewed a forecasted inflow chart for the reservoirs based on a 140% of normal rainfall season.

Germán Criollo, Associate Hydrologist, provided an update on release option actions for the reservoirs and action taken at a Special Board of Directors meeting on August 11, 2015.

Bill Stevens and Joel Casagrande, NOAA Fisheries (on conference call), provided input on the weather forecast.

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

There was no report provided on this item.

6. RECEIVE REPORT ON CLOUD SEEDING

Dean Benedix, SLO County, provided an update on this item. San Luis Obispo County has funding to do a reconnaissance assessment to determine what would need to be done to implement a regional program including San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County and Monterey County.

7. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES AT THE RESERVOIRS

Brent Buche, Deputy General Manager, presented this item. The Committee reviewed the list of maintenance items to be performed at San Antonio Reservoir when the elevation reaches dead pool.

8. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING INTERLAKE TUNNEL PROJECT

Dave Chardavoyne, General Manager, presented this item. Negotiations of contracts for engineering and environmental work for this project are taking place and the Agency expects to present a recommendation to the Board of Directors at the end of September 2015.

9. RECEIVE REPORTS ON STATUS OF:

A. LAKE RECREATION BY CONCESSIONAIRE & PARKS DEPARTMENT

David Hart provided an update on this item based on information he received via e-mail from Mark Sandoval. Business at Nacimiento for the summer was approximately 20-25% above last year.

B. EASEMENTS AND AGENCY LEASES

Brent Buche provided an update on this item. The Agency has hired Tom Shepherd for work relating to the Nacimiento and San Antonio Grazing Leases.

C. QUAGGA / ZEBRA MUSSEL PLAN

Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Hydrologist, provided an update on this item. The Agency met with San Luis Obispo County and Parks Department to discuss plans for inspection training.

D. UPDATE ON SLO COUNTY ACTIVITIES

Dean Benedix, San Luis Obispo County, provided an update on this item. At the request of the five participants who paid for the Nacimiento Water Project, San Luis Obispo County is preparing an amendment for the use of the remaining reserve water allocated to San Luis Obispo County. This amendment could be in place this calendar year.

10. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 1, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. the Agency.

11. ADJOURNMENT BY CHAIR DAVID HART AT 3:00 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY: TERESA CAMPA

Approved on: October 1, 2015