

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

Ken Ekelund, Chair
David Hart
John Baillie
Tom Shepherd
David Pozzi

Mark Nielsen
Paavo Ogren
Benny Jefferson
Randy Korsgaard
Fred Ledesma

TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DATE: **Thursday, January 10, 2013**
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Board Room
893 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1:32 p.m. by Chair Ken Ekelund.

Members present: Ken Ekelund, David Hart, John Baillie, Tom Shepherd,
David Pozzi, Mark Nielsen, Benny Jefferson

Members absent: Paavo Ogren, Randy Korsgaard, Fred Ledesma

A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

John D'Ornellas, General Manager, Heritage Ranch Community Services District (HRCSD) requested an update from Agency staff and/or direction on the next steps for the request by HRCSD for an emergency water supply. A full presentation was provided to the Committee in 2010. The Committee will consider placing this item as an agenda item for the next meeting. (see ITEM 8, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS)

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RESERVOIR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2012

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members John Baillie and David Hart the Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

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

Howard Franklin, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist provided a status report. Flow has been recorded at all the gages in the Salinas River and there is continuous flow to the ocean; the Lagoon is open. On February 1 staff will begin managing releases based on triggers for providing upstream fish migration opportunities. A proposed release schedule will be presented to the Committee in April for review.

As a result of the storms during the period of November 30, 2012 to January 3, 2013, Nacimiento received 50,800 acre feet of storage, an increase of 15 feet in elevation. San

Antonio received 14,003 acre feet of storage, an increase of 4.1 feet in elevation. January and February is expected to be cold and dry, and March through May are expected to be near-normal.

NACIMIENTO elevation is 757.95 feet and 179,170 acre-feet of storage, 47% of capacity, and current release is 60 cfs.

SAN ANTONIO elevation is 746.70 feet and 184,285 acre-feet of storage, 55% of capacity, and current release is 10 cfs.

5. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES OCCURING AT THE RESERVOIRS

Brent Buche, Assistant General Manager & Chief of Operations and Maintenance provided a report. At San Antonio activities involved routine maintenance, including the electrical lines and outlets, the servicing of a vent fan, debris clean-up on the spillway gutters, and spot-spraying for rodents. Monterey County Public Works is in the process of surveying both dams.

The Agency sent out a Request for Bids for repair of the valve actuator at Nacimiento. Staff is currently evaluating the two (2) bids that were received. Final details are being coordinated with the manufacturer prior to ordering the items, which will cost \$100,000. The parts are expected to be installed in September/October. Other activities involve debris clean-up on the spillway gutters, and spot-spraying for rodent control. Staff is in negotiations with Site Construction Inc., a subcontractor to Kvaerner Inc, who built the Powerplant. Once the contract is signed the contractor will begin disassembling Unit 1. The repair costs may be covered under the Agency's insurance, possibly including business interruption costs. The repair project is estimated take approximately six months to complete. The Agency continues to seek alternatives for a new Power Purchase Agreement.

San Luis Obispo County and Oak Shores are looking to place about 50 buoys to identify the sewerlines which are located along the lake.

There was discussion on the recent events leading to Salinas River Lagoon Sandbar Management Activities. The regulatory agencies were notified and an emergency proclamation was signed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, which allowed the breaching to be performed.

6. REPORTS ON STATUS OF:

A. LAKE RECREATION BY CONCESSIONAIRE & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Tom Shepherd, Monterey County Parks Department, provided a report. The Board of Supervisors recently approved the selection of a new Parks Dept. Director, Michael Ferry. Mr. Ferry was previously employed with the State Parks Department, and also worked for Monterey County Parks Dept. years ago. The recruitment for Park Rangers is nearing completion; background checks are being conducted on the final six candidates. Parks staff recently participated in the annual National Eagle Count, counting Bald and Golden Eagles at the lakes, and Ft. Hunter Liggett. Other activities involve general maintenance to docks, painting facilities, and preparing for the winter weather, as well as the Spring/Summer season. Parks staff is coordinating with Cal Trans for repairing the erosion that occurred at San Lorenzo Park caused by flooding.

B. EASEMENTS AND AGENCY LEASES: STATUS REPORT AND INFORMATION PRESENTED TO AGENCY PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chris Keehn, Right-Of-Way Specialist, provided an update to the Committee. To clarify his statement in the December minutes; *the Agency denied the Lessee's request for a lease reduction, which he then paid in full. Staff informed him this must not occur again, and any future requests must follow the proper procedures.* The Agency has received a request from Running Deer Ranch for a wave attenuator and a log boom structure at Running Deer Ranch. Staff has informed Running Deer Ranch representatives that the Agency currently does not have a policy in place that relates to such structures; however the Agency does have an Easement policy which could possibly be updated to include a section on management of the lake surface.

C. UPDATE ON QUAGGA / ZEBRA MUSSEL PLAN

Elizabeth Krafft and Tom Shepherd reported on proactive measures for quagga/zebra mussel prevention. Activities include preparations for training inspections, and coordinating with Monterey County Parks Department and SLO County. One of the things discussed during one of the conference calls with SLO County, was setting up site visits for staff to visit Lopez Lake to observe the inspection stations and methods, and for SLO to visit our lakes here, and discuss reciprocal banding.

D. UPDATE ON SLO COUNTY ACTIVITIES

There was not a representative from SLO present to provide a report, and Mr. Buche provided a brief update. SLO has been working to repairing the Nacimiento Water Project. The stainless steel pipeline was removed and was found to be flattened. A new section of pipeline will be installed.

7. DISCUSS POSSIBLE RELEASE SCENARIO OPTIONS FOR NON-SALINAS VALLEY WATER PROJECT WATER DELIVERY SEASON

Howard Franklin discussed the three conditions; open lagoon, trigger from storm flows in the Arroyo Seco or Nacimiento Rivers, and reservoir elevation. If natural flows do not meet conditions, they must be met with enhanced flows. The Committee discussed the various scenarios. It was suggested that this topic be combined with the *RESERVOIR STATUS AND RELEASES* agenda item.

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Agency. Heritage Ranch emergency water system will be placed on the Agenda for discussion.

9. ADJOURNMENT BY CHAIR KEN EKELUND @ 2:40 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY: TERESA CAMPA

Approved on: February 7, 2013