

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

David Hart, Chair
Ken Ekelund
Fred Ledesma
Mark Nielsen
David Pozzi

John Baillie
Benny Jefferson
Paavo Ogren
Tom Shepherd
Randy Korsgaard

TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DATE: **Thursday, February 7, 2013**
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Board Room
893 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
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MINUTES (REVISED)

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1:32 p.m. by Chair David Hart.

Members present: David Hart, Ken Ekelund, Fred Ledesma, Mark Nielsen, John Baillie,
Paavo Ogren, Tom Shepherd, Randy Korsgaard

Members absent: David Pozzi, Benny Jefferson,

A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Johnson, Assistant General Manager & Chief of Water Resources Management, stated that Item 8 (Emergency Water Supply request by Heritage Ranch) is being removed from the Agenda. Also, the Committee previously discussed combining Items 4 & 7; discussion of Item 7 can be included in Item 4.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RESERVOIR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2013.

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

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

Howard Franklin, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist/Program Manager provided a status report. As a result of the rainfall received in December 2012 and January 2013, Nacimiento received 54,082 acre feet of storage, an increase of 16 feet in elevation. San Antonio received approximately 18,400 acre feet of storage, an increase of 5 feet in elevation. Both reservoirs continue to receive inflow of approximately 40 cfs, and there is continuous flow in the Salinas River to Spreckels, at the USGS station located at the Spreckels Bridge. The lagoon closed on January 28, 2013.

The Committee discussed the Reservoir Release schedule and the three-month weather outlook. The forecast for February is 60% of normal rainfall; or 1½ inches and March will be 40% of normal, or less than 1 inch. The type of water year for this winter will be determined on March 1. **In the Salinas Valley, the normal rainfall average for February is 2.45 inches.** The Committee viewed a PowerPoint presentation that showed Forecasted Elevation, Inflow and Releases for Nacimiento and San Antonio.

The Committee was asked if there were any statements regarding the non-SVWP releases. Mr. Franklin stated triggers for upstream migration are active, and if the lagoon opens and there are trigger flows in the Arroyo Seco River, we need to have five (5) days minimum passage. It would be during this unusual circumstance that we would need to make unscheduled releases.

NACIMIENTO elevation is 758.55 feet and 181,413 acre-feet of storage, 48% of capacity, and current release is 60 cfs.

SAN ANTONIO elevation is 747.35 feet and 186,628 acre-feet of storage, 56% of capacity, and current release is 10 cfs.

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

Brent Buche, Assistant General Manager & Chief of Operations and Maintenance, provided a report. San Antonio activities include routine maintenance on the Howell Bunger valves, spillway drains. A crew from Monterey County Public Works has been on-site at both San Antonio and Nacimiento, conducting surveys. The new County Surveyor, Michael Goetz is working on setting up a new network that will be used throughout South County. A new monument has been installed at San Antonio.

Activities at Nacimiento have been routine maintenance tasks, including cleaning the spillway gutters. Staff is working on finalizing details with the manufacturer prior to placing the order for the three (3) 42-inch valve actuators, for the LLOW inlet valves. Once the order is placed, it will be nine months before the parts arrive, and installation is scheduled to take place September-October 2013. Staff is doing a walk thru tomorrow with Site Construction and General Electric. We will start disassembling starting Monday February 11, 2013 - Unit #2 will be shut down and we will not be generating power. The powerplant will be down for 4-6 months once the work begins, and crews will be working 10-hour days, which will be covered by the insurance company. Insurance is paying for all costs, including loss of revenue.

Staff has been involved with securing a new Power Purchase Agreement, and is going well.

6. RECEIVE REPORTS ON STATUS OF:

A. LAKE RECREATION BY CONCESSIONAIRE & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Tom Shepherd, Monterey County Parks Department and Randy Korsgaard, General Manager for CalParks, reported on activities. Staff is planning for upcoming training and making preparations for the spring, including the Wildflower & Triathlon Festival.

B. EASEMENTS AND AGENCY LEASES

Chris Keehn, Right-Of-Way Specialist, provided an update to the Committee. The Agency is still receiving reports of cattle running loose at the San Antonio lease areas at North Shore and staff is working on solutions.

C. QUAGGA / ZEBRA MUSSEL PLAN

Elizabeth Krafft and Tom Shepherd reported on this item. Staff is coordinating with SLO County staff, the bands are up and everything has been going well. There are still plans for staff to visit Lopez and Margarita Lakes and check out the inspection methods there.

D. UPDATE ON SLO COUNTY ACTIVITIES

Paavo Ogren, San Luis Obispo County (SLO), reported. Staff has a barge on the lake, as part of the repair work on the intake tower, and will occur until the end of March or longer, as there will also be other repairs made. Heritage Ranch Community Services District has received approval from NRWMAC to connect to the SLO pipeline for emergency situations therefore, their request to the Agency is withdrawn (Item 8 pulled from agenda). At Oak Shores, buoys have been installed and will be removed after the rainy season. They will be placed again next winter. SLO staff has obtained an engineering firm to determine the next steps for a new collection system, and the Committee will be provided with an update when a final report is ready.

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

This was discussed in Item 4; any future discussion will now be included in Item 4.

This item has been pulled: 8. DISCUSS EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY REQUEST BY HERITAGE RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (HRCSD- see statement in Item 6D.

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Agency. Items for discussion include the June trip to reservoirs.

9. ADJOURNMENT BY CHAIR DAVID HART @ 2:35 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY: TERESA CAMPA