

**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: 12:00 PM.
DATE: Thursday, June 6, 2013
PLACE: Dragon Lake Grill
Lake Nacimiento
Bradley, CA 93426

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 12:05 p.m. by Chair David Hart.

Members present: David Hart, Fred Ledesma, Mark Nielsen, John Baillie, Benny Jefferson, Dean Benedix (for Paavo Ogren), Tom Shepherd, Randy Korsgaard

Members absent: Ken Ekelund, David Pozzi

A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RESERVOIR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 2, 2013

Item 5 second paragraph - statement about gate malfunction should say "*gate over-rotated*", and not dropped open. Also item 6C quagga mussels – should state "*Mark Nielsen provided an update.*"

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members John Baillie and Benny Jefferson the Committee unanimously approved the minutes that will be corrected with the statements mentioned above.

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

German Criollo, Associate Water Resources Hydrologist, provided a status report. The Release Schedule was presented to the BOD in May for approval. The releases for the month of May were made for conservation purposes. Staff made assessments of the Nacimiento River for the expected low-flow conditions due to Hydroelectric Powerplant

repair efforts. At the end of May releases were decreased to 30 cfs for a day and staff assessed stream conditions below Nacimiento Dam. Releases were adjusted today from 560 cfs to 520 cfs at San Antonio and will continue at this amount through June.

NACIMIENTO elevation is 754.10 feet and 165,271 acre-feet of storage, 44% of capacity, and current release is 48 cfs.

SAN ANTONIO elevation is 727.10 feet and 122,225 acre-feet of storage, 36% of capacity, and current release is 533 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. There has been routine maintenance occurring at both Nacimiento and San Antonio. At Nacimiento there are also repairs taking place at the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Powerplant. The components from Allied Engineering have been delivered and were installed Monday. As reported previously, the penstock needs to be drained when workers are installing parts inside the Powerplant. The penstock will be drained again for the installation of the generator which is due to arrive soon from the Los Angeles service center and will be installed at the Powerplant next Monday. Everything is expected to be installed and reassembled by the end of July.

There was a question about the repairs on the valve actuators. The actuators were damaged and have been rebuilt and reinstalled. Staff will be ordering new actuators but were unable to locate the exact type. There is an adapter for a new actuator but it's uncertain if that will work.

6. RECEIVE REPORTS ON STATUS OF:

A. LAKE RECREATION BY CONCESSIONAIRE & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Randy Korsgaard, Managing Park Ranger, CalParks, reported there is still water in the reservoirs, and staff is finishing up projects, and preparing for the summer season. Tom Shepherd, Monterey County Parks Department, reported on lake recreation activities. Tom also introduced Richard Riddle, Managing Park Ranger and Casey Nielsen, Managing Park Ranger from his staff. The Memorial Day weekend had a good turnout.

Randy Korsgaard, Cal Parks, will be developing a marketing strategy to draw visitors to the lakes. There was a fatality on Memorial Day weekend due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Parks staff is planning on utilizing staff from the other County parks as needed for the upcoming holidays.

There were also questions about safety at the lakes. Personnel from the Sheriff's Department have been patrolling and there will be personnel from the Probation Department present on the Fourth of July holiday. The vessel inspections for mussels are going well; it seems most of the visitors are now familiar with the inspection process.

B. EASEMENTS AND AGENCY LEASES

Chris Keehn, Right-Of-Way Specialist, provided an update. The Agency has been contacted by Cantinas Camp with a possible request to build a bridge in the floodage easement. The Agency also received another request for a possible easement. There was a question whether an encroachment issue (a house built on Agency property), had been resolved. County Counsel continues to review this issue.

C. QUAGGA/ZEBRA MUSSEL PLAN

Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist, provided a report. Elizabeth recently attended a Mussel Summit in Folsom in May, along with Casey Nielsen and Richard Riddle. The summit was presented by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. One of the things they discussed was the problem with the statewide tracking program, mainly because of the uncontrollability of people boating in the Colorado River system, and then boating in uninfected water bodies.

In May 2013 Agency staff did a plankton tow on both Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs; the results are still being analyzed. The Department of Fish & Game is conducting more tows in June, July, and August, and Agency staff will do this again in September.

Mark Nielsen, NRWMAC, reported that additional people have recently completed training to be Level 2 Inspectors, in addition to Casey Nelsen and Richard Riddle. This has allowed the ability to provide more certification training classes this season; two classes were held on May 18, two classes on June 1, and a Resident Vessel Program class is scheduled for this weekend. There has been support towards this effort by everyone, by providing locations and training materials.

D. UPDATE ON SLO COUNTY ACTIVITIES

Dean Benedix, San Luis Obispo County, provided a report. The repairs of the intake Nacimiento Water Project were completed in May. Water is now being delivered to the city of San Luis Obispo. A risk assessment study is being conducted by SLO County regarding the interceptor pipe at Oak Shores.

7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 1:30 pm at the Agency. Chairman David Hart requested updates about Monterey and SLO County legislature.

8. ADJOURN MEETING TO TOUR LAKE NACIMIENTO

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm for a boat tour of Lake Nacimiento.

SUBMITTED BY: TERESA CAMPA

Approved on: July 11, 2013