

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

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Mark Nielsen
David Pozzi
Mark Gonzales

John Baillie
Benny Jefferson
Paavo Ogren
Tom Shepherd (Parks)
Randy Korsgaard (CalParks)

TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DATE: **Thursday, September 12, 2013**
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Board Room
893 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Ken Ekelund.

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

A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chair Ekelund introduced new Committee member (and new Board member) Mark Gonzales.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RESERVOIR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2013

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

4. REVIEW THE STATUS OF BOTH RESERVOIRS; AND, REVIEW RELEASES AND RELEASE SCHEDULE / DISCUSS POSSIBLE RELEASE OPTIONS

Howard Franklin, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist/Program Manager, provided a status report. The emergency repairs at the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Powerplant have been completed, and 370 cfs is currently being released from Nacimiento. The normal release situation has resumed; maximizing releases from Nacimiento and providing supplemental

flows from San Antonio to meet the SRDF demands. Due to decreasing SRDF demands, releases from both reservoirs are being adjusted today and the total release will be 610 cfs.

The regulatory agency, Division of Safety of Dams, (DSOD) has requested the Agency to inspect the inlet structure of the outlet at San Antonio. The structure is 3.35 feet above the minimum pool and can be inspected at minimum pool. If upon inspection it is determined that repairs are necessary, additional releases must be made to fully expose the structure to allow repairs to be made.

The Committee discussed options presented for this current situation. The recommended option is that when San Antonio reaches minimum pool (in about 1½ weeks) reduce the releases to 10 cfs which will end the SRDF operations for the season. Once San Antonio is reduced to 10 cfs, there would not be enough water to reach the SRDF.

NACIMIENTO elevation is 741.85 feet and 125,043 acre-feet of storage, 33% of capacity, and current release is 370 cfs from Unit #1.

SAN ANTONIO elevation is 672.05 feet and 28,345 acre-feet of storage, 8% of capacity, and release will be decreased to 240 cfs today.

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members John Baillie and Benny Jefferson the Committee unanimously approved to continue releases from San Antonio in order to facilitate the inspection, and repairs if necessary, and to support continuous flows to meet SRDF demands.

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

Brent Buche, Assistant General Manager & Chief of Operations and Maintenance, provided an update. The Nacimiento Hydroelectric Powerplant has been repaired and is now fully operational, as of August 30, 2013. The cost breakdowns are being finalized and staff is coordinating with insurance representatives on reimbursements. During the disassembly of the Francis Turbine, additional components were found to be in need of repair, which were unrelated to the damage. Some of the additional items that were replaced were the cooling line, and a heat exchanger. Staff is developing a new Maintenance Manual for the various components of the Hydroplant. The Committee requested they review this document. An inspection by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is scheduled to be conducted later this month.

The power purchase agreement with the City of Corona fell through after details became publicized. The Agency has obtained an interim Power Purchase Agreement with another company called 3-Phases, until December 31, 2013 and staff is looking at other options for obtaining a long-term power purchase agreement by January 2014. Agency staff is seeking direction from County Counsel on confidentiality issues pertaining to such contracts.

San Antonio activities details were discussed in the previous Item's discussion.

6. RECEIVE REPORTS ON STATUS OF:

A. LAKE RECREATION BY CONCESSIONAIRE & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Tom Shepherd, Monterey County Parks Department provided a status report on lake recreation activities. Activities include evaluation of staffing, providing correct information to the public about the North Shore closure, and working to accommodate guests.

There was a comment about the facilities at San Antonio needing maintenance and that there are negative reviews on the internet. Tom stated that the budget for Parks has been reduced and funds are used for emergency repairs such as pumps, motors, wells, and electrical, and there are currently no funds available for improvements.

B. EASEMENTS AND AGENCY LEASES

Chris Keehn, Right-Of-Way Specialist, provided an update to the Committee. As was reported last month, SLO Cal Poly had collected samples from a selected site on Agency land to test for Sudden Oak Death Syndrome (SODS). The results came back negative.

The Lessee from Nacimiento Lease #2 will be removing a concrete boat dock ramp from the area. The ramp had been built illegally on Agency's land, by another person, prior to the current Lessee's term. A credit/lease fee reduction for the work will be applied to Lessee #2.

C. QUAGGA / ZEBRA MUSSEL PLAN

Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Hydrologist, provided an update. The possibly-contaminated water craft that staff reported on last month was actually a Jet-Ski that was quarantined. The tests for Quagga mussels turned up negative; the deposits were determined to be calcium build-up. Staff from the state Fish & Wildlife Department conducted mussel plankton tows during the summer and the results have all been negative. Agency staff is scheduled to conduct an additional plankton tow in September or October.

As part of the EPA Superfund cleanup at Klau Buena Vista Mine, which is located above Nacimiento, sediment samples will be collected at Nacimiento and Las Tablas Creek this fall.

D. UPDATE ON SLO COUNTY ACTIVITIES

No report provided.

7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Agency. The Agenda will include the winter weather outlook for 2013-2014.

8. ADJOURNMENT BY VICE-CHAIR KEN EKELUND @ 2:54 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY: TERESA CAMPA

Approved on: October 3, 2013