

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

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

John Baillie  
Benny Jefferson  
Paavo Ogren  
Tom Shepherd (Parks)  
Tim Colvin (CalParks)

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**DATE:** **Thursday, November 7, 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 David Hart.**

Members present: David Hart, Ken Ekelund, Bill Caps (alternate for Mark Nielsen),  
Mark Gonzales, John Baillie, Benny Jefferson, Paavo Ogren,  
Tom Shepherd, Tim Colvin (CalParks)

Members absent: Fred Ledesma, David Pozzi

A quorum was established.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry Reese, property owner at Running Deer Ranch at Nacimiento Lake, presented a proposal from Dragon Docks LLC, to build a private 10-slip dock at Running Deer Ranch. Dragon Docks LLC, a group of 10 property owners of Running Deer Ranch, is seeking approval from Agency Board of Directors.

Other public comments included the introduction of the new director of Monterey County Parks Department, Michael Ferry.

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RESERVOIR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 2013**

**Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members John Baillie and Ken Ekelund, 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. Both reservoirs are releasing at minimum fish flows. The flow in the Salinas River has dried back due to the reduction in flows. The Committee reviewed the past four seasons of water diversions from the Salinas River Diversion Facility. The Committee also reviewed reservoir elevations, inflows, and release projections for winter 2013-2014 for Nacimiento and San Antonio.

**NACIMIENTO** elevation is 730.90 feet and 94,400 acre-feet of storage, 25% of capacity, and current release is 60 cfs.

**SAN ANTONIO** elevation is 657.40 feet and 16,910 acre-feet of storage, 5% of capacity, and current release is 10 cfs.

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

Brent Buche, Assistant General Manager and Chief of Operations and Maintenance, provided an update on operations and maintenance activities at the reservoirs. At San Antonio, staff conducted the annual performance evaluation with a consultant which involved a thorough inspection of the facilities. Staff is taking advantage of the low lake level at San Antonio to do additional maintenance.

The Agency has hired a recently-retired employee, Bernie Vicente, on a temporary basis, to assist with coverage on the weekends.

**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. At San Antonio staff moved various structures such as marinas, boat docks, house boats, and buoys as the lake level got lower during the summer. Water is still being pumped off the barge. The pipe has been extended 1000 feet. All launch ramps at San Antonio are closed due to the low lake levels and mussel inspections are no longer taking place. Camping is shut down at North Shore, but South Shore is still open to camping. The lake clean-up day at San Antonio was held in September and was successful. There have been problems with poaching occurring on Agency property at San Antonio. Staff is discussing plans in preparation for next year. Inspections are still being conducted at Nacimiento.

Tim Colvin, CalParks, reported on activities. There have been layoffs of a few employees recently. Inspections for quagga mussels are still being conducted for carry-in watercraft, such as kayaks and small fishing boats. The marina has been anchored off-shore for the winter and all the houseboats have been placed by the dam.

**B. EASEMENTS AND AGENCY LEASES**

Chris Keehn, Right-Of-Way Specialist, provided an update to the Committee. Most of the leases have experienced problems with trespassing and illegal hunting this year. Lease #3 is having many problems and the lessee has requested support from the Agency for solutions. All payments for this year have been received for the grazing leases at Nacimiento and San Antonio.

**C. QUAGGA / ZEBRA MUSSEL PLAN**

Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Hydrologist, provided an update. Agency staff participated in a conference call held recently that included staff from Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, County Parks, and counties of SLO, Santa Clara, and Lake Cachuma. Items discussed in the conference call included setting minimum standards for the programs, and eligibility for grants from the fees collected by the State Department of Boating and Waterways.

The Agency has received confirmation of New Zealand Mud Snails in the Nacimiento River. These are tiny in size but prolific and are usually found in wader boots, coolers, life jackets, and nets. There will be discussions about setting up a decontamination process. The Salinas River has also been sampled and the results have not been received yet. They have not been detected in the San Antonio River or Arroyo Seco River. Agency staff will continue to monitor both lakes.

**D. UPDATE ON SLO COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

Paavo Ogren provided an update on the urgency ordinance that was adopted by the SLO Board of Supervisors in August. This prohibits all new development in unincorporated areas of Paso Robles. Because the urgency ordinance was effective for 45 days, it was presented again for adoption for two years. Due to one vacancy on the Board, and one vote against, the ordinance did not pass. After a new member was appointed to fill the vacancy, the ordinance was presented again and passed.

**7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Agency.

**8. ADJOURNMENT BY CHAIR DAVID HART @ 2:50 P.M.**

**SUBMITTED BY: TERESA CAMPA**

**Approved on: December 5, 2013**