

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD
held at the
Montecito Water District
Board Conference Room
583 San Ysidro Road
Montecito, CA 93108

Thursday, November 1, 2018, 10:00 am

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Board President Lauren Hanson. Those in attendance were:

Directors Present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Doug Morgan	Montecito Water District
Kristen Sneddon	City of Santa Barbara

Also Present:

John McInnes
Ryan Drake
Nick Turner
Peter Cantle

Present by Phone:

Kevin O'Brien
Sam Bivins
Joshua Haggmark
Jean Baldrige
Ted Harris
Enrique Lopezcalva
Warren Greco

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the general public was present; there was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded (Morgan/Sneddon) to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

President Hanson suggested that the Regular Agenda be moved forward ahead of Closed Session; this was agreed to by all Board members.

RA-1) Update regarding Draft Water Board Order and Federal Reconsultation Process for the Cachuma Project. The Board received and considered a status briefing regarding the Water Rights Order currently in process with the State Water Resources Control Board. Water Board staff advise that the matter may be heard in closed session November 27. If so, a public draft could be released for the Water Board's consideration in January 2019. CCRB staff will continue to monitor the schedule and report to the CCRB accordingly.

The Board received and considered a status briefing regarding the federal Section 7 Reconsultation process for the Cachuma Project. Executive Director Cantle and Chief Counsel O'Brien summarized the October 16, 2018 meeting with US Bureau of Reclamation and National Marine Fisheries Service personnel in Long Beach, the purpose of which was to present the New Proposed Action for the Cachuma Project. The reception at the meeting was collegial and respectful, with ample opportunity to discuss the New Proposed Action. Staff anticipates ongoing exchange with USBR and NMFS as the process unfolds.

Mr. O'Brien, Associate Counsel Bivins and Mr. Harris discussed the October 19, 2018 *Presidential Memorandum Promoting Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West* to the Cachuma Project. Mr. O'Brien noted that the memorandum specifically applies to three major western water projects that are in protracted consultation processes, though an argument could be made to seek its application to the Cachuma Project. Mr. Harris noted that the memorandum's intent is to accelerate the three identified projects. President Hanson asked who determines whether a project is "major" for purposes of applicability and who is the designated official described in the memorandum. Mr. O'Brien stated that there are several open questions regarding interpretation of the memorandum due to its recent issuance, but additional guidance may be forthcoming from Dept. of Interior that will clarify applicability, decision-making personnel and related issues.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 10:17 a.m. to discuss matters regarding existing and potential litigation as well as public employee appointment. The Board came out of closed session and reconvened the public meeting at 11:40 a.m. There was no reportable action from closed session.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Board returned to the Regular Agenda to address **RA-2, Set Next Meeting; Consider Rescheduling January 3, 2019 Meeting; and, Adjourn.** A special meeting of the Cachuma

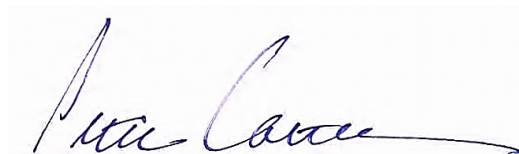
Conservation Release Board will be held at 10:00 am November 16, 2019 at the City of Santa Barbara's Gebhard Conference Room, 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara.

The next regular meeting of the Cachuma Conservation Release Board will be held at 10:00 am December 6, 2018 at the Goleta Water District. It was noted that this will be Director Morgan's final CCRB Board meeting.

The January meeting of the Cachuma Conservation Release Board was rescheduled to January 17, at a location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anita Carter", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Secretary to the Board