



## CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

City of Santa Barbara  
David Gebhard Conference Room  
630 Garden Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

City of Santa Barbara  
Goleta Water District  
Montecito Water District

February 7, 2019  
10:00 AM

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#### **Roll Call**

#### **Public Comment Period**

Any member of the public may address the Board of Directors (Board) on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Board. The President of the Board will determine the total time for public comments. If you wish to address the Board, please complete and deliver to the Secretary of the Board, before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form including a description of the subject you wish to address.

#### **Consent Agenda**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a consent agenda and may be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Board.

##### **CA-1) MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of minutes of the Board of Directors' January 17, 2018 meeting.

#### **Closed Session Agenda**

##### **CS-1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Government Code section 54956.9(d) (One potential case)

##### **CS-2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) (One case: State Water Resources Control Board adjudicatory proceeding regarding Cachuma Project water rights)

##### **CS-3) Public Employee Appointment**

Government Code section 54957(b)(1) (Executive Director)

**Reconvene into open session and report on actions taken in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1**

## **Regular Agenda**

### **RA-1) Draft Water Board Order and Federal Consultation Process Updates**

Consider status updates regarding the State Water Resources Control Board draft water rights orders and the Consultation process underway with the US Bureau of Reclamation and National Marine Fisheries Service.

### **RA-2) SET NEXT MEETING (Date, Time, Location) AND ADJOURN.**

## **NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Cachuma Conservation Release Board representative at (805) 879-4627 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to enable the Board to make reasonable arrangements.

[This Agenda was posted at the City of Santa Barbara, 630 Garden St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
And Delivered in Accordance with §54954.1 and .2 of the Government Code.]

**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**of the**  
**CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD**  
**held at the**  
**Goleta Water District**  
**Conference Room**  
**4699 Hollister Ave.**  
**Goleta, CA 93110**

**Thursday, January 17, 2019, 10:00 am**

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**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
Kristen Sneddon	City of Santa Barbara
Brian Goebel (Alt.)	Montecito Water District

**Also Present:**

John McInnes  
Ryan Drake  
Farfalla Bora  
Nick Turner  
Jean Baldrige  
Else Wolff  
Peter Cantle

**Present by Phone:**

Sam Bivins  
Ted Harris  
Warren Greco  
Stephanie Gasca

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no requests from members of the public to address the Board during Public Comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the Consent Agenda were considered separately. A motion to approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2018 CCRB meeting was made and seconded (Sneddon/Hanson), and approved 2-0-1 (Goebel). A motion was made and seconded (Sneddon/Goebel) to approve the November 2018 and December 2018 unaudited financial status reports, and to receive and file the FY2018 Financial Audit as previously presented. The motion passed 3-0.

## CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 10:07 a.m. to discuss matters regarding existing and potential litigation, and public employee appointment. The Board came out of closed session and reconvened the public meeting at 10:54 a.m. There were no reportable actions from closed session.

## REGULAR AGENDA

**RA-1, Elect a New Vice President.** Board President Hanson nominated Director Sneddon to serve as CCRB Vice President. Director Goebel seconded the nomination. The motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote. Additionally, Executive Director Cantle will work with Sam Bivins to provide each board member and alternate a compilation of foundational CCRB documents. Further, board members and their alternates will meet personally with Mr. Bivins over the next several months according to availability. The intent is to create more direct connection with Board members; Mr. Bivins will not charge his time for these meetings.

**RA-2, Draft Water Board Order and Federal Reconsultation Process Updates.** The Board considered a written status update regarding: a) water rights orders currently in process with the State Water Resources Control Board; and, b) the Endangered Species Act-related Reconsultation process that is underway with the Bureau of Reclamation and National Marine Fisheries Service. Executive Director Cantle noted that a new Water Board staff person, Ms. Jean Jensen, is the interim contact for the Cachuma Project while the existing contact, Mr. Michael Buckman, is out on leave. The Board had no additional questions or discussion regarding the briefing materials.

**RA-3, Redeployment of FY2019 Budgeted Funds Within Account Codes.** Executive Director Cantle advised the Board of the reallocation of approximately \$100,000 within existing codes, the majority of which is \$75,000 of contingency funding. The reallocations do not exceed CCRB's approved FY2019 annual budget and are being implemented to address shifts in workload.

**RA-4, CCRB Draft Resolution 2019 – 1, Exempting Certain Professional Services from Competitive Bidding Requirements.** The Board considered the draft resolution as presented, and Executive Director Cantle recommended the Board approve it. A motion was made and seconded (Sneddon/Goebel) to approve the resolution. The motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

**RA-5, Set Next Meeting and Adjourn.** The next meeting of the CCRB Board is scheduled for 10:00 am Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the David Gebhard Conference Room, 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary to the Board



Cachuma Conservation  
Release Board  
Agenda Letter

**Board of Directors**

City of Santa Barbara

Goleta Water District

Montecito Water District

**For Agenda Of:** February 7, 2019

**Estimated Time :** 5 minutes

**Continued Item:** No

**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board Members

**FROM:** Peter Cante, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Item RA-1: Draft Water Board Order and Federal Consultation Process Updates

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**Legal Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

Receive a status update regarding the State Water Resources Control Board draft Water Rights Order and the federal (Sec. 7) Consultation process underway with the US Bureau of Reclamation and National Marine Fisheries Service.

**Discussion**

*State Water Resources Control Board Water Rights Orders:* The Board order and associated permits are still in draft form, awaiting consideration in additional closed session and public hearings. Water Board staff have indicated that the matter is likely to be considered by the Water Board during the first half of 2019. CCRB staff will continue to monitor the status and scheduling of this matter and update the Board accordingly.

*Cachuma Project Consultation Process:* CCRB staff and consultants as well as representatives of the Downstream Interests are coordinating with USBR staff in the production of a revised Biological Assessment to support the New Proposed Action that was presented to the National Marine Fisheries Service in mid-October. The revised BA requires eight highly detailed technical plans, and USBR has requested assistance from the Cachuma Users in preparing six of them. The plans, which are in development, will be included as appendices to the document. USBR intends to deliver the draft BA to NMFS in mid-March, 2019. Staff will keep the Board apprised as new information comes to light regarding the Consultation process.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

CCRB's approved FY2019 budget of \$1,062,350.00 provides for staff and consulting support related to both the Water Board Order and the federal Consultation process. Virtually no expenses have been incurred against the FY2019 budget regarding the State process because the Water Board has not yet acted to issue the order and permits. Costs associated with legal and technical consulting support for the Consultation process to date have been substantial, and internal budgetary reallocations were made in January to account for unanticipated work, particularly with regard to CCRB's biological consultant, ICF. Nonetheless, expenditures are expected to remain within the total FY2019 budget approved by the CCRB Board in April 2018.

**Attachments:**

None.

**Authored by:**

Peter Cantle, Executive Director