

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, April 4, 2019, 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
Kristen Sneddon	City of Santa Barbara
Tobe Plough (arr. 10:05)	Montecito Water District

Also Present:

Ryan Drake
Dan Hentschke
Jean Baldrige
Farfalla Borah
Peter Cantle

Present by Phone:

Nick Turner
Kevin O'Brien
Sam Bivins
Ted Harris
Enrique Lopezcalva
Warren Greco
Stephanie Gasca

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded (Sneddon/Hanson) to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 2-0 (Director Plough not having arrived at time of consideration).

CLOSED SESSION

Upon Director Plough's arrival at 10:05 am, the Board went into closed session to discuss matters regarding existing and potential litigation, and public employee appointment. Director Plough left the

meeting at 12:20 pm. The Board came out of closed session and reconvened the public meeting at 12:31pm. There were no reportable actions from closed session.

REGULAR AGENDA

RA-1, Fiscal Year 2019/2020 (FY20) Draft Budget. The Board generally discussed the proposed CCRB FY20 budget. Director Sneddon asked if the current-year (FY19) budget as shown in the staff report includes contingency; the budget table is confusing on this point. Executive Director Cantle stated affirmatively that the FY19 budget as originally approved by the Board in April 2018 included approximately \$75,000 in contingency funds. He further noted that these contingency funds were reallocated in January 2019 to cover unanticipated costs associated with the Section 7 consultation process. Director Sneddon requested that an additional column be included in the table presentation to show the originally-approved FY19 budget as well as the January 2019 reallocated budget. President Hanson asked if estimated state and federal payroll taxes included in Account 5301, Executive Director Compensation, represented double counting of those items. Executive Director Cantle replied that it does not, as outlined in information provided via the potential payroll services vendor (Payroll Vault). With Director Plough absent from the meeting, President Hanson stated that the Board could reconsider budget approval at its next regular meeting of May 2, 2019.

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. Counsel Sam Bivins noted that, with regard to the State Board's March 27, 2019 issuance of a revised draft Order containing substantive new requirements, comments on the revised draft Order are due April 29. Executive Director Cantle noted that CCRB staff and consulting team continue to work cooperatively with US Bureau of Reclamation staff to provide plans in support of the Bureau's Biological Assessment for the new proposed alternative.

RA-3, CCRB Procurement Policy Update. Executive Director Cantle summarized the reasons for revisiting the existing policy, approved October 2015. President Hanson noted the importance of ensuring fiduciary oversight of vendors in the expenditure of public funds. She also noted that, while there is value in retaining continuity of services with certain vendors, there also needs to be a clearly-stated rationale for continuing to use such vendors without going through a competitive bid process. Finally, President Hanson requested assurance that the Executive Director and CCRB counsel are directing and managing the consulting team and its workload. Executive Director Cantle assured the Board that this is the case. A motion was made and seconded (Sneddon/Hanson) to approve the resolution incorporating edits that revise the existing 2015 CCRB Procurement Policy. The motion passed 2-0 (Plough absent).

RA-4, Set Next Meeting and Adjourn. The next meeting of the CCRB Board is scheduled for 10:00 am Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the David Gebhard Conference Room, 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 12:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Secretary to the Board