

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

Thursday, February 6, 2020, 2:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Lauren Hanson. Those in attendance were:

Directors Present:

Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Kristen Sneddon	City of Santa Barbara (arr: 2:05 p.m.)
Tobe Plough	Montecito Water District

Also Present:

Ryan Drake
Cathy Taylor
Nick Turner
Joel Mulder
Peter Cantle

Present by Phone:

Kevin O'Brien
Sam Bivins
Ted Harris
Warren Greco

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the general public attended the meeting and there were no requests to address the Board during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded (Plough/Hanson) and the Board voted 2-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

RA-1, Water Board Order and Federal Reconsultation Process Updates. Executive Director Cantle summarized a written status update to the Board regarding: a) the Cachuma Project water rights order that the State Water Resources Control Board considered and approved on September

17, 2019; and b) the Endangered Species Act-related consultation process that is underway with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Staff and consultants have worked cooperatively with Reclamation staff to assist in the development of the “Term 20 plan” required by the Water Board order, which Reclamation submitted to NMFS and California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife for review. The agencies’ comments are anticipated in late February, following which the draft plan will be updated and submitted to the Water Board on or about March 17, 2020. Regarding the federal Consultation process, Reclamation is awaiting the NMFS response to the biological assessment for the new proposed action. CCRB technical staff are prepared to assist Reclamation in responding to any input received.

CLOSED SESSION

With Counsel concurrence, the Board determined there was no need for closed session and tabled the closed session items for future discussion.

REGULAR AGENDA (CONT.)

RA-2, Identify Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings. Executive Director Cantle noted that CCRB’s website management company had proposed an update to improve website accessibility and functionality, and the Board would likely see this proposal in the March 2020 meeting.

RA-3, Set Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn. The next regular meeting of the CCRB Board was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the David Gebhard Conference Room, 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ava Cantle", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary to the Board