



# CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City of Santa Barbara (Kristen Sneddon, Pres.)

Goleta Water District (Lauren Hanson, Dir.)

Montecito Water District (Charles Tobe Plough, Dir.)

**Water Resources Conference Room**

**619 Garden Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**

**Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

**March 5, 2026**

**2:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 879 1781 6929

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### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Any member of the public may address the Board on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Board. The President of the Board will determine the total time for public comments. The Board is not responsible for the content or accuracy of statements made by members of the public, and no action will be taken by the Board on any Public Comment item. Those observing the meeting by video may comment during the designated public comment period using the “raise hand” feature of the video software. Commenters will be required to unmute their microphone when commenting. Those participating by telephone may comment during the designated public comment period by pressing \*9 on the keypad to indicate such interest. Commenters will be prompted to press \*6 to unmute their telephone when called upon to speak. CCRB will use best efforts to swiftly resolve requests for reasonable modifications or accommodations for individuals with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and will resolve any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Matters listed here comprise a consent agenda that 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' February 6, 2026 meeting.

### **CA-2) Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2026**

Receive and file an unaudited interim financial report for the period ending January 31, 2026.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **RA-1) Executive Director's Report**

This item is reserved for the Executive Director to update the Board and general public with relevant informational items only; no decisions will be made. From time to time, the Executive Director may seek informal feedback from Board members and the general public on issues within the Executive Director's authority, but no Board action will be taken. (Est. time: 5 min.)

## **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

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

- Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) (Existing case: City of Solvang Petition to Change Water Rights Permit 15878 before the State Water Resources Control Board Administrative Hearing Office)
- Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) (Anticipated litigation: two potential cases).

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

### **RA-3) Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings**

### **RA-4) Set Next CCRB Meeting for 2:00 pm Thursday, April 2, 2026 (location TBD), and Adjourn**

## **NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

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[This Agenda was posted to the CCRB website and delivered in accordance with Sections 54954.1 and 54956 of the Government Code.]

**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**of the**  
**CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD**  
**Held at the Goleta Water District Board Conference Room**

**February 6, 2026, 10:00 am**

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**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President Kristen Sneddon. Those attending the meeting were:

**Directors Present:**

Kristen Sneddon	City of Santa Barbara
Tobe Plough	Montecito Water District
Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District

**Also Present:**

Ryan Drake	Dana Hoffenberg
Dakota Corey	Nick Turner
Peter Cantle	Scott Shapiro
Joel Mulder	

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the general public attended or sought to comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Hanson noted two mis-dated meeting minutes. Director Plough moved, and Director Hanson seconded approval of the Consent Agenda with date corrections as noted. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**RA-1, Brown Act flexibility.** The board received and considered a presentation regarding the state's recently adopted Brown Act provisions that allow more meeting flexibility for Joint Powers Authority agencies such as CCRB. Following clarifying questions, Director Hanson moved, and Director Plough seconded approval of the resolution adopting the new provisions. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

**RA-2, Water Board and Consultation Update.** Director Cantle advised the board that CCRB staff convened with Reclamation, COMB and the downstream interests in coordinated review

of the Biological Assessment that is needed to begin formal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service. CCRB is providing project management and technical assistance to facilitate the process and provide more timely production of the BA and its component chapters. Monthly meetings of the group are planned.

**RA-2, Executive Director's Report.** Director Cantle advised the board that CCRB has secured a new website host. The change in vendors provides the agency and its website better compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act and other accessibility requirements. The annual cost of the new vendor fits within CCRB's approved budget for such services.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The board went into closed session at 10:21 am. The board came out of closed session at 11:12 am with no reportable actions.

**REGULAR AGENDA – CONT.**

**RA-3, Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings.** President Sneddon suggested that, at a future meeting, the board discuss reconstituting CCRB as a four-member agency.

**RA-4, Confirm Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn.** The next meeting of the CCRB board was set for 2 pm Thursday, March 5, 2026 at the City of Santa Barbara's Water Resources Conference Room.

President Sneddon then adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Cantle", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Secretary to the Board



Cachuma Conservation  
Release Board  
**Board of Directors**

City of Santa Barbara  
Goleta Water District  
Montecito Water District

**For Agenda Of:** March 5, 2026  
**Estimated Time:** (Consent)  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board Members  
**FROM:** Peter Cantle, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** CA-2: Unaudited Interim Financial Report for Period Ending January 31, 2026

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**Legal Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions**

Receive and file an unaudited interim Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2026.

**Discussion**

The Board of Directors approves the CCRB budget each fiscal year. Upon subsequent approval by each Member Agency's governing body, it becomes CCRB's operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Through the fiscal year, the Board receives monthly unaudited financial reports to compare fiscal performance against the adopted budget. This report addresses the period ending January 31, 2026.

**Fiscal Analysis**

CCRB's approved FY25/26 budget is \$1,455,000.00. CCRB Member Agencies are billed quarterly for their pro-rata contributions to the approved budget. Total income through January 31, 2026 was \$1,091,250.00, reflecting receipt of first-quarter, second-quarter and third-quarter payments from each Member Agency. Total expenditures of \$283,613.06 through January 31, 2026 reflect costs incurred for legal, technical, management and administrative services. Depending on actual and projected expenditures through the end of the fiscal year, fourth-quarter contributions may not be requested.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1: Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2026

**Authored by**

Peter Cantle, Executive Director

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE  
PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026**

**Cachuma Conservation Release Board**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expense- Budget vs. Actual**  
**July 2025 through January 2026**

	Jul '25 - Jan 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4200 · Income</b>	1,091,250.00	1,455,000.00	-363,750.00	75.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	1,091,250.00	1,455,000.00	-363,750.00	75.0%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>5050 · Office Lease</b>	4,174.50	5,000.00	-825.50	83.5%
<b>5100 · Audit</b>	14,000.00	15,000.00	-1,000.00	93.3%
<b>5200 · Liability Insurance</b>	1,850.38	7,000.00	-5,149.62	26.4%
<b>5301 · Managers Salary</b>				
5301.01 · Managers Gross Wages	112,500.00			
5301.02 · Employer Tax Expense	7,952.37			
5301 · Managers Salary - Other	0.00	210,000.00	-210,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 5301 · Managers Salary</b>	120,452.37	210,000.00	-89,547.63	57.4%
<b>5304 · Administrative Support</b>	3,730.72	16,000.00	-12,269.28	23.3%
<b>5312 · Misc Admin Expense</b>	1,903.14	4,000.00	-2,096.86	47.6%
<b>5313 · Communications/Computer</b>	1,829.25	8,000.00	-6,170.75	22.9%
<b>5316 · Admin Fixed Assets</b>	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
<b>5330 · Admin Travel Expense</b>	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
<b>5331 · Travel Federal &amp; State Meetings</b>	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%
<b>5332 · Transportation</b>	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
<b>6500 · Contingency</b>	0.00	51,000.00	-51,000.00	0.0%
<b>7000 · Legal</b>	8,060.00	75,000.00	-66,940.00	10.7%
<b>7001 · BO Reconsultation Legal Support</b>	72,508.75	447,000.00	-374,491.25	16.2%
<b>7002 · SWRCB Water Rights</b>	55,103.95	501,000.00	-445,896.05	11.0%
<b>7100 · SWRCB Support</b>				
7200 · SWRCB Proceedings Support	0.00	44,000.00	-44,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 7100 · SWRCB Support</b>	0.00	44,000.00	-44,000.00	0.0%
<b>7500 · Hydrologic Technical Support</b>	0.00	51,000.00	-51,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	283,613.06	1,455,000.00	-1,171,386.94	19.5%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	807,636.94	0.00	807,636.94	100.0%
<b>Net Income</b>	807,636.94	0.00	807,636.94	100.0%

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**Cachuma Conservation Release Board**  
**Reconciliation Summary**  
1020 · CWB - Chkg #7204, Period Ending 01/31/2026

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	<u>Jan 31, 26</u>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	499,524.43
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 6 items	-36,720.98
<b>Total Cleared Transactions</b>	-36,720.98
<b>Cleared Balance</b>	<u><b>462,803.45</b></u>
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 5 items	-21,214.05
<b>Total Uncleared Transactions</b>	-21,214.05
<b>Register Balance as of 01/31/2026</b>	<u><b>441,589.40</b></u>
<b>New Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 2 items	-8,187.02
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	167,434.00
<b>Total New Transactions</b>	159,246.98
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><u><b>600,836.38</b></u></u>



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**Cachuma Conservation Release Board**  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
1020 · CWB - Chkg #7204, Period Ending 01/31/2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						499,524.43
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 6 items</b>						
Bill Pmt -Check	12/19/2025	4988	Downey Brand Attor...	X	-21,121.25	-21,121.25
Bill Pmt -Check	12/19/2025	4987	CIO Solutions LP	X	-25.00	-21,146.25
General Journal	01/07/2026	PPE1...		X	-7,317.21	-28,463.46
General Journal	01/21/2026	PPE1...		X	-7,456.21	-35,919.67
Check	01/23/2026	eft	CalPERS 457 Plan	X	-717.31	-36,636.98
Check	01/23/2026	eft	Payroll Tax	X	-84.00	-36,720.98
Total Checks and Payments					-36,720.98	-36,720.98
Total Cleared Transactions					-36,720.98	-36,720.98
Cleared Balance					-36,720.98	462,803.45
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 5 items</b>						
Bill Pmt -Check	01/26/2026	4992	Downey Brand Attor...		-19,317.50	-19,317.50
Bill Pmt -Check	01/26/2026	4990	AccountabilityPlus, Inc		-450.54	-19,768.04
Bill Pmt -Check	01/26/2026	4993	Peter Cantele		-253.70	-20,021.74
Bill Pmt -Check	01/26/2026	4991	CIO Solutions LP		-25.00	-20,046.74
Check	01/30/2026	eft	CalPERS 457 Plan		-1,167.31	-21,214.05
Total Checks and Payments					-21,214.05	-21,214.05
Total Uncleared Transactions					-21,214.05	-21,214.05
Register Balance as of 01/31/2026					-57,935.03	441,589.40
<b>New Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 2 items</b>						
General Journal	02/04/2026	PPE 2...			-7,244.71	-7,244.71
Check	02/06/2026	eft	CalPERS 457 Plan		-942.31	-8,187.02
Total Checks and Payments					-8,187.02	-8,187.02
<b>Deposits and Credits - 1 item</b>						
Payment	02/05/2026	87565	Goleta Water District		167,434.00	167,434.00
Total Deposits and Credits					167,434.00	167,434.00
Total New Transactions					159,246.98	159,246.98
<b>Ending Balance</b>					<b>101,311.95</b>	<b>600,836.38</b>



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