

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

May 8, 2026, 3:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm 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	Jasmine Showers
Nick Turner	Peter Cantle
Scott Shapiro	Joel Mulder
Brian Van Lienden	

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Director Cantle stated that he's anticipating constructive returns to Member Agencies and won't know specific amounts until closer to fiscal year end. Director Plough moved, and Director Hanson seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

RA-1, Designate Board Member to Negotiate with Unrepresented Employee. Director Cantle noted that his two-year employment contract ends June 30, 2026 and expressed his interest to renew the agreement. The board designated President Sneddon to negotiate for the agency.

RA-2, Proposed Budget, 2026/2027. Cantle noted this is the second hearing of the item and presented a proposed budget of \$1,239,000, which is \$216,000 less than the current approved budget. He stated that the consulting (legal, biological, hydrological) portion of the budget is \$863,000 and will be more fully discussed in closed session. There were no additional questions.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 3:12 pm. The board came out of closed session at 3:37 pm with no reportable actions

REGULAR AGENDA – CONT.

RA-2, Proposed Budget, FY2026/2027 – cont. Director Hanson moved, and Director Plough seconded approval of the proposed FY2026/2027 budget. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote. Cantle will circulate the approved budget to Member Agencies for consideration and approval by their decision-making bodies.

RA-3, Executive Director’s Report. Cantle stated that staff continue to engage with Reclamation, COMB and the downstream interests in developing chapters of the draft Biological Assessment to initiate federal consultation. He also noted that he is working with CCRB’s vendors to improve the invoice review and processing system for the agency.

RA-4, Items for Future Board Meetings. No additional items were identified.

RA-5, Confirm Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn. The next meeting of the CCRB board was set for 2 pm Thursday, June 4, 2026 at the Goleta Water District.

President Sneddon then adjourned the meeting at 3:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Secretary to the Board