

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
of the
CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD
held by Videoconference**

April 1, 2021, 2:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The videoconference meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm by board President Lauren Hanson. Those attending the meeting were:

Directors Present:

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

Also Present:

Ryan Drake	Warren Greco
Kevin O'Brien	Joel Mulder
Sam Bivins	Ted Harris
Peter Cantle	Charles Watson
Ali Taghavi	

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the general public was present; there was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Plough moved and Director Sneddon seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed on a 3-0 roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

RA-1, Authorize Engagement with Nasif, Hicks, Harris & Co., LLP for Auditing Services.

Executive Director Cantle recommended the board authorize the engagement of Nasif, Hicks, Harris & Co., LLP for CCRB's FY19/20 fiscal audit. Following discussion, Director Plough moved and Director Sneddon seconded approval of the recommendation, with the understanding that authorization of future auditing firms will be made by the board. The motion passed on a 3-0 roll call vote.

RA-2, Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (FY22) Draft Budget. Executive Director Cantle presented the draft FY22 budget for the board's consideration and noted the proposed budget is \$17,000 less than the current-year approved budget.

CLOSED SESSION

CS-1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. The board went into closed session at 2:26 pm to discuss matters regarding potential litigation. The board came out of closed session at 3:43 pm with no reportable actions.

REGULAR AGENDA- CONT.

RA-2, Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (FY22) Draft Budget – cont. Changes to certain budget line items were requested by the board. These changes will be incorporated into a publicly available revised draft FY22 budget that will be considered by the board in a special meeting set for 11 am April 8, 2021 to be held by videoconference.

RA-3, State Water Board and Federal Consultation Process Update. Executive Director Cantle advised the board that staff continue to assist Reclamation in updating the December 2020 Biological Assessment (BA) in response to the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) February insufficiency letter. Reclamation intends to provide a revised BA in late April to NMFS. Additionally, Reclamation submitted a Term 27 annual compliance report to the State Water Board after addressing input received from NMFS and the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.

RA-4, Identify Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings. A revised draft budget for FY222 will be presented in a special CCRB board meeting scheduled for 11 am, April 8, 2021.

RA-5, Confirm Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn. The Cachuma Conservation Release Board will hold a special meeting at 11 am, April 8, 2021 by videoconference. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for 2:00 pm May 6, 2021 by videoconference. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary to the Board