



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, 3rd floor

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**July 2, 2026
3:00 PM**

Members of the Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) Board of Directors (Board) intend to attend this meeting in person, absent an exception allowed under the Brown Act. It is the practice of CCRB to also present its meetings using Zoom videoconferencing as an accommodation to staff and members of the public. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or participate by Zoom. CCRB cannot guarantee that Zoom will function or that all discussions of the Board can be heard on Zoom. Therefore, members of the public are advised to attend in person if they wish to ensure they can observe the meeting. The remote conferencing link for Zoom is as follows:

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Call-in Number: 1.669.900.6833

Meeting ID: 861 5048 0311

Passcode: 374612

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' June 4, 2026 meeting.

CA-2) Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the Period Ending May 31, 2026

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

REGULAR AGENDA

RA-1) Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Election of Officers

Take the following actions by motion and vote of the Board (Est. time: 5 min.):

- a) Election of President
- b) Election of Vice President

RA-2) 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, August 6, 2026 (location TBD), and Adjourn

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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

June 4, 2026, 2:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 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 | Dakota Corey |
| Alejandro Robles | Peter Cantle |
| Scott Shapiro | Joel Mulder |
| Ali Taghavi | |

PUBLIC COMMENT

One member of the general public attended the meeting, but did not seek to comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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, Audit Services for FY2025-2026 and FY2026-2027. Director Cantle stated that Nasif Hicks Harris & Co. LLP has offered engagement letters for two years of auditing services at a price of \$14,000 per year (not to exceed without prior authorization), consistent with their most recent audit effort. Cantle recommended the board authorize him to execute the engagement letters. Director Plough asked when the firm's partner with audit responsibility had last changed, citing a five-year best practice standard. Mr. Robles stated that the audit partner had changed in the last two years (FY2024). President Sneddon called for public comment; there was none. Director Hanson then moved, and Director Plough seconded, authorization of the engagement letters to secure auditing services for FY2025-2026 and FY2026-2027. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

RA-2, Executive Director’s Report. In response to a question received prior to the board meeting, Cantle updated the board regarding the California Endangered Species Act status of southern California steelhead, noting that the species’ endangered classification was codified in state law (CCR Title 14, Sec. 670) as of May 8, 2025.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 2:15 pm. The board came out of closed session at 3:19 pm with no reportable actions

REGULAR AGENDA – CONT.

RA-3, Employment Agreement for Executive Director. With the current employment agreement expiring June 30, 2026, the board offered, and executive director Cantle accepted, a two-year contract extension, with additional language to be developed by counsel to initiate “renew or recruit” efforts three months prior to the June 30, 2028 expiration date. Compensation for the new agreement was set at \$207,000 per annum with the board considering an adjustment after one year. Director Plough moved, and Director Hanson seconded, approval of the new employment agreement, including edits and additions to be provided by counsel. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

RA-4, Items for Future Board Meetings. Director Plough requested timely updates on the ongoing Consultation process; Cantle noted that these would be provided as a matter of course.

RA-5, Confirm Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn. The next meeting of the CCRB board was set for 3 pm Thursday, July 2, 2026 at the City of Santa Barbara Water Resources Conference Room. President Sneddon then adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary to the Board



Cachuma Conservation
Release Board
Board of Directors

City of Santa Barbara
Goleta Water District
Montecito Water District

For Agenda Of: July 2, 2026
Estimated Time: (Consent)
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:

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

Legal Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions

Receive and file an unaudited interim Financial Report for the period ending May 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 May 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 May 31, 2026 was \$1,091,250.00, reflecting receipt of first-, second-, and third-quarter payments from each Member Agency. Total expenditures of \$461,916.48 through May 31, 2026 reflect costs incurred for legal, technical, management and administrative services.

Attachments

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

Authored by

Peter Cantle, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT 1

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

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

| | Jul '25 - May 26 | Budget | \$ Over Budget | % of Budget |
|--|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | | |
| Income | | | | |
| 4200 · Income | 1,091,250.00 | 1,455,000.00 | -363,750.00 | 75.0% |
| Total Income | 1,091,250.00 | 1,455,000.00 | -363,750.00 | 75.0% |
| Expense | | | | |
| 5050 · Office Lease | 4,174.50 | 5,000.00 | -825.50 | 83.5% |
| 5100 · Audit | 14,000.00 | 15,000.00 | -1,000.00 | 93.3% |
| 5200 · Liability Insurance | 1,850.38 | 7,000.00 | -5,149.62 | 26.4% |
| 5301 · Managers Salary | | | | |
| 5301.01 · Managers Gross Wages | 180,000.00 | | | |
| 5301.02 · Employer Tax Expense | 13,334.01 | | | |
| 5301 · Managers Salary - Other | 0.00 | 210,000.00 | -210,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Total 5301 · Managers Salary | 193,334.01 | 210,000.00 | -16,665.99 | 92.1% |
| 5304 · Administrative Support | 6,243.37 | 16,000.00 | -9,756.63 | 39.0% |
| 5312 · Misc Admin Expense | 3,012.44 | 4,000.00 | -987.56 | 75.3% |
| 5313 · Communications/Computer | 7,060.33 | 8,000.00 | -939.67 | 88.3% |
| 5316 · Admin Fixed Assets | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | -4,000.00 | 0.0% |
| 5330 · Admin Travel Expense | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | -4,000.00 | 0.0% |
| 5331 · Travel Federal & State Meetings | 0.00 | 12,000.00 | -12,000.00 | 0.0% |
| 5332 · Transportation | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | -1,000.00 | 0.0% |
| 6500 · Contingency | 0.00 | 51,000.00 | -51,000.00 | 0.0% |
| 7000 · Legal | 15,282.50 | 75,000.00 | -59,717.50 | 20.4% |
| 7001 · BO Reconsultation Legal Support | 111,063.75 | 447,000.00 | -335,936.25 | 24.8% |
| 7002 · SWRCB Water Rights | 105,895.20 | 501,000.00 | -395,104.80 | 21.1% |
| 7100 · SWRCB Support | | | | |
| 7200 · SWRCB Proceedings Support | 0.00 | 44,000.00 | -44,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Total 7100 · SWRCB Support | 0.00 | 44,000.00 | -44,000.00 | 0.0% |
| 7500 · Hydrologic Technical Support | 0.00 | 51,000.00 | -51,000.00 | 0.0% |
| Total Expense | 461,916.48 | 1,455,000.00 | -993,083.52 | 31.7% |
| Net Ordinary Income | 629,333.52 | 0.00 | 629,333.52 | 100.0% |
| Net Income | 629,333.52 | 0.00 | 629,333.52 | 100.0% |

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06/04/26

Cachuma Conservation Release Board
Reconciliation Summary
1020 · CWB - Chkg #7204, Period Ending 05/31/2026

| | <u>May 31, 26</u> |
|--|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 691,694.86 |
| Cleared Transactions | |
| Checks and Payments - 9 items | -59,790.70 |
| Total Cleared Transactions | -59,790.70 |
| Cleared Balance | <u>631,904.16</u> |
| Uncleared Transactions | |
| Checks and Payments - 4 items | -4,868.18 |
| Total Uncleared Transactions | -4,868.18 |
| Register Balance as of 05/31/2026 | <u>627,035.98</u> |
| Ending Balance | 627,035.98 |



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June 4, 2026

Cachuma Conservation Release Board
Reconciliation Detail
1020 · CWB - Chkg #7204, Period Ending 05/31/2026

| Type | Date | Num | Name | Clr | Amount | Balance |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance | | | | | | 691,694.86 |
| Cleared Transactions | | | | | | |
| Checks and Payments - 9 items | | | | | | |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/23/2026 | | Downey Brand Attor... | X | -41,456.25 | -41,456.25 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/23/2026 | | AccountabilityPlus, Inc | X | -726.28 | -42,182.53 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/23/2026 | | Peter Cantle | X | -291.02 | -42,473.55 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/23/2026 | | CIO Solutions LP | X | -25.00 | -42,498.55 |
| Check | 04/30/2026 | | CalPERS 457 Plan | X | -942.31 | -43,440.86 |
| General Journal | 05/13/2026 | | | X | -7,232.61 | -50,673.47 |
| Check | 05/13/2026 | | CalPERS 457 Plan | X | -942.31 | -51,615.78 |
| General Journal | 05/27/2026 | | | X | -7,232.61 | -58,848.39 |
| Check | 05/27/2026 | | CalPERS 457 Plan | X | -942.31 | -59,790.70 |
| Total Checks and Payments | | | | | -59,790.70 | -59,790.70 |
| Total Cleared Transactions | | | | | -59,790.70 | -59,790.70 |
| Cleared Balance | | | | | -59,790.70 | 631,904.16 |
| Uncleared Transactions | | | | | | |
| Checks and Payments - 4 items | | | | | | |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 05/28/2026 | | Downey Brand Attor... | | -4,077.50 | -4,077.50 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 05/28/2026 | | AccountabilityPlus, Inc | | -414.16 | -4,491.66 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 05/28/2026 | | Peter Cantle | | -364.02 | -4,855.68 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 05/28/2026 | | CIO Solutions LP | | -12.50 | -4,868.18 |
| Total Checks and Payments | | | | | -4,868.18 | -4,868.18 |
| Total Uncleared Transactions | | | | | -4,868.18 | -4,868.18 |
| Register Balance as of 05/31/2026 | | | | | -64,658.88 | 627,035.98 |
| Ending Balance | | | | | -64,658.88 | 627,035.98 |

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June 4, 2026



Cachuma Conservation
Release Board
Agenda Letter

Board of Directors

City of Santa Barbara

Goleta Water District

Montecito Water District

For Agenda Of: July 2, 2026

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

TO: Board Members

FROM: Peter Cantle, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Item RA-1: Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Legal Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions

- a) Elect a Board President; and
- b) Elect a Board Vice President.

Discussion

Section 8 of the CCRB Joint Powers Authority document directs the annual election of a President and Vice President, a process that typically occurs in July in alignment with the start of CCRB's fiscal year. Therefore, in its July 2, 2026 meeting, the Board should elect a President and Vice President for the upcoming fiscal year. It is recommended that the current Board President conduct the election by taking nominations for President and Vice President, and that the Board as a whole elect two of its members to fill these positions. Consistent with past practice, the newly elected officers will assume their responsibilities upon the adjournment of the July 2, 2026 Board meeting.

Attachments:

None.

Authored by:

Peter Cantle, Executive Director