MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
of the
CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD
Held at Goleta Water District and by Videoconference

February 15, 2024, 12:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 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	Sam Bivins
Dana Hoffenberg	Joel Mulder
Nick Turner	Brian Van Lienden
Peter Cantle	Ted Harris

General Public:
Alex Pappas (SYRWCD)

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REGULAR AGENDA

RA-1, State Water Board and Federal Consultation Process Update. Executive Director Cantle advised the Board that Reclamation expects to circulate draft chapters 1-5 of the Biological Assessment on February 15 for review, with 4-6 weeks to provide comment. Cantle will circulate draft chapters to Member Agency staff upon receipt. Hydrological modeling needs for the BA are expected be addressed following NMFS review and input.

Regarding Water Rights Order 2019-0148, Cantle has contacted downstream agencies to gauge their interest in discussing reservoir accounting issues. He also stated that Reclamation had just begun spilling from the reservoir, anticipating the arrival of new storm inflows. Based on inflows to date, the *Above Normal*/*Wet* year classification will continue into 2024 for regulating fisheries-related releases from the reservoir under Order 2019-0148.

Cantle advised the Board that CDFW had published its status review report recommending the listing of Southern California Steelhead as *endangered* under the California Endangered Species Act, and that more information would be presented at a future meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 12:08 pm, and reconvened in Open Session at 1:05 pm, with the following reportable action: the Board directed legal counsel to timely file a closing brief on behalf of CCRB with the Administrative Hearing Office in the matter of City of Solvang's Petition for Change to Permit 15878. There were no other reportable actions from Closed Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – CONT.

RA-2, Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings. President Hanson asked that draft comments on BA chapters 1-5 be agendized with sufficient time for Board review prior to submittal to Reclamation.

RA-3, Confirm Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn. The next meeting of the CCRB Board is scheduled for 2:00 pm Thursday, March 7, 2024 at City of Santa Barbara. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary to the Board