

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

December 2, 2021, 2:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The videoconference meeting was called to order at 2:01 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
Cathy Taylor	Joel Mulder
Joshua Haggmark	Warren Greco
Nick Turner	Micah Eggleton
Peter Cantle	

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

SPECIAL AGENDA – HEALTH AND SAFETY

SA-1, Approve a Motion Authorizing Virtual Meetings, Pursuant to AB 361. Director Plough moved and Director Sneddon seconded a motion that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees and authorizing virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361, thus creating a 30-day virtual meeting window extending to January 2, 2021. The motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

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, Audit Services for FY2021-2022. Director Plough moved and Director Sneddon seconded a motion to authorize the FY2021-2022 auditing services of Nasif, Hicks, Harris & Co., at a not-to-exceed-without-prior-approval cost of \$12,000. The motion passed on a 3-0 roll call vote.

RA-2, State Water Board and Federal Consultation Process Update. Executive Director Cantle advised the Board that the US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) continues to meet with National Marine Fisheries Service personnel to discuss Reclamation's revised Biological Assessment (BA) and proposed action prior to initiating formal consultation under the Endangered Species Act. The Board discussed the assistance CCRB is providing to Reclamation to update and edit several project description sections within the revised BA. Cantle noted that Reclamation continues to have limited exchange with Water Board staff because of the board's current focus on addressing the statewide drought.

CLOSED SESSION

CS-1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. The Board went into closed session at 2:19 pm to discuss matters regarding potential litigation, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4). The Board came out of closed session at 2:35 pm with no reportable actions.

REGULAR AGENDA – CONT.

RA-3, Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings. Executive Director Cantle identified the petition to list Southern California Steelhead as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act as a possible future agenda topic.

RA-4, Confirm Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn. A special videoconference meeting was set for 11:30 am Friday, December 17, 2021 for the Board to consider extending the virtual meeting window authorized under AB 361 into mid-January 2022. The next regular meeting of the CCRB Board is scheduled for 2:00 pm Thursday, January 13, 2022 by videoconference. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 2:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary to the Board