MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
of the
CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD
Held at City of Santa Barbara Water Resources Conference Room

October 7, 2024, 1:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Board 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:

Dana Hoffenberg	Scott Shapiro
Nick Turner	Joel Mulder
Peter Cantle	Brian Van Lienden

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the general public sought to comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Director Cantle noted that the fiscal reports presented in the board package covered three months. 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, Water Board and Consultation Update. Regarding federal Consultation, Cantle reminded the Board that Reclamation has deferred distribution of draft chapters of the Biological Assessment for review; a new timeline for release has not been identified. Regarding the Water Board Order, Cantle advised the Board that Reclamation timely submitted a steelhead passage study plan to the State Board in mid-September, as required pursuant to Term 24(a). Reclamation must submit a passage study to the Water Board by June 2026, and to this end, undertook a "value planning study" during the week of September 16 to identify possible passage options. CCRB and other Cachuma interests attended and provided technical input. Reclamation will evaluate the identified options with the intention of meeting the June 2026 study submittal requirement.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 1:20 pm. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 1:54 pm, with no reportable actions.

REGULAR AGENDA – CONT.

RA-3, Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings. Cantle noted that the FY23/24 audit report would be agendized in the November meeting.

RA-4, Confirm Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn. The next meeting was set for 2 pm November 7, 2024 at the Montecito Water District. President Sneddon adjourned the meeting at 1:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary to the Board