



## **CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

**Montecito Water District  
Board Conference Room  
583 San Ysidro Road  
Montecito, CA 93108**

City of Santa Barbara (Kristen Sneddon, Pres.)  
Goleta Water District (Lauren Hanson, V. Pres.)  
Montecito Water District (Tobe Plough, Dir.)

**October 1, 2026  
2:00 PM**

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### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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## **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' September 3, 2026 meeting.

### **CA-2) Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2026**

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **RA-1) Executive Director's Report**

This item is reserved for the executive director to update and potentially seek informal feedback from the Board and general public regarding issues within his/her authority. This is for informational items only. No decisions will be made; no Board action will be taken. (Est. time: 5 min.)

## **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

### **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: one potential case).

**Reconvene in open session and report on any actions taken in closed session pursuant to Government Code Sec. 54957.1.**

### **RA-2) Directors' Requests for Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings**

### **RA-3) Set the Next CCRB Meeting for 2:00 pm Thursday, November 5, 2026, location TBD; and Adjourn**

## **NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

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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**

**September 3, 2026, 2:00 pm**

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**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    |
| Lauren Hanson   | Goleta Water District    |
| Tobe Plough     | Montecito Water District |

**Also Present:**

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Ryan Drake        | Jasmine Showers |
| Nick Turner       | Peter Cantle    |
| Scott Shapiro     | Joel Mulder     |
| Brian Van Lienden |                 |

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**RA-1, Executive Director's Report.** Staff updated the board regarding the status of the draft Biological Assessment underway with Reclamation. CCRB is providing project management and leadership in this effort. Joel Mulder noted that the working group of local interests and Reclamation have worked through three chapters to date, with additional chapters to address. He characterized the effort as incremental and collaborative.

Executive director Cantle advised the board that Reclamation submitted its Term 24.a passage study plan (required by Water Rights Order 2019-0148) to the State Water Board at some point during the summer. CCRB has not seen the submittal or been provided a copy. The submittal is based on the

September 2024 week-long *value planning study* that Reclamation conducted and in which CCRB staff substantively participated. Reclamation has received no feedback on the plan from the Water Board other than acknowledgement of the submittal. Reclamation considers the Term 24.a requirement to be addressed.

Cantle also advised the board that Reclamation will discuss the 4.3 cfs flow surcharge imposed at the Highway 154 gauge with the Water Board, California Fish and Wildlife Department and potentially the National Marine Fisheries Service. CDFW imposed the additional flow requirement in late 2022 based on its assertion of less-than-required flows at the Highway 154 bridge. Reclamation is working with US Geological Survey to confirm that releases from the reservoir are meeting target requirements without the surcharge.

Cantle noted that, further to recent board discussion, he reached out to Carpinteria Valley Water District senior management to determine if that agency is interested in rejoining CCRB. The agency's general manager had discussed the matter with her board and indicated there was no apparent interest. President Sneddon may make an additional inquiry to follow up.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The board went into closed session at 2:17 pm. The board came out of closed session at 3:07 pm with no reportable actions.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA – CONT.**

**RA-2, Items for Future Board Meetings.** No items were requested.

**RA-3, Set Next Meeting and Adjourn.** The next meeting of the CCRB board was set for 2 pm Thursday, October 1, 2026 at the Montecito Water District.

President Sneddon then adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Cantle", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Secretary to the Board



Cachuma Conservation  
Release Board  
  
Board of Directors

City of Santa Barbara

Goleta Water District

Montecito Water District

**For Agenda Of:** October 1, 2026

**Estimated Time:** (Consent)

**Continued Item:** No

**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board Members

**FROM:** Peter Cantle, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** CA-2: Unaudited Interim Financial Report for Period Ending August 31, 2026

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**Legal Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions**

Receive and file an unaudited interim Financial Report for the period ending August 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 August 31, 2026.

**Fiscal Analysis**

CCRB's approved FY26/27 budget is \$1,239,000.00. CCRB Member Agencies are billed quarterly for their pro-rata contributions to the approved budget. Total income through August 31, 2026 was \$309,750.00, reflecting receipt of first-quarter payments from Member Agencies. Total expenditures of \$70,960.88 through August 31, 2026 reflect costs incurred for legal, technical, management and administrative services.

**Attachments**

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

**Authored by**

Peter Cantle, Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

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

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

|                                                   | <u>Jul - Aug 26</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>\$ Over Budget</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>                    |                     |               |                       |                    |
| Income                                            |                     |               |                       |                    |
| <b>4200 · Income</b>                              | 309,750.00          | 1,239,000.00  | -929,250.00           | 25.0%              |
| <b>Total Income</b>                               | 309,750.00          | 1,239,000.00  | -929,250.00           | 25.0%              |
| Expense                                           |                     |               |                       |                    |
| <b>5050 · Office Lease</b>                        | 4,312.00            | 5,000.00      | -688.00               | 86.2%              |
| <b>5100 · Audit</b>                               | 0.00                | 15,000.00     | -15,000.00            | 0.0%               |
| <b>5200 · Liability Insurance</b>                 | 0.00                | 7,000.00      | -7,000.00             | 0.0%               |
| <b>5301 · Managers Salary</b>                     |                     |               |                       |                    |
| 5301.01 · Managers Gross Wages                    | 39,807.70           |               |                       |                    |
| 5301.02 · Employer Tax Expense                    | 3,173.79            |               |                       |                    |
| 5301 · Managers Salary - Other                    | 0.00                | 220,000.00    | -220,000.00           | 0.0%               |
| <b>Total 5301 · Managers Salary</b>               | 42,981.49           | 220,000.00    | -177,018.51           | 19.5%              |
| <b>5304 · Administrative Support</b>              | 1,146.46            | 16,000.00     | -14,853.54            | 7.2%               |
| <b>5312 · Misc Admin Expense</b>                  | 514.09              | 4,000.00      | -3,485.91             | 12.9%              |
| <b>5313 · Communications/Computer</b>             | 491.84              | 8,000.00      | -7,508.16             | 6.1%               |
| <b>5316 · Admin Fixed Assets</b>                  | 0.00                | 4,000.00      | -4,000.00             | 0.0%               |
| <b>5330 · Admin Travel Expense</b>                | 0.00                | 4,000.00      | -4,000.00             | 0.0%               |
| <b>5331 · Travel Federal &amp; State Meetings</b> | 0.00                | 12,000.00     | -12,000.00            | 0.0%               |
| <b>5332 · Transportation</b>                      | 0.00                | 1,000.00      | -1,000.00             | 0.0%               |
| <b>6500 · Contingency</b>                         | 0.00                | 80,000.00     | -80,000.00            | 0.0%               |
| <b>7000 · Legal</b>                               | 2,092.50            | 75,000.00     | -72,907.50            | 2.8%               |
| <b>7001 · BO Reconsultation Legal Support</b>     | 7,860.00            | 351,000.00    | -343,140.00           | 2.2%               |
| <b>7002 · SWRCB Water Rights</b>                  | 11,562.50           | 373,000.00    | -361,437.50           | 3.1%               |
| <b>7100 · SWRCB Support</b>                       |                     |               |                       |                    |
| 7200 · SWRCB Proceedings Support                  | 0.00                | 15,000.00     | -15,000.00            | 0.0%               |
| <b>Total 7100 · SWRCB Support</b>                 | 0.00                | 15,000.00     | -15,000.00            | 0.0%               |
| <b>7500 · Hydrologic Technical Support</b>        | 0.00                | 49,000.00     | -49,000.00            | 0.0%               |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                              | 70,960.88           | 1,239,000.00  | -1,168,039.12         | 5.7%               |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>                        | 238,789.12          | 0.00          | 238,789.12            | 100.0%             |
| <b>Net Income</b>                                 | <b>238,789.12</b>   | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>238,789.12</b>     | <b>100.0%</b>      |

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**Cachuma Conservation Release Board**  
**Reconciliation Summary**  
**1020 · CWB - Chkg #7204, Period Ending 08/31/2026**

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|                                   | <u>Aug 31, 26</u>  |                          |
| Beginning Balance                 |                    | 689,100.85               |
| Cleared Transactions              |                    |                          |
| Checks and Payments - 9 items     | -53,028.57         |                          |
| Deposits and Credits - 1 item     | 142,578.00         |                          |
| Total Cleared Transactions        | <u>89,549.43</u>   |                          |
| Cleared Balance                   |                    | <u><u>778,650.28</u></u> |
| Uncleared Transactions            |                    |                          |
| Checks and Payments - 8 items     | -542,158.70        |                          |
| Total Uncleared Transactions      | <u>-542,158.70</u> |                          |
| Register Balance as of 08/31/2026 |                    | <u><u>236,491.58</u></u> |
| Ending Balance                    |                    | 236,491.58               |

  
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**Cachuma Conservation Release Board**  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
**1020 · CWB - Chkg #7204, Period Ending 08/31/2026**

| Type                                 | Date       | Num | Name                    | Clr | Amount             | Balance           |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>             |            |     |                         |     |                    | 689,100.85        |
| <b>Cleared Transactions</b>          |            |     |                         |     |                    |                   |
| <b>Checks and Payments - 9 items</b> |            |     |                         |     |                    |                   |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 07/23/2026 |     | Downey Brand Attor...   | X   | -27,116.25         | -27,116.25        |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 07/23/2026 |     | AccountabilityPlus, Inc | X   | -584.64            | -27,700.89        |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 07/23/2026 |     | Peter Cantle            | X   | -233.42            | -27,934.31        |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 07/23/2026 |     | CIO Solutions LP        | X   | -12.50             | -27,946.81        |
| General Journal                      | 08/05/2026 |     |                         | X   | -7,732.39          | -35,679.20        |
| Check                                | 08/06/2026 |     | CalPERS 457 Plan        | X   | -942.31            | -36,621.51        |
| General Journal                      | 08/19/2026 |     |                         | X   | -7,732.37          | -44,353.88        |
| Check                                | 08/20/2026 |     | CalPERS 457 Plan        | X   | -942.31            | -45,296.19        |
| General Journal                      | 08/31/2026 |     |                         | X   | -7,732.38          | -53,028.57        |
| Total Checks and Payments            |            |     |                         |     | -53,028.57         | -53,028.57        |
| <b>Deposits and Credits - 1 item</b> |            |     |                         |     |                    |                   |
| Payment                              | 08/03/2026 |     | Goleta Water District   | X   | 142,578.00         | 142,578.00        |
| Total Deposits and Credits           |            |     |                         |     | 142,578.00         | 142,578.00        |
| Total Cleared Transactions           |            |     |                         |     | 89,549.43          | 89,549.43         |
| Cleared Balance                      |            |     |                         |     | 89,549.43          | 778,650.28        |
| <b>Uncleared Transactions</b>        |            |     |                         |     |                    |                   |
| <b>Checks and Payments - 8 items</b> |            |     |                         |     |                    |                   |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 08/24/2026 |     | Goleta Water Disctri... |     | -238,846.75        | -238,846.75       |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 08/24/2026 |     | City of Santa Barbar... |     | -212,123.72        | -450,970.47       |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 08/24/2026 |     | Montecito Water Dist... |     | -67,923.18         | -518,893.65       |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 08/24/2026 |     | Downey Brand Attor...   |     | -21,515.00         | -540,408.65       |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 08/24/2026 |     | AccountabilityPlus, Inc |     | -561.82            | -540,970.47       |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 08/24/2026 |     | Peter Cantle            |     | -233.42            | -541,203.89       |
| Bill Pmt -Check                      | 08/24/2026 |     | CIO Solutions LP        |     | -12.50             | -541,216.39       |
| Check                                | 08/31/2026 |     | CalPERS 457 Plan        |     | -942.31            | -542,158.70       |
| Total Checks and Payments            |            |     |                         |     | -542,158.70        | -542,158.70       |
| Total Uncleared Transactions         |            |     |                         |     | -542,158.70        | -542,158.70       |
| Register Balance as of 08/31/2026    |            |     |                         |     | -452,609.27        | 236,491.58        |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>                |            |     |                         |     | <b>-452,609.27</b> | <b>236,491.58</b> |

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