

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

**November 4, 2021, 2:00 pm**

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**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

The videoconference meeting was called to order at 2:00 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	Ted Harris
Cathy Taylor	Joel Mulder
Nick Turner	Warren Greco
Peter Cattle	Alejandro Robles (Nasif, Hicks & Harris, LLP)
Sam Bivins	

**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 made a motion, seconded by Director Sneddon, 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 December 4, 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, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Audit Report; Authorization of Auditing Services for FY 2021-2022.** The Board received a presentation from Nasif, Hicks, Harris & Co., LLP regarding its audit of CCRB's finances for FY2020-2021. The audit resulted in an unmodified opinion and identified no issues of concern. Director Sneddon moved, and Director Plough seconded, receipt and filing of the audit report. The motion passed on a 3-0 roll call vote. The Board requested that Executive Director Cante secure a proposal from the firm for FY2021-2022 auditing services in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

**RA-2, State Water Board and Federal Consultation Process Update.** Executive Director Cante 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 project descriptions within the revised BA and analyze temperature of November water releases to the river. Cante noted that Reclamation continues to have limited exchange with Water Board staff because of the board's current focus on addressing the statewide drought.

**RA-3, Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings.** Executive Director Cante identified an auditing services proposal for FY2021-2022 as a future meeting topic.

**RA-4, Confirm Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn.** The next regular meeting of the CCRB Board is scheduled for 2:00 pm December 2, 2021 by videoconference. A special meeting will be required in mid-December should the Board wish to consider extending the virtual meeting window authorized under AB 361 into January 2022. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Cante", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary to the Board