

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

August 5, 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	Ted Harris
Dakota Corey	Joel Mulder
Nick Turner	Ali Taghavi
Peter Cantle	Warren Greco
Sam Bivins	

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Director Cantle noted that constructive returns to CCRB Member Agencies from the fiscal year ending June 30 will be issued later in August. 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, FY2019-2020 Audit and Authorization of Audit Services for FY2020-2021. The Board received a presentation from Nasif, Hicks, Harris, LLP, regarding its audit of CCRB's finances for FY2019-2020. The audit resulted in an unmodified opinion and identified no issues of concern. Director Plough moved, and Director Sneddon seconded, receipt and filing of the audit report, and authorizing retention of Nasif, Hicks, Harris LLP for FY2020-2021 auditing services in an amount not to exceed \$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 and proposed action prior to initiating formal consultation under the Endangered Species Act. The Board discussed how CCRB may be of assistance to Reclamation in the consultation process. Cantle also 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 3:03 pm to discuss matters regarding potential litigation, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4).

The Board came out of closed session at 3:29 pm with no reportable actions.

REGULAR AGENDA – CONT.

RA-3, Identify Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings. Executive Director Cantle noted that a pandemic-related Governor's Executive Order facilitating videoconferencing may expire at the end of September; staff will update the Board as information becomes available.

RA-4, Confirm Next Meeting(s) and Adjourn. The CCRB Board will next meet at 2:00 pm September 2, 2021 by videoconference. President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Cantle", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Secretary to the Board